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Change – Let's Zoom
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Let's ZOOM – AN INTERACTIVE TOOL

- *A great big Thank you to Todd for providing this incredible learning experience.*
- *Also, Thank you all for sharing your valuable experiences and resources.*

Background:

- I have learned quite a few things in this class so far.
- One of the things I wanted to use extensively in my classes is 'Zoom' –
- Before I joined this class, all I knew was 'zoom' is an online meeting platform for conference calls with video and audio.
- I have never imagined or had a chance to browse variety of learning tools zoom has to offer.

Goal:

- I have always been open to learning variety of strategies to improve student success.
- One of my main goals is to *'increase student engagement'*
- Here are a few things I learned about zoom from this class that I wanted to start using in my classes to achieve this goal.

1. Breakout rooms

- When Todd used this feature to put students in different rooms for 'Introductions' and bring them back to one room at the end, it seemed pretty effective, interesting and handy to use.
- In an effort to replicate in-class pedagogical practice of '**grouping students**' in a '**cooperative**' learning environment where students share and collaborate, I learned how to use breakout rooms.

Breakout rooms - continued

- Using this option, I wanted to assign a 'scientific problem' to the class, divide students into smaller groups, discuss among the groups, finally join as one class.
- Share what other groups have come up with and summarize the solution to the problem using this collaborative approach.

2. Poll

- This is another cool thing I learned.

When Todd used this poll in our class for our feedback, I thought this is a cool feature.

- I would like to use this poll for a quick formative assessment/evaluation.
- It's nice to have a detailed analysis of the poll responses to make further informed decisions.

3. Whiteboard

- This tool will help students brainstorm on whiteboard and share these ideas with the other groups in class.
- I would like to use this tool to teach concepts and pose questions.

4. Share Screen

- I was under the impression that only instructor can share the screen.
- But I learned that with proper settings, students also can share their screens and annotate a document on another students' computer.
- This flexibility provides students not only to ask questions but also share the files, resources and ideas with the class.



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