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# Backchannels

Listening to all of the voices



# Who am I?

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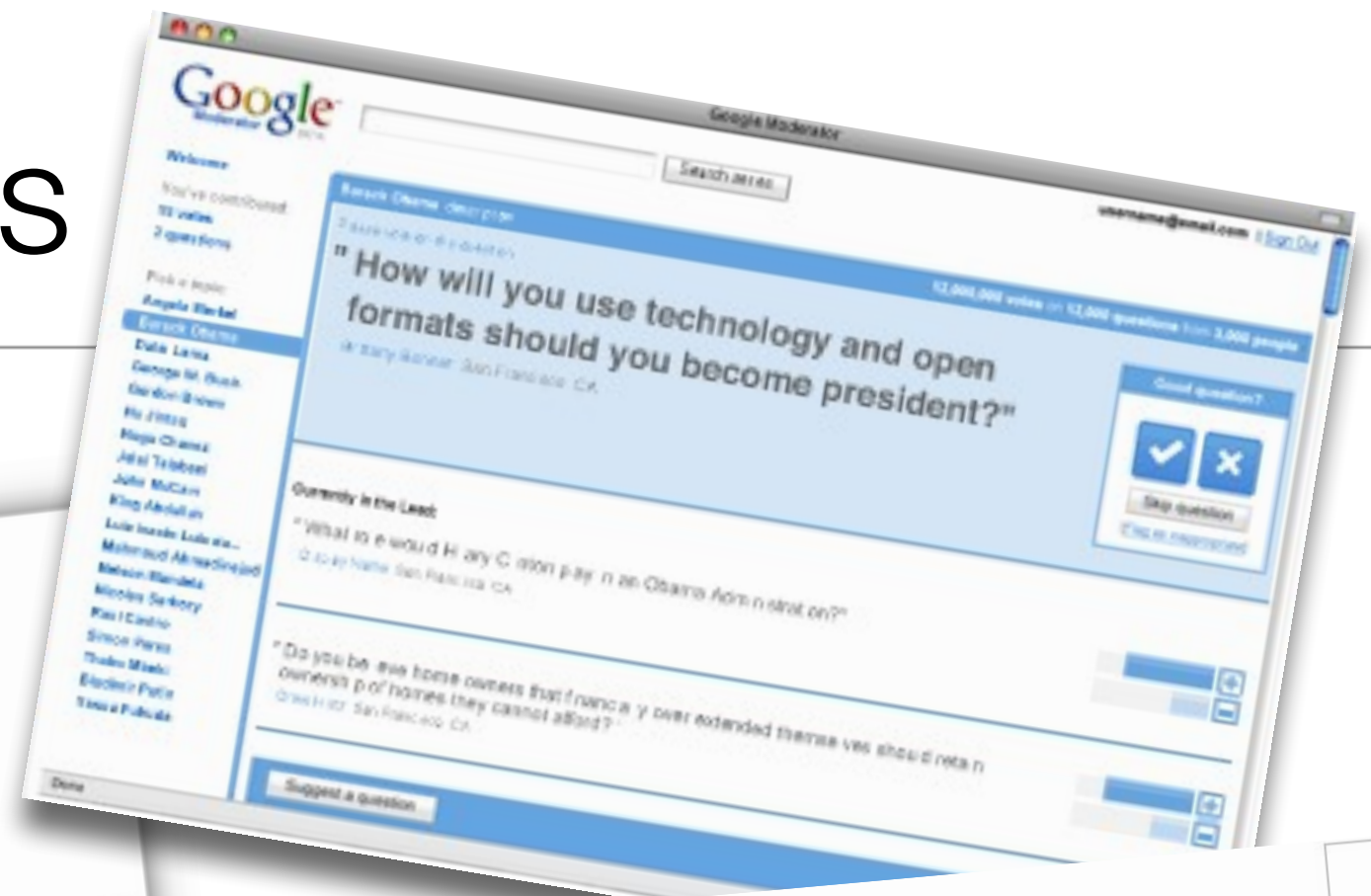
# What is a backchannel?

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# Three examples



## Today'sMeet

Listen.

...use a backchannel on Today'sMeet!

Mr.T. at 9:58 AM, 13 Aug 2011 via web

One of the hardest things to do in a classroom is make sure that everyone gets to have a voice. How can we do that?

Mr.T. at 9:53 AM, 13 Aug 2011 via web

## #hashtags

What's happening right now on twitter

**#iranelection**  
2,901

RT @Fingertipnews : RT @austinheap : Video of police torturing teenager, shoving him into car trunk <http://is.gd/1cpMv> #iranelection #Iran less than a minute ago

**#lolquiz**  
1,916

I just took the "Which Twilight Character R U?" quiz and got: Alice Cullen! Try it: <http://bit.ly/hsSKA> #lolquiz less than a minute ago

**#fb**  
936

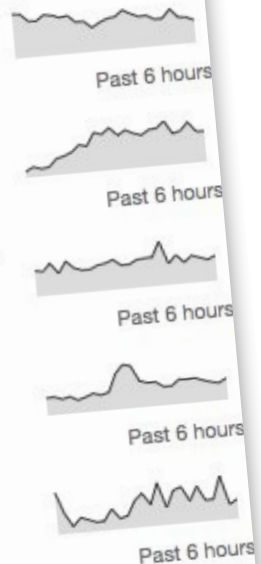
Rumbo a Cholombia!!! Brummmm! #fb less than a minute ago

**#tcot**  
915

2nite POTUS & ABC will try 2 "Refine lies until they resemble truth" Dont believe it.Call ur Rep & say NO 2 Govt Healthcare! #tcot #912 RT less than a minute ago

**#jobs**  
735

#Jobs: Radiation Therapy Engineer: Springfield, Massachusetts Baystate Health Wed, 24 Jun 2009 17:19:48 -0700 <http://bit.ly/Xrhj1> less than a minute ago



# Why use a backchannel?

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# Why use a backchannel?

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- Engaging
- Opens conversations that either...
  - Are already happening!
  - Should be happening!
- Shows you want to listen



# Today'sMeet

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- Pros
  - Free!
  - Super easy to set up
- Cons
  - Temporary
  - Anonymous





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#### Series I have recently viewed:

##### [Graduate School](#)

4 users - 5 questions - 10 votes

##### [D2SC](#)

4 users - 5 questions - 7 votes

A forum for D2SC related meetings and sessions

##### [Burning questions about education](#)

12 users - 14 questions - 94 votes

It has been said that asking good questions is more important than providing good answers. Well, I have several burning questions about the way kids learn. But I need your help. Please add questions, respond to mine and/or vote on questions you feel are most pressing today. Thank you. Jon

##### [LCISD iCafe](#)

13 users - 7 questions - 48 votes

##### [UH Digital Storytelling Workshop](#)

2 users - 2 questions - 3 votes

#### Featured series:

##### [Minecraft](#)

10,625 users - 6,689 suggestions - 447,965 votes

#### My signature:

Chad Jones, Katy, TX [edit](#)

#### My series:

Create Series

##### [T3 Retreat](#)

0 users - 0 questions - 0 votes

2 topics

##### [Fake](#)

0 users - 0 questions - 0 votes

1 topic

##### [UH Digital Storytelling Workshop](#)

2 users - 2 questions - 3 votes

1 topic

##### [D2SC](#)

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1 meeting

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2 events

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<http://google.com/moderator>

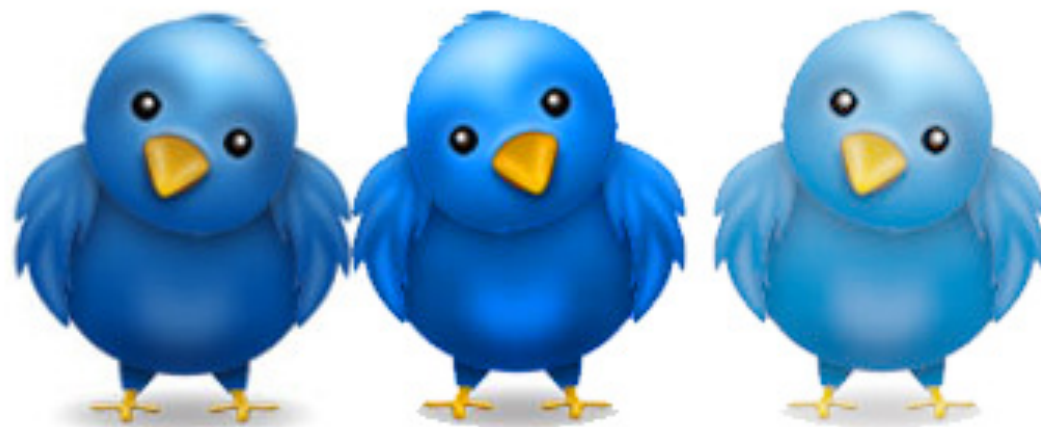


# Google Moderator

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- Pros
  - So much you can do!
  - Ratable
  - Permanent
- Cons
  - Much more involved!





Twitter Power: *The Twitter Hashtag*

#icafelc



# Tips of success

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- Have a moderator!
- Plan for interaction!
- Don't be boring!
- Plan ahead...sorta...
- Be consistent...make it a part of what you do!





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