

# What Can You Do With Top Hat?

***Now available at no cost to Pitt faculty and students, Top Hat offers a suite of tools to engage your classroom, adopt and author next generation interactive textbooks, and create assignments on the fly.***

## **Top Hat Classroom**

Top Hat Classroom is a suite of tools you can use during your lectures or class sessions to engage students in active learning. The content you create and the questions you ask can be made available to students outside of class time, but that is up to you. Students use their own devices to participate.

- Take attendance with the click of one button.
- Upload presentation slides so that students can follow along on their own devices.
- Poll students during class time, either as part of a slide presentation, or without slides. Use the Top Hat desktop app to just ask questions without uploading your slides to Top Hat.
- Use a whiteboard and then allow students to review what you wrote on it later.

## **Top Hat Textbook**

Outside of your class time, Top Hat allows you to present many different kinds of content to your students.

- Author your own readings of any length and easily drop in videos, illustrations, quiz questions or class discussion boards.
- Adopt, assign and even make alterations to e-textbooks from the Marketplace.
- Save your students hundreds of dollars through adopting the Open Educational Resources (OERs) from the Marketplace.
- Score students on their answers to embedded questions and discussions.

## **Top Hat Assignment**

Any piece of content in Top Hat can be assigned to students either as Homework (graded) or Review (ungraded).

- Any presentation slides, whiteboards, textbooks, or readings that you create or upload in Top Hat can be made into an Assignment (graded or ungraded).
- Assign readings to either the whole class or individual students, either as graded Homework or ungraded Review.
- Schedule Assignments to become available to students either immediately or at a date and time of your choosing.
- You can always access the Gradebook in Top Hat to track student progress. Students can also check their grades whenever they want (this option can be disallowed).

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***Top Hat provides direct instructor and student technical support.***

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## Blackboard Integration

Top Hat will sync with your Blackboard student roster, so you do not have to enroll students manually into your Top Hat course. Grades and scores from Top Hat can then be exported back into the Blackboard Grade Center.

- Grades can be imported into Blackboard and will automatically update if any have changed since the previous import.
- Grades can be imported as either scores or percentages.
- Attendance taken in Top Hat can be imported into the Blackboard Grade Center.