How to Embed a Twitter Feed In a Blackboard Course

Many instructors desire to share their Twitter feeds with their students. It is possible to embed a Twitter feed in a Blackboard Content Area as an Item.

Set up your Twitter embed code by following the steps listed at the Twitter Support website: https://support.twitter.com/articles/20170071?lang=en

To add an embedded timeline to your website:

1. Sign in to Twitter.
2. Go to your settings and select Widgets.
3. Click Create new.
4. Choose the type of embedded timeline you’d like and start to configure it:
   - For User Timeline, enter the username of the user whose Tweets you want to display.
   - For Favorites, enter the username of the user whose favorites you want to display.
   - For List, select a public list that you own and/or subscribe to in the drop-down menu.
   - For Search, enter your search query (for advanced searches, use Twitter’s search operators).
     - Make sure to select Safe mode if you want to exclude sensitive content, profanity, etc.
5. Customize the design by specifying the height, theme (light or dark), and link color to match your website. You can also configure your embedded timeline to auto-expand Tweets containing media.
6. Click Create widget and then copy and paste the code into the HTML of your site. You’re done!

Once you’ve created your Twitter Widget and copied the code, log into your Blackboard course and select the Content Area in which you want your Twitter feed to appear. Choose Item under the Build Content button.
When the Create Item dialog box opens, add a name in the Name field, and click the HTML box in the Text Editor.
This will open the HTML Code View box. Paste the Twitter Widget text into this box and click the Update button.

**Create Item**

*A content item is any type of file, text, image, or link that appears to users in a Content Area, Learning Module, Lesson Plan, or content folder. More Help*

* Indicates a required field.

1. **Content Information**
   - **Name**: Rick’s Twitter feed
   - **Color of Name**: Black

2. **Text**
   - Press Tab to enter the content editor. For the toolbar, press ALT+F10 (PC) or ALT+FN+F10 (Mac).

   ```html
   <a class="twitter-timeline" href="https://twitter.com/rickdowing" data-widget-id="699858612146828096">Tweets by rickdowing</a>
   ```

   **HTML code view**
   - [Link to HTML code view]

   **Word Wrap**

   **Cancel**  **Update**
The feed will appear as a link in the Text box. Click Submit.

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1. **Content Information**

   - **Name**: Rick's Twitter feed

   - Color of Name: Black

   **Text**

   Press *Tab* to enter the content editor. For the toolbar, press *ALT+P* (PC) or *ALT+FN+P* (Mac).

   ![Text editor interface]

   - Tweets by @rdowling

   **Path**: p

   **Words**: 7
Your Twitter feed will now appear in the Blackboard Content Area.

For more information, contact the Faculty Resource Center at 205.348.3532 or frc@ua.edu or visit our website at http://frc.ua.edu.

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