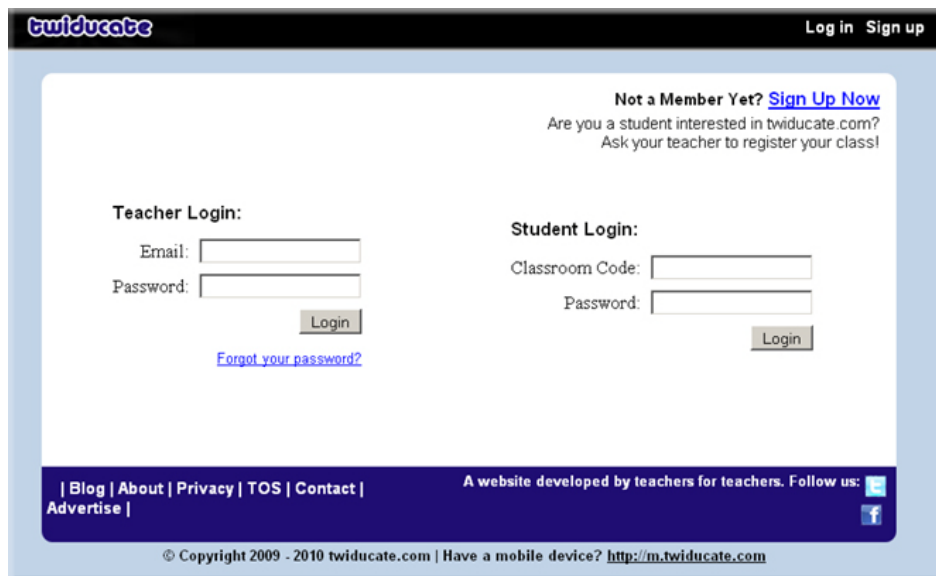


Are you interested in working with your students...socially, but aren't really sure how? Then Twiducate is just for you.

Twiducate is a social networking site created by teachers and so easy to use. In this online and free application, you are able to communicate with your students and post information about upcoming assignments. You can also add extra resources that will benefit your students' content in your class. In Twiducate, you are able to assign each student a password and create your own avatar.

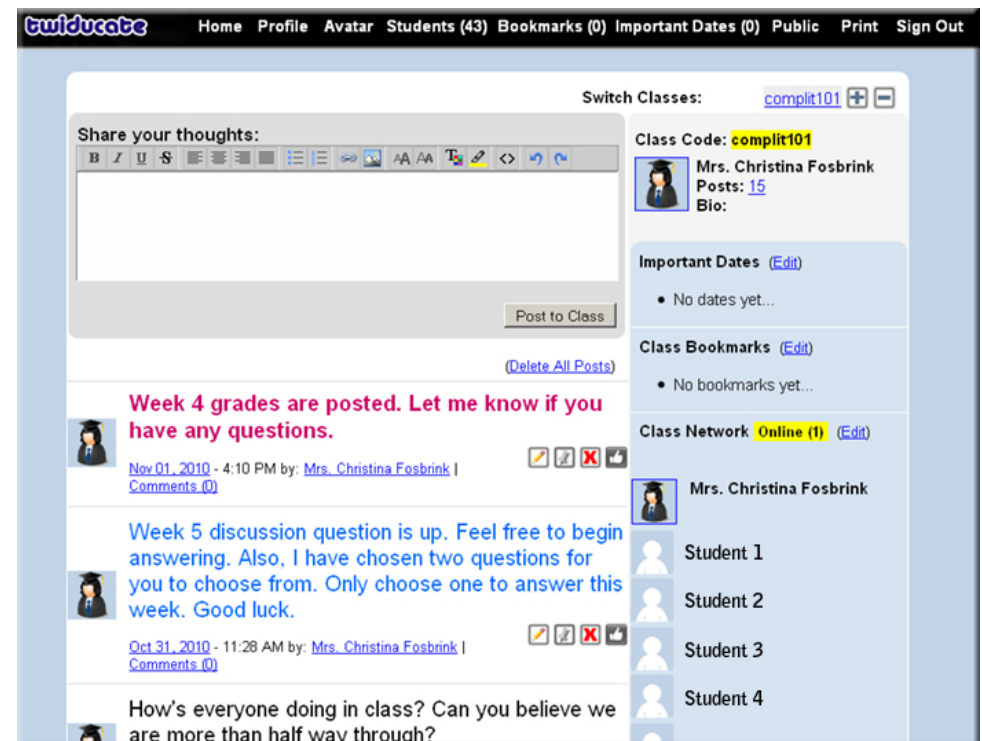
What's nice is that you create your own classroom with only you and your students. There are no followers and no spam. You can also post videos, blog about assignments and remind students about deadlines.

This is a great site to slide into a more social network with your students while keeping it professional and educational.



The image shows the Twiducate login page. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the Twiducate logo and links for 'Log in' and 'Sign up'. Below this, a message asks if the user is a student interested in twiducate.com, suggesting they ask their teacher to register their class. There are two login sections: 'Teacher Login' with fields for 'Email' and 'Password', and 'Student Login' with fields for 'Classroom Code' and 'Password'. Both sections have a 'Login' button. A link for 'Forgot your password?' is also present. At the bottom, there's a footer with links for 'Blog', 'About', 'Privacy', 'TOS', 'Contact', and 'Advertise', along with a copyright notice for 2009-2010 twiducate.com and a mobile device link.

<http://www.twiducate.com/login.php>



The image shows a sample classroom setup in Twiducate. The top navigation bar includes links for 'Home', 'Profile', 'Avatar', 'Students (43)', 'Bookmarks (0)', 'Important Dates (0)', 'Public', 'Print', and 'Sign Out'. The main content area is titled 'Share your thoughts:' and features a text editor with a 'Post to Class' button. Below the editor, there's a post from Mrs. Christina Fosbrink dated Nov 01, 2010, at 4:10 PM, with the text 'Week 4 grades are posted. Let me know if you have any questions.' and a link to 'Comments (0)'. Another post from the same user dated Oct 31, 2010, at 11:28 AM, with the text 'Week 5 discussion question is up. Feel free to begin answering. Also, I have chosen two questions for you to choose from. Only choose one to answer this week. Good luck.' and a link to 'Comments (0)'. A third post at the bottom says 'How's everyone doing in class? Can you believe we are more than half way through?'. On the right side, there's a sidebar with 'Switch Classes:' showing 'compl101', 'Class Code: compl101', 'Mrs. Christina Fosbrink', 'Posts: 15', 'Bio:', 'Important Dates (Edit)', 'Class Bookmarks (Edit)', 'Class Network Online (1) (Edit)', and a list of students: 'Student 1', 'Student 2', 'Student 3', and 'Student 4'.

Sample classroom setup in Twiducate



the iPad is an awesome device to have and great tool in the online classroom for instructors. Stay tuned to my update with the iPad and the eCollege application in the next few months.

tool for faculty who may want to use it to comment verbally on student work thus giving the opportunity to

# The Open Source Revolution

**PicMarkr** *by Christina Fesbrink*

On the net today, there are thousands of helpful and free open source programs. These are programs in which the source code is available to the general public. In this column, you will learn about open source programs that can be useful to you and your students. PicMarkr allows students to add a watermark to their images for free.

Visit <http://picmarkr.com/>

and follow the steps on the site. You can add text, image, or tiled watermark. As you know, images are stolen very easily on the Internet. It is important to teach our students to protect their work before they upload their images. This information will be handy in class because it reiterates the security measures students and everyone else should take to protect their designs. The example on the right was created using PicMarkr.



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## Student Spotlight

