

## How to Embed a Twitter Feed in a Blackboard Course

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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.

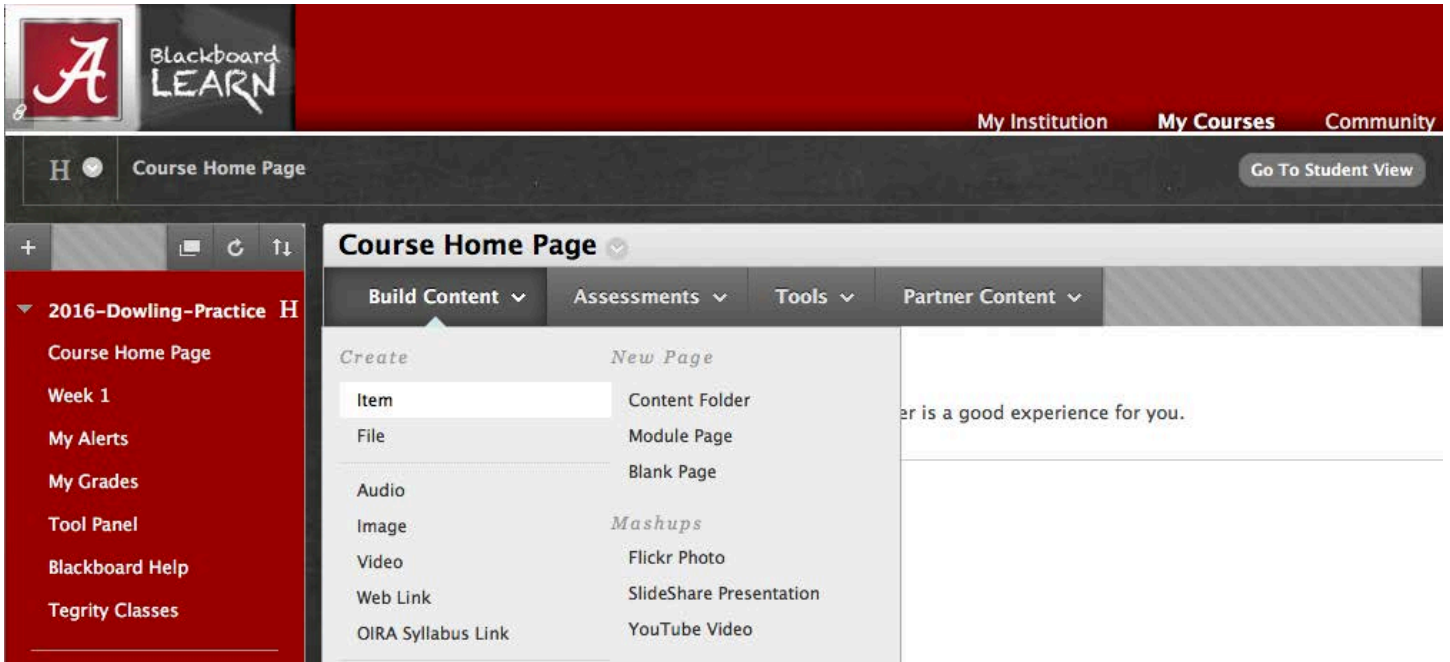
Set up your Twitter embed code by following the steps listed at the Twitter Support website:

<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.

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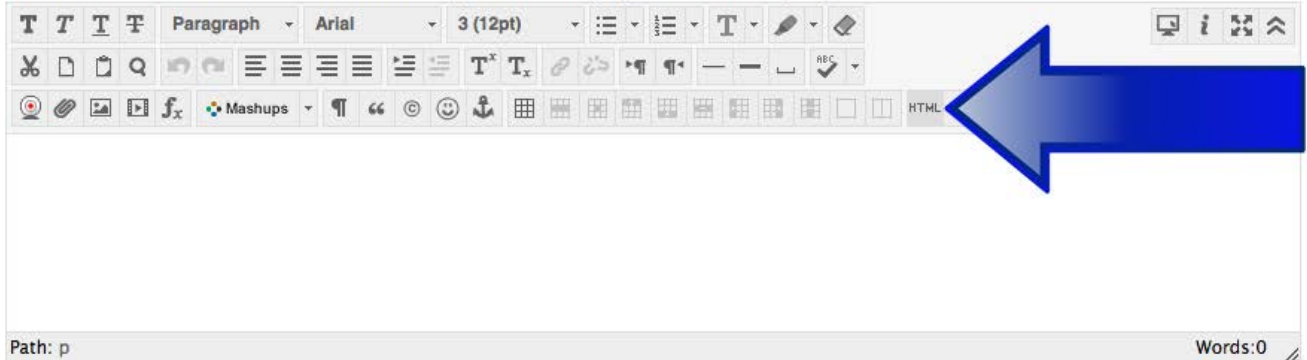
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Path: p Words:0

This will open the HTML Code View box. Paste the Twitter Widget text into this box and click the Update button.

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The screenshot shows the Blackboard HTML Code View editor. The main window displays a rich text editor toolbar with various icons for text formatting, alignment, and insertion. Below the toolbar, a text area contains the following HTML code snippet:

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<a class="twitter-timeline" href="https://twitter.com/rdowling" data-widget-id="689858612148228096">Tweets by @rdowling</a>
<script>!function(d,s,id){var js,fjs=d.getElementsByTagName(s)[0],p=/^http:/.test(d.location)?'http':'https';if(!d.getElementById(id)){js=d.createElement(s);js.id=id;js.src=p+"//platform.twitter.com/widgets.js";fjs.parentNode.insertBefore(js,fjs);}}(document,"script","twitter-wjs");</script>
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The code view window also includes a "Word Wrap" checkbox (checked) and a "Words:0" counter. At the bottom of the window, there are "Cancel" and "Update" buttons.

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

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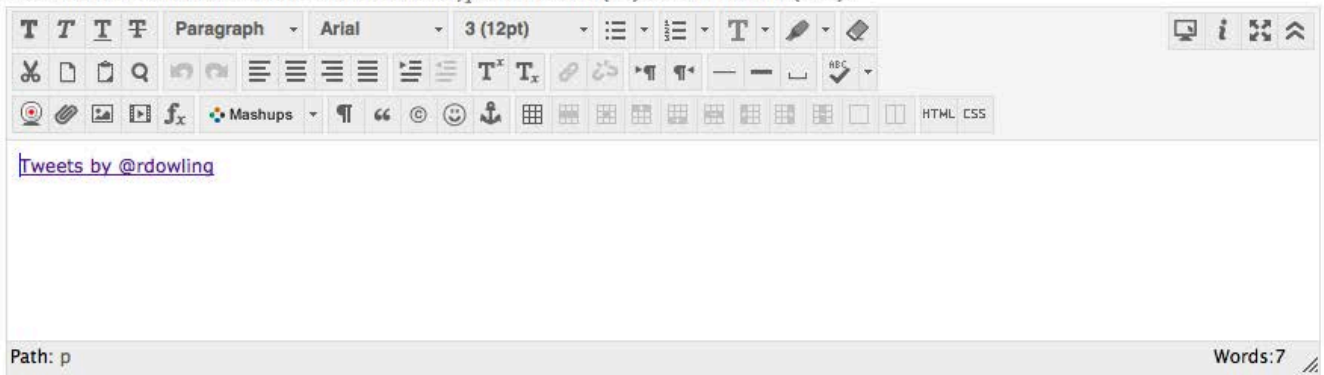
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The image shows a rich text editor interface. The toolbar includes various icons for text formatting (bold, italic, underline, strikethrough), paragraph alignment (left, center, right, justified), list creation (bulleted, numbered), indentation, link management, and media insertion. The content area contains a single line of text: "Tweets by @rdowling", which is a blue hyperlink. At the bottom left of the editor, it says "Path: p" and at the bottom right, it says "Words:7".

Your Twitter feed will now appear in the Blackboard Content Area.

The screenshot displays the Blackboard LMS interface for a course titled "2016-Dowling-Practice". The top navigation bar includes "My Institution", "My Courses", "Community", and "Content Collection". The course home page features a "Welcome to Class" message and "Day 1 Notes". A "Rick's Twitter feed" widget is embedded in the content area, showing two tweets. The first tweet is from "Alabama Football" (@AlabamaFTBL) celebrating a national title. The second tweet is from "rdowling" (@rdowling) reporting a water fountain issue, accompanied by a photo of a fountain with a "SAVE POLAR BEARS" sign. The left sidebar contains navigation options like "Course Home Page", "Week 1", "My Alerts", "My Grades", "Tool Panel", "Blackboard Help", "Tegrity Classes", "Communication", "Course Messages", "Email", and "Announcements". The "COURSE MANAGEMENT" section includes "Control Panel", "Content Collection", "Course Tools", "Evaluation", "Grade Center", "Users and Groups", "Customization", "Packages and Utilities", and "Help".

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