

AlexisAS contributed 41 messages, 2 emotes during 109 minutes.

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Room: TI_Reception

AlexisAS joined the room.

BJB2: welcome, Alexis

BJB2: David and I are on Tapped In helpdesk

BJB2: please let us know if you have any questions

AlexisAS: hi - i'm doing a case study on TI for a college class...anything you can share

BJB2 chuckles...in 25 words or less?

AlexisAS: you bet

AlexisAS: I do have a pretty good handle on it

BJB2: Alexis, spend some time at www.tappedin.org and look at the information there. Then come back and ask that same question

DavidWe waves to Alexis

DavidWe: Where do you go to college, Alexis?

AlexisAS: curtin university western australia - online

BJB2 wonders what Alexis' handle is?

DavidWe: Melbourne or Sydney or Perth?

AlexisAS: perth

AlexisAS: but i'm studying from US

BJB2: maybe you should tell us what you think about Tapped In, Alexis, and we can fill in the blanks

DavidWe waves straight through the earth from New Jersey, close to New York City

DavidWe . o O (oh!)

DavidWe: Where are you in the US?

AlexisAS: california

DavidWe changes his vector

DavidWe waves west

AlexisAS: what does that mean

DavidWe: I'm waving in a different direction

AlexisAS: simple

AlexisAS: k

DavidWe . o O (vector...direction and magnitude - physics term)

BJB2 . o O (David no longer waves through the earth, but west toward California ;-))

BJB2 assumes the wave will follow the curvature of the earth

AlexisAS: what do you see as the future of TI - will it continue to grow

BJB2: ahhh...the million dollar question, Alexis!

BJB2: Tapped In is 10 years old and many educators have not yet caught up with the technology of this environment...

AlexisAS: can I include this transcript in my case study

DavidWe . o O (fine with me)

AlexisAS: good

BJB2 nods. Fine by me, although I'm not much of a citable expert

AlexisAS: This helps with the community aspect in my paper

AlexisAS: who are the experts that participate - are they the mentors

AlexisAS: how do I save this transcript?

BJB2: all Tapped In participants are volunteers, Alexis

AlexisAS: I got that

DavidWe: It will be emailed to you, Alexis

BJB2: when you log out you will automatically be emailed the transcript

DavidWe . o O (after you logout)

AlexisAS: i think I recall getting one of those..

BJB2 . o O (volunteers include all the leaders of the calendar events)

BJB2: The community is member run, member driven

BJB2: the community can suggest changes and frequently does

AlexisAS: evolves

BJB2 nods.

BJB2: in the past 10 years Tapped In has gone through at least 3 major iterations

AlexisAS: 1 and 2

AlexisAS: i read about

AlexisAS: what is 3

BJB2: this interface is 3

AlexisAS: thanks

BJB2: it's totally detached from the MOO

TameraT joined the room.

TameraT left the room.

AlexisAS: I have been reading my research

AlexisAS: and there is quite a bit

AndreaS left the room (signed off).

BJB2 nods

AndreaS joined the room.

AlexisAS: thanks for your time...I'll keep exploring!

DavidWe waves

BJB2: enjoy, Alexis. Holler if you have any questions

AndreaS left the room.

AlexisAS left the room.

Room: ArtsSites_Grp

AlexisAS joined the room.

AlexisAS left the room (signed off).

Room: TI_Reception

AlexisAS joined the room.

AlexisAS left the room.

Room: HotTubConf

AlexisAS joined the room.

AlexisAS left the room.

Room: TI_Reception

AlexisAS joined the room.

AndreaS joined the room.

AlexisAS left the room (signed off).

Room: TI_Reception

AlexisAS joined the room.

JeffC joined the room.

JeffC: Hi Alexis

JeffC: There's a tour going on in the ASO room if you'd like to take it.

AlexisAS left the room.

Room: OTL_Grp

AlexisAS joined the room.

AlexisAS left the room.

Room: TI_3_Lby

AlexisAS joined the room.

AlexisAS left the room.

Room: TI_Reception

AlexisAS joined the room.

NicoleC left the room (signed off).

NicoleC joined the room.

KristinMJ: hi bjb2 I was just checking the calendar :)

BJB2 nods to Kristin

BJB2: Nicole, clicik on the ONLINE tab to the left of this chat window

BJB2: then click one time on BJB and the door icon at the bottom

JeffC joined the room.

KristinMJ left the room (signed off).

NicoleC left the room.

JeffC: If you're here for the tour, it's in the ASO room.

JeffC: type: /join BJB

JeffC left the room.

NicholeG joined the room.

NicholeG left the room.

AlexisAS left the room.

Room: ASO

AlexisAS joined the room.

TameraT: And what is the advantage of renting space?

BJB: but it's easier than maintaining your own site

TameraT: What would I as an educator need space for?

BJB: the advantage is that all tech stuff is done for you and you have the expertise of the tapped in staff to support you

NicoleC: I see.

BJB: tenants have rooms and features that are not accessible to people not members of that tenant building

BJB: so you could have school board meetings, teacher meetings, professional development opportunities

BjB: that were designed specifically to your teachers and your school district

TameraT: Are most of your tenants universities?

BjB: MPS is Milwaukee Public Schools

BjB: NWP is national writing project

BjB: ACOE is alameda county office of ed

BjB . o O (so the answer to your question is no, you don't have to be a university to be a tenant)

TameraT: So if my students want to use tapped in

TameraT: would they go to this map page first?

BjB: no.

BjB: you would assign them usernames and a password...

BjB: they would log in as Tapped In members using their student names (which all end in St)

JeffC: I can help anyone here set up K-12 classrooms after the tour is over.

BjB: this automatically lands the students in your group room

BjB: thanks, Jeff

TameraT: I would be interested...

TameraT: Once they set up accounts and log in...

BjB listens

TameraT: how would they connect with Spanish speaking students the same age?

BjB: that would be up to you, Tamera. You would need to find another Spanish speaking classroom..probably Mexico or PR because of the time zones

TameraT: How would I do that?

BjB: or you can use the threaded discussion board to talk asynch with students in any part of the world

BjB: as I suggested earlier, post to the K-12 Students group discussion board

TameraT: ok

BjB: you can also join the webheads group and see if any of their teachers are interested

JeffC: Posting to the K-12 Students group (you become a member when you create a classroom) would get the word out... there are other ways too... I'll discuss them after the tour with those interested.

TameraT: OK thanks

BjB: we've kind of sidetracked the tour to answer Tamera's questions.

BjB: perhaps I should do a quick rundown of some of the other features in Tapped In for Nicole?

NicoleC: thanks

BjB: Nicole, where are you located and what do you teach or hope to teach?

NicoleC: I am located in Houston, TX and hope to teach k-4

BjB: nice! Glad you could join us

BjB: Tamera is in Ohio and I'm in Pennsylvania

BjB: I usually start each tour with that information...

BjB: because each Tapped In member is valued for what they have to contribute to our community

BjB: you are so important that you each have your own ID page

BjB: I'm going to show you an example of an edited ID page and then show you how to edit your own page

BjB: please click one time on DavidWe under the HERE tab to the left of this chat window

BjB: then click on the green i at the bottom of the frame

DavidWe left the room.

BjB: oops...did you get David's ID above this chat window?

BjB: I see that Alexis has already found her ID page! Good job.

BjB: the green i is for identity and allows you to ID any Tapped In member or group

AlexisAS: yes I am here in California

BjB: so you can click on any name under the HERE or ONLINE tab to the left of this chat window and then click on the green i to ID that person

BjB: to edit your own ID page click on the ME tab at the top of your screen

BjB: then click on Settings on the right in the yellow bar

BjB: from ME/Settings you can edit your profile, description, add a photo, and change your email and password

BjB: it's important to keep your email current so that you receive your chat transcripts

BjB: questions?

TameraT: no, you're doing a great job!

BjB blushes. Thanks!

BjB: you ok, Nicole?

NicoleC: I got it. Thanks.

BjB: I can't see your screens so your feedback is important to me

NicoleC: ok

BjB: let's take a look at the calendar

BjB: click on the tapped In tab at the top of your screen

BjB: then click on calendar in the blue bar

BjB . o O (don't click on any buildings on the campus map or I'll lose you!)

BjB: scroll on the calendar to April 26

BjB: and click on GPBL

NicoleC: I'm there

TameraT: ok

BjB: when you clicik on a topic on the calendar you see a brief description of the event...

BjB: you see who is leading the discussion

TameraT: yes

BjB: and you see the event room in which the event will take place

BjB: the event room is marked by a door icon or Passageway

TameraT: yes

BjB: where will this discussion take place?

TameraT: In the Global Project Baded Learning Group Room

BjB hands Tamera a gold star

BjB: do you see that, Nicole?

NicoleC: yes

BjB: Alexis?

AlexisAS: yes

BjB: everyone please click on that door icon to the GPBL group room

TameraT left the room.

BjB left the room.

NicoleC left the room.

AlexisAS left the room.

Room: Gpbl_Grp

AlexisAS joined the room.

BjB: I'm going to show you how to join a group. you can always unjoin if you feel the group is not beneficial to you

BjB . o O (although I think this is a critically important group for all educators)

BjB: above this chat window is a welcome note. Do you see that?

TameraT: yes

NicoleC: yes

AlexisAS: yes

BjB: the second sentence is This is the group room for Global Project Based Learning

BjB: there is a green i next to the group name

BjB: click on that green i

JeffC joined the room.

BjB . o O (the green i is for IDing a person or group)

BjB: you all should see the group ID page at the top of the screen now

BjB: there is a link to Join this group. Please click on that

BjB: once you've joined the group, let me know

TameraT: done

NicoleC: there

AlexisAS: I've joined

BjB: joining a group subscribes you to the discussion board and allows you to add resources to the group room

BjB: now clicik on Room View at the top of your screen

BjB: this will bring you back to the welcome screen you saw when you first entered the room

BjB: in the top left of the screen is a schoolroom with a blue door

BjB: below the door is a passageway or door icon to the TI 3 lobby

BjB: click on the door

NicoleC left the room.

AlexisAS left the room.

Room: TI_3_Lby

AlexisAS joined the room.

BjB joined the room.

BjB smiles happily...you're getting faster!

BjB . o O (Tamara must be multitasking)

TameraT joined the room.

BjB: ahhh...there she is!

BjB: we are now in the groups lobby where the over 800 special interest groups are located

BjB: a couple things I want to show you here and then we can open up for questions....

JeffC joined the room.

BjB: look in the top right of your screen for the favorite places drop down menu

BjB: there is a door icon on the left of the menu and a Go! button on the right

BjB: click on the arrow to view the menu

BjB: you all should see the GPBL group listed

BjB: when you join a group the group is added to your favorite places menu

AlexisAS left the room.

Room: ArtsSites_Grp

AlexisAS joined the room.

AlexisAS left the room.

Room: TI_3_Lby

AlexisAS joined the room.

BjB: you can move to any room on the menu from any location in tapped in

BjB . o O (nice if you get totally lost when you're exploring!)

BjB: the other thing I wanted to share was something especially for Nicole

BjB: above this chat window on the right is Featured Passageways

BjB: do you see that?

NicoleC: ok

NicoleC: yes

BjB: scroll down on featured passageways to K to 3+ Resource Room

BjB . o O (btw, there is also a passageway to the K-12 Students group room listed also, Tamera)

BjB: let's take a quick visit to the K-3 room so Nicole can join that group

NicoleC: i see it

AlexisAS left the room.

Room: K-3Resources

AlexisAS joined the room.

NicoleC joined the room.

BjB joined the room.

TameraT joined the room.

JeffC joined the room.

BjB: Nicole, the same procedure: find the welcome note above this chat

BjB: scroll down...long way in this room....

BjB: to the sentence This is the group room for xxxx

BjB . o O (it's the last sentence in the welcome note)

BjB: click on the green i next to the group name

BjB: and join the group

BjB: this group is wonderful. Sue has placed a ton of resources here for K-3+ teachers

NicoleC: I've joined

BjB . o O (I find that the resources are usually adaptable to older classes too)

NicoleC: thanks for sharing

BjB: good, Nicole

BjB: ok...any questions so far?

NicoleC: so far so good

TameraT: none

AlexisAS left the room.

Room: TI_3_Lby

AlexisAS joined the room.

AlexisAS left the room.

Room: K-3Resources

AlexisAS joined the room.

BjB: a couple tips and then perhaps Jeff would like to take you to a sample K-12 classroom?

TameraT: ok

BjB: in the top right of this chat window is an actions menu

BjB: clicik on actions and then click on larger text

TameraT: yes

BjB: that will make the chat larger and easier to read

NicoleC: ok

BjB: if you're in a group discussion, go to Actions and then Detach

TameraT: that will come in handy when I lose my reading glasses!

NicoleC: you are absolutely right!

BjB: one other quick tip...

BjB: sometimes in a discussion someone will say something that you want to reread...

BjB: but every time you scroll back, the chat keeps jumping forward

BjB: to solve that problem go to actions and send to pasteboard

BjB: the pasteboard is a static window that contains all the chat from when you entered the room

BjB: you can copy from the pasteboard

TameraT: cool!

BjB . o O (which you are not able to do from the chat window)

NicoleC: Awesome... that is really neat!

BjB: this lets you save information right away instead of having to hunt for it in your transcript

BjB: last tip is partly fun and partly practical

BjB: and some of you already have figured it out

BjB: you can emote or show an action by starting the line with a colon followed by the action

BjB: for example type :waves

BjB: or :hands out gold stars

AlexisAS waves

NicoleC waves

TameraT waves

BjB: emoting is virtual body language...as important as face to face body language is

NicoleC hands out gold stars

BjB smiles. Thanks, Nicole!

TameraT laughs

BjB: the other tip is a mostly a fun way to vary the chat text to keep it interesting

BjB . o O (we are deep thinkers in tapped in)

BjB: the o's are thought bubbles like in a cartoon

BjB: to think start the line with /th followed by a thought

BjB: for example type /th I'm thinking

NicoleC . o O (I'm thinking)

TameraT . o O (I'm thinking)

AlexisAS . o O (heavy)

TameraT: In case I come back and forget these cool short cuts

BjB: in actions you can click on text command help for other text commands

TameraT: Where can I find them?

BjB grins...mind reading is one of the helpdesk requirements, Tamera

JeffC left the room.

BjB: as you can see, Tapped In is quite a bit more than a chat room...

BjB: and this tour so far covered only a few of the many features....

BjB: Jeff was called away to help someone in reception so we'll do one more thing until he can join us again

BjB: when you see me leave this room, you're going to use one of those text commands. You're going to type /join BJB

BjB: don't forget to use that / first. Ready?

TameraT: ok

AlexisAS: ok

BjB: Nicole? Alexis? Do you understand the command?

BjB . o O (/join BJB)

NicoleC: yes.

BjB left the room.

NicoleC left the room.

TameraT left the room.

AlexisAS: (/join BJB)

AlexisAS left the room.

Room: EnchantedFores

AlexisAS joined the room.

BjB: You're going to have to know that command when we visit Jeff's classroom because....

BjB: if you click on the oNLINE tab you will ONLY see people who are in this building or one of the tenant buildings...

BjB: you will not be able to see anyone in the student campus

BjB: I think Jeff went to the group room. Let's try joining him

BjB: type /join JeffC

AlexisAS left the room.

Room: Matzke_Grade2

AlexisAS joined the room.

NicoleC joined the room.

TameraT joined the room.

BjB joined the room.

JeffC: hi all

JeffC: this is my daughter's class from last year.

AlexisAS: hi

NicoleC: Hi.

TameraT: hi

JeffC: i've opened it up to visitors... normally you'd need to be a member of the class to enter it.

JeffC: security in the K-12 campus is very tight.

JeffC: if you click the Online tab on the left, you'll see there is a student KalebSt logged in.

NicoleC: this is really neat, and very interesting.

JeffC: you can't join him, send him private chats, or see anything about him (for example).

JeffC: now... what you see in the top frame is a picture of a school my daughter's class collaborated with, along with a set of "Portal Sites"

JeffC: in Discussion is some of the correspondence between the students in the two schools.

JeffC: i'm now going to show you a quick magic trick.

JeffC: click the "Welcome" link on the left of the top frame in order to refresh the top frame.

JeffC: you will now see a picture of Deep Space along with "Space Sites" links.

JeffC: I did that to demonstrate that you can quickly and easily change the look of your room, to give the students different support depending upon the subject, etc.

TameraT left the room.

JeffC: It was actually easy to do; I simply unfeatured the school pic and other portal sites and featured the deep space pic (which is an Image Note) and the Space Sites.

JeffC: Tamera has gone back to the main campus.

TameraT joined the room.

JeffC: wb Tamera

BjB: good recovery, Tamera

TameraT: My chat window disappeared

JeffC: any questions/comments so far?

NicoleC: No Sir.

AlexisAS: lookin good

JeffC: ok

TameraT: I have questions...but I think you will answer them if you keep going

JeffC: I'm going to paste up the instructions on how you may create your own K-12 class.

JeffC: This will scroll your screen.

JeffC: If you want to create one now... after I paste, click Actions-- Send to Pasteboard.

JeffC: Then arrange your windows so you may read the instructions in the pasteboard and follow them in your main screen.

JeffC: Here goes:

JeffC: K-12 Student Group Creation

JeffC: 1) Click the Tapped In tab in the top frame

JeffC: 2) Click the Groups subtab

JeffC: 3) Click the Create a new K-12 Student group link

JeffC: 4) Read all the terms... (recommend copy/pasting the agreement into Word for later use)... check the box saying you agree to the terms... click Continue

JeffC: 5a) Name your group: (ex. Mr. Cooper's AP English) 28 characters maximum.

JeffC: 5b) Nickname: Give it a nickname (ex. cooper_ap) 10 characters maximum and *no spaces* This will be the name of your group room. Empower your students by asking what they want the nickname to be (panthers, peacenicks, etc.)

JeffC: 5c) Purpose: The purpose can be what you want... teach online with your class, collaborate with other classes, etc. This shows up on your group profile page (and may be edited later).

JeffC: 5d) Topics: Select up to three topics that relate to the group (ex. ESL, Language Arts, Technology Education) for your group's profile.

JeffC: 5e) URL: You may type in your school's homepage or any appropriate link. Be aware that this will also show up in the group's profile.

If you are looking to collaborate with other K-12 educators, consider giving the teacher's homepage with information that you are looking to collaborate with other teachers and students.

JeffC: 5f) Duration of Group: Defaults to 3 months, can be up to 12 months. The group may be renewed later by the Owner or Moderator.

JeffC: 5g) Grade Level: Elementary, Middle, or High School

JeffC: 5h) Number of Accounts: Select the number of students in your class and add 5 (just in case). If you have more than 50 students select 50 (more may be added manually later). Also consider creating more than one K-12 group.

JeffC: 5i) Prefix: Prefix may be no longer than 6 characters. Prefix will generate default student names (student names can be edited later)

If you don't plan on changing their user names, these names will be used by the students with numbers attached. (ex. choose "coops" to autogenerate coops01St coops02St etc.). All students automatically have the St suffix added to their user names.

JeffC: 5j) Click Next

JeffC: 6a) Specify a password: Type it twice, at least 5 characters. All students will login initially with this password. Once logged in, they should immediately change it so that other students cannot use each other's accounts. (more on this in the Quicknote K-12 Group Management). Owners and Moderators may change individual passwords at any time.

JeffC: 6b) Join K-12 Students Box: Check the box to join the K-12 Students group. This is a support group for educators with K-12 students. In addition to posting questions regarding help for your group, you may also post requests for collaboration, lessons, etc. This group has over 400 members at Tapped In.

JeffC: 6c) Click: Create Group: This will create your group. If you are unsatisfied or need to make any changes, simply click the Back button instead.

JeffC: 7) You may now click the link at the bottom of the page to enter your K-12 Class!

JeffC: of course these instructions will now be in your transcript, should you decide to create your own K-12 classroom later.

NicoleC: Got it.

JeffC: btw... if anyone would like... my daughter's Powerpoint on Pluto is also in the top frame.

BjB left the room (signed off).

TameraT left the room.

AlexisAS: 2nd grade?

JeffC: yes

TameraT joined the room.

JeffC: it's doable with support

TameraT: This is the 2nd time my chat window has disappeared

JeffC: I have her 3rd grade class here as well.

TameraT: How do I undetach the chat window?

JeffC: But that room is not open to visitors. If anyone here teaches 3rd and would like to collaborate with her class... I'll be happy to support you.

JeffC: Just close it Tamera.

TameraT: thanks

JeffC: That will reattach it... click the X in the upper right corner.

BjB joined the room.

BjB: yikes! wonder if the severe weather is sending cybergremlins

JeffC . o O (could be)

JeffC: Well... that's my quick 10 minute tour of the K-12 campus.

JeffC: In my profile I have several files that will also help you get acclimated here.

AlexisAS: Thanks

JeffC: Walden Helpdesk Session and Quickcut Notes.

NicoleC: Thank you Jeff!!!!

JeffC: yw

TameraT: thanks!

JeffC: So... if you teach third grade... or know a teacher interested... have them get in touch with me.

JeffC: My daughter's class is currently using Tapped In to study animals of the rainforest... they'll be doing powerpoints and presentations the next couple of weeks.

AlexisAS: very cool

NicoleC: Indeed!

JeffC: one thing i found last year was that by corresponding with other students in another state, the students wrote much more than usual.

JeffC: their teacher had them write longhand, and then we did the typing for them.

BjB . o O (authentic audience)

JeffC: you can see those in Discussion here.

JeffC: relevance = interest... my four buzzwords for education are: Facilitation-- Motivation-- Validation-- Collaboration

JeffC: you can read an article I wrote about my exploits at Richmond High over 10 years ago at <http://snurl.com/netc1>

AlexisAS left the room (signed off).

Room: Matzke_Grade2

AlexisAS joined the room.

BjB: our scheduled time for tips and tricks is up

AlexisAS: thanks for your tour!

BjB: I hope you all found the time valuable

BjB . o O (we know how valuable time is to educators!)

NicoleC: Yes very rewarding.

TameraT: Yes very!

BjB: you know the basics now. The rest is just a matter of exploring and trying things

JeffC: one last thing

BjB listens to Jeff

JeffC: Alexis... i think you clicked the link and were logged out.

AlexisAS: yes

JeffC: that's because of your popup blocker

AlexisAS: ok

JeffC: accept popups from Tapped In

AlexisAS: will do

JeffC: here is that link again... hold the Ctrl key down and click:
<http://snurl.com/netc1>

AlexisAS left the room (signed off).

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