Top Hat

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What?
Top Hat is an interactive, cloud-based teaching and learning platform. It offers the flexibility of participation through computers, laptops, tablets, and smartphones instead of relying on clickers.

When?
- Gauge student understanding immediately: [Asking a Top Hat Question](https://support.tophat.com/s/article/Professor-Quick-Start-Guide)
- **Develop interactive homework and quizzes**
- **Take Attendance**
- Use the Top Hat Presentation Tool to ask questions in class and capture polling response
- Assign content or textbooks for student reading.
- Revisit questions to assess change in conceptual understanding

How?
- **Professor**:
  - Quick Start Guide: [https://support.tophat.com/s/article/Professor-Quick-Start-Guide](https://support.tophat.com/s/article/Professor-Quick-Start-Guide)
  - **Professor Support page**: [https://support.tophat.com/s/categoryhome/Professor](https://support.tophat.com/s/categoryhome/Professor)
- **Student**:

Tips
- Top-Hat: [Teaching Resources](https://support.tophat.com/s/article/Teaching-Resources)
- Top-Hat Support: support@tophat.com or call 1-888-663-5491

Suggested Activities
To learn about these activities and how to implement them, see the [Student Engagement Strategies Toolbox](https://support.tophat.com/s/article/Student-Engagement-Strategies-Toolbox).

- Think, Pair, Share
- Picture Prompt
- Ranking Alternatives

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.