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ReggieNet: Commons

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Commons is a social networking style tool allowing posts with URL to thumbnail expansion, and unthreaded replies, similar to Facebook posts. It may be used as an alternative to other communication tool options, such as Comments in Lessons, or Forums.

Note: Commons does not support grading or other more advanced Forums features, such as threaded discussions, group permissions, availability dates, etc.

Creating a post
- Select the **Commons** tool from the Tool Menu of your site. The Commons page will display.
- The text box at the top of the page will always start off with "What's on your mind?" until you type something into the box.
- Type your text into the box.
- To add a link (optional), click the Insert a link button. Enter the link, and click Insert.
- To add an image (optional), click the Insert an image button. Select Choose File. Click on the name of the image. Then click Open. Click Insert.
- Click Post to submit the post to everyone on the site with access to view it.

Replying to a post
- Select the Commons tool from the Tool Menu of your site.
- The most recent posts will appear at the top of the screen.
- Click the **Reply** link just below the post to respond to that post.
- Click **Post Comment**