



Padlet

Type	Learning Curve	Blackboard Gradebook Integration	Cost
Online or Face-to-Face	Low	No	Free

What?

Padlet is a web-based collaboration tool akin to a bulletin board used by instructors at WSU across many different disciplines. Padlet allows students to post their ideas and understanding of course material using text, images, web links and even voice notes. A Padlet can be shared on social media, embedded in Blackboard, or exported as excel or PDF. The tool currently allows for customizing the URL, commenting or reacting (like/vote/score) to each other’s posts providing a space where students can document their thoughts and discussions by expressing themselves using their strengths. It is currently free for instructors and students. Additionally, students do not need to sign-in to use the tool.

When?

- Document in-class discussions with a final product such as a summary, resource, link, or comment.
- Collate resources from the internet and analyze in pairs, groups, or as a class.
- Allow for anonymous discussion using multi-media.
- Connect student generated concepts with arrows.

How?

- How to create: <https://padlet.com/support/createapadlet>
- How to post: https://padlet.com/support/padlets_howtopost
- Options for layouts: https://padlet.com/support/padlet_layouts
- Additional questions: <https://padlet.com/support>

Tips

- Customize Padlet URL by topic name for easy retrieval
- Use Padlet for activities where responses tend to be diverse for increased engagement. Using padlet for an activity where there is only one answer/approach does not optimize use of the tool.

Suggested Activities

To learn about these activities and how to implement them, see the [Student Engagement Strategies Toolbox](#).

- Defining Features Matrix
- Jigsaw
- Picture Prompt
- Case Study
- Concept Mapping

For more information or to schedule time with an instructional designer or emerging technologist, contact aoi.li@wsu.edu or visit li.wsu.edu You can also visit the Spark Faculty Innovation Studio (SPARK 102) any time from 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday.