Plan, for the Hour

- What/Why of tech in the classroom
- Tech basics at NIU
  - Z-ID/A-ID; A-ID email
- Hands-on: Blackboard!
- Other available tech, resources

Why We Use Technology

Increase efficiency

(Not about creating worker drones)
**Why We Use Technology**

*Promote learning*

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**Why We Use Technology**

*Solve problems (don’t complicate things)*

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**Tech Basics at NIU - Z-ID / A-ID**

- **Z-ID**
  - Assigned to admitted students
  - Receive student-related university email (including Blackboard notifications – Announcements, Email)
- **A-ID**
  - Assigned to staff (TAs)
  - Intended to be used for teaching responsibilities
  - Keeps student and TA email (and life) separate

Help? 815-753-8100 • password.niu.edu

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**Tech Basics at NIU - A-ID Email**

- **Access at o365.niu.edu**
  - Download Office/Outlook on PC/Mac, too!
- **Set up on Android phones/tablets, iPhone, iPad**
  - Search for “Outlook on your mobile device”

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**Hands-on w/ Blackboard**

For those not attending this session, see Teaching Assistant Quick Guide, available at:
facdev.niu.edu/bbtaguide

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**Other Tech - Clickers**

- In-class polling
- Instant feedback
- Low-stakes quizzes
- Device → or mobile app

- Training August 25th. Sign up:
  facdev.niu.edu/gtaprograms
Other Tech – Smart Classrooms

- Dozens across campus
- Include computer, projector, document camera
- Touch-capable monitor, with annotation feature
- Request your own software
- List of locations: niu.edu/doit/labs/classroom_locations.shtml

Other Tech – Anywhere Apps

- Apps available in the “cloud”
- Course-specific, based on enrollment
  - E.g., SPSS for certain statistics classes
- Log in at: anywhereapps.niu.edu

More Resources – Training Workshops

- Teaching, Blackboard, EdTech workshops
  - Blackboard I: Intro to Blackboard (August 21st)
    facdev.niu.edu/gtaprograms
  - BONUS: Graduate Teaching Assistant certificate
    - TAO counts as all-day workshop ;)
    - More info: niu.edu/facdev/ta/tacert.shtml

More Resources – Teach w/ Bb site

- Blackboard tutorials, guides, walkthroughs: niu.edu/blackboard/

Questions?

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