Tech Tip of the Week



In search of cool tools this week, I found a tool that could be used by teachers and staff members to gain insight on what they know about the subject or concept that is being addressed in a quick and modern way. Many of us have either seen or created Wordles, this tool uses the responses to create a something similar to that of the Wordle. The information gathered from this AnswerGarden can be used to redirect the focus of the group based on knowledge base of the individuals.

What is AnswerGarden?

In short a feedback tool that can be used for brainstorming. It is an easy way to get feedback from a group that helps provide a knowledge level about a certain topic from a group of students or staff members.

Cost: Free and no Registration

Login: None

Password: Optional

Web URL: <u>http://answergarden.ch</u>

iPad: https://itunes.apple.com/app/id886601928

Directions:

- 1. Type URL in address bar: <u>http://answergarden.ch</u>
- 2. To create a new AnswerGarden, either:
 - a. Click the + at the top, or



b. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and Click: Create AnswerGarden.



- 3. From the popup window, there are several things you can do
 - a. Enter your Question in "Topic for your new AnswerGarden"



That's it if you don't want any control of the question, but I would suggest you do more below.

b. **More Optional (Optional)** – It is already setup for classroom mode, which is what most use but you do have other options:



- i. Brainstorm Allows users to submit unlimited number of answers, which means they can submit the same answer again.
- ii. Classroom can submit an unlimited number of answers, but only each answer once
- iii. Moderator You can manually approve these entries (More Control)
- iv. Locked Submission is now closed and no new answers can be submitted.

NOTE: Anyone who types can enter **ANYTHING**, so it may be in your best interest to use moderator which allows you control of what gets published. Which puts more work on you, but causes delay in results. You know your own students, but one thing that I would suggest is to train them to use technology effectively and responsibly.

c. Admin Password

By entering a password, you can edit the question, unwanted answers, and mode.



NOTE: if you don't add password, as it states, there is no way to recover it.

d. Reminder Email

By providing email address it will send you the link and password to the AnswerGarden.

e. Spam Filter

Helps provide some protection by detecting and removing unwanted answers. If Turned On. By default it is turned Off



- f. Once complete, press Create.
- g. Remember if you entered an email and a Password, you will receive an email from AnswerGarden.

Once you have completed the information, you will be redirected to another page that contains your Question and several different things.

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SHARING: To share with others, there are several ways to do this:

• Copy the URL from the top of the page in the Address

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• Click Share at the bottom and select the method you want to share.



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- o Twitter
- Word Press
- \circ Outlook
- StumpleUpon
- \circ Google
- Or, just click the + and select from several, just Sign-In

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• Also, if you scroll down, you will find a way to Embed the code into your website.

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 If you scroll down even further you will find other ways to embed various sizes

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 $\circ~$ MicroGarden – Compact view HTML 5

AnswerGarden is	
Type your answer here	Submit

MicroGarden

MicroGarden is a very compact HTML5 answer field for AnswerGarden which can be used to gather user data. You can use MicroGarden for polling without showing the results (a blind poll). The answers show up in your AnswerGarden. See the image on the right, click it to try it out.

<iframe src="http://microgarden.answergarden.ch/130{

More information



o Click QR to create a QR Code to share

• In all cases the same URL is provided

Other Buttons located at the bottom



- Share We have looked at this one in the above documentation
- Export Share your results. Located at the bottom additional information is provided
 - Export Tweet results on Twitter
 - API Provides you data
 - Get the Question
 - Get the Answer
 - Get the number of answers
 - Get complete data chunk
 - Show QR Code
- About Statistics of Creation



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- $\circ~$ QR Again this is a way to create a QR Code to share to access the Question
- Admin Click here and enter the password you created earlier. Here you can make the following changes, just remember at the end you need to SAVE.
 - Hide Answers
 - Edit Topic
 - Mode
 - Spam Filter
- Press Save or Back to complete

Additional Resources:

- Quickstart Guide: <u>http://answergarden.ch/Quickstart-Guide/</u> provides you an overview of how things are done.
- Handout: <u>http://answergarden.ch/dls/answergarden_handout_factsheet_2014.pdf</u>
- iPad App: <u>https://itunes.apple.com/app/id886601928</u>
- Video Tutor created by AnswerGarden: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4sL8JDJ6vlg&list=PLenPcI5Zc4Ig0sK0Z</u> <u>xBvUY0IQS0VbSKup</u>