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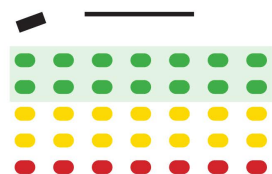
Every educator wants to make sure each student has an equal opportunity to learn without limitation. Unfortunately, there are challenges including class size, the inequality of seating position and varying levels of student participation—even a student's visual acuity can be a barrier to learning.

CLASSROOM LIMITATIONS.

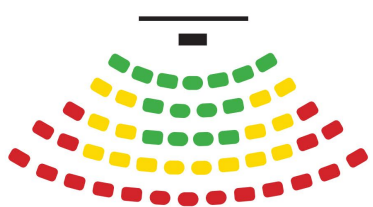
Multiple studies have shown that student performance, participation, retention and understanding can vary greatly dependent on their seat position in a classroom or lecture hall.

More specifically, research revealed students who sit in rows further-back or off-to-the-side do not perform as well or interact as much as a student who sits directly in the front or middle rows.*

Classroom



Lecture Hall



Front / Back
Better Grades
More Engagement

With such disparity of student performance tied to seating location within a classroom, it's clear a solution is needed where everyone can receive the same learning experience regardless of where they sit.



EQUALIZING THE CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE.

Forum can help equalize the seating arrangement disparity in classrooms, where every student can see the presentation, download associated materials, ask questions of the lecturer discreetly and directly—and they can do it all with their smartphones, tablets and laptops—the devices they carry every day.

Resources

*Montello, Daniel R., "Classroom Seating Location and Its Effect on Course Achievement, Participation, and Attitudes," *Journal of Environmental Psychology* No. 8 (1988):149-157

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*Minchen, Brian J., "The Effects of Classroom Seating on Students' Performance in a High School Science Setting" (2007), *Education and Human Development Master's Theses*. 414.



FORUM IS A PRESENTATION TOOL FOR CONNECTING AUDIENCES.

Forum is a presentation solution that turns your laptop into a multi-person presentation server. It allows you to present in-person to share presentations and receive participant input anywhere without the internet, dongles or cables. It can turn any space into a meeting room or a place to exchange ideas, whether it's a classroom, lecture hall, huddle space, school bus, cafeteria, outdoor patio—anywhere.

PRESENT DIRECTLY TO EVERY STUDENT'S DEVICE.

Smartboards and displays often exacerbate the classroom disparity problem (vs. using a projection device) as the smaller screens result in even more challenges for students who sit off-center or back a few rows. A 65-inch display in an average-sized classroom can result in over 70% of the students having an inferior experience (on average). That means more than (one third) 1/3, on average, of the students sit completely outside the optimal viewing area. This hinders a student's ability to see and comprehend the information presented on the display by the teacher.

KEEP YOUR CLASS CONNECTED.

In many classrooms, keeping a dependable internet connection is difficult. But with Forum, you can either use your laptop to create a network to connect up to 10 devices or add a travel router for connecting up to 32 devices.

REDUCE THE NEED FOR EXPENSIVE PRESENTATION EQUIPMENT.

Since Forum works through laptops and connected audience devices, this greatly reduces the capital expense for costly projectors, screens, A/V equipment—and their corresponding costs of operation, set-up and maintenance. For classrooms that already have imaging equipment, Forum integrates easily with your existing equipment.



EVERY SEAT BECOMES AN OPTIMAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE.

Forum changes the presentation dynamic of a room, by broadcasting a presentation or lesson so that it is displayed on everyone's device. This removes the limitations found in classroom setups when students are sitting further away from the projection screen. In essence, every student can virtually "be in the front row" when viewing the lesson through Forum.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM.

Forum is a completely portable solution and perfect for field study or trips. Instructors can make offsite programs more meaningful by using Forum to share a richer set of information.

ENGAGE YOUR STUDENTS.

Forum has powerful engagement features that help foster dialogue and promote collaboration

- **Discreet Q&A**
Students can ask questions of the teacher or lecturer directly and digitally, without interrupting the flow of the lesson. Students who are less likely to participate will be encouraged to engage with instructors and receive the validation they need.
- **Class Polling**
Teachers can poll their classrooms with varying question formats and have students respond in real-time. This makes quick assessment possible which is critical in assuring student understanding prior to moving on to the next topic.
- **File Sharing**
Audiences can directly download any additional materials (of any file type) made available during a lecture when presenting content beyond textbook lesson plans. This is perfect for sharing study materials digitally, without the need for making costly print-outs.
- **Screen Sharing**
Forum can easily share your screen directly to audience devices to show videos, apps or demonstrations in real-time with no additional downloads required.

If you're interested in using Forum at your learning institution or university, please contact us at: Education@Fassetto.com