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# What is piazza?

- Piazza is an online discussion platform that facilitates interaction among students and instructors in an efficient and intuitive manner.

The screenshot displays the Piazza interface. On the left, a sidebar lists four questions, each with a 'Q' icon. On the right, a thread of answers is shown, with each message featuring a user profile icon and a speech bubble background.

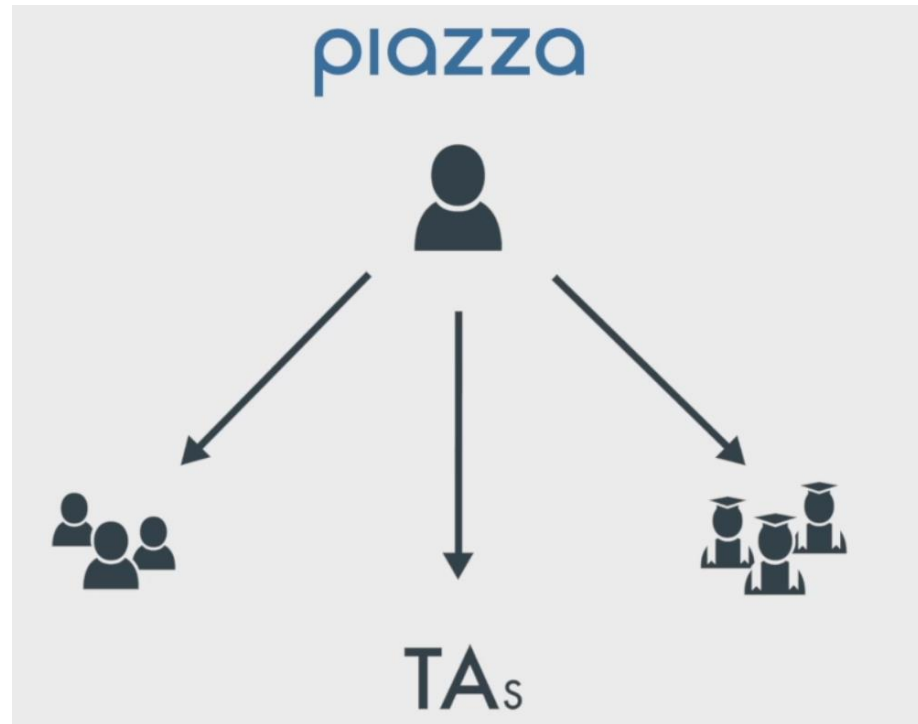
**Questions (Left Sidebar):**

- Q I am having trouble with the equation below. Is it part of the solution for #27?
- Q In chapter 5, on question 17, what is the array referring to - section 2 or 3?
- Q When figuring out 'd' how can you decide which style sheet is impacted?
- Q I'm stuck on when to use a Euclidean algorithm, does it apply for section 3?

**Answers (Right Thread):**

- Answer 1 (Blue bubble):** I am having trouble with the equation below. Is it a part of the solution for #27?  
$$\frac{1}{4(e-1)} (e^2 - 1) = \frac{e+1}{4}$$
- Answer 2 (Grey bubble):** Yeah, that is definitely not an easy one,  $e^2 - 1$  is equivalent to  $(e+1)(e-1)$ . Let me know if that makes sense.
- Answer 3 (Blue bubble):** How do we solve this? The only types we've covered are geometric and telescoping.  
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n+5n}{8n}$$
- Answer 4 (Grey bubble):** In order to apply the formula for geometric series, notice the index  $k$  starts at 0. The problem posted has index that starts at  $n=1$

- started as a way to help students who were stuck on homework problems get unstuck with the help of their classmates, TAs and professors.



- becomes a centralized place for instructors to conduct all class related communication where:
  - You can answer students' questions once for all students to see.
  - Your students can engage with classmates in online discussion.
  - You can post class related announcements.
  - You can post class files, resources, and the class syllabus.
  - You can conduct polls to get a sense of where students stand.
  - You can receive/send private messages from/to students on more sensitive subject matters.
  - You can examine statistics on the activity of each individual student for asking/answering questions or enrolling into discussions.



Q & A



Polls



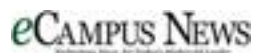
Class Resources



Statistics

# Press talked about piazza?

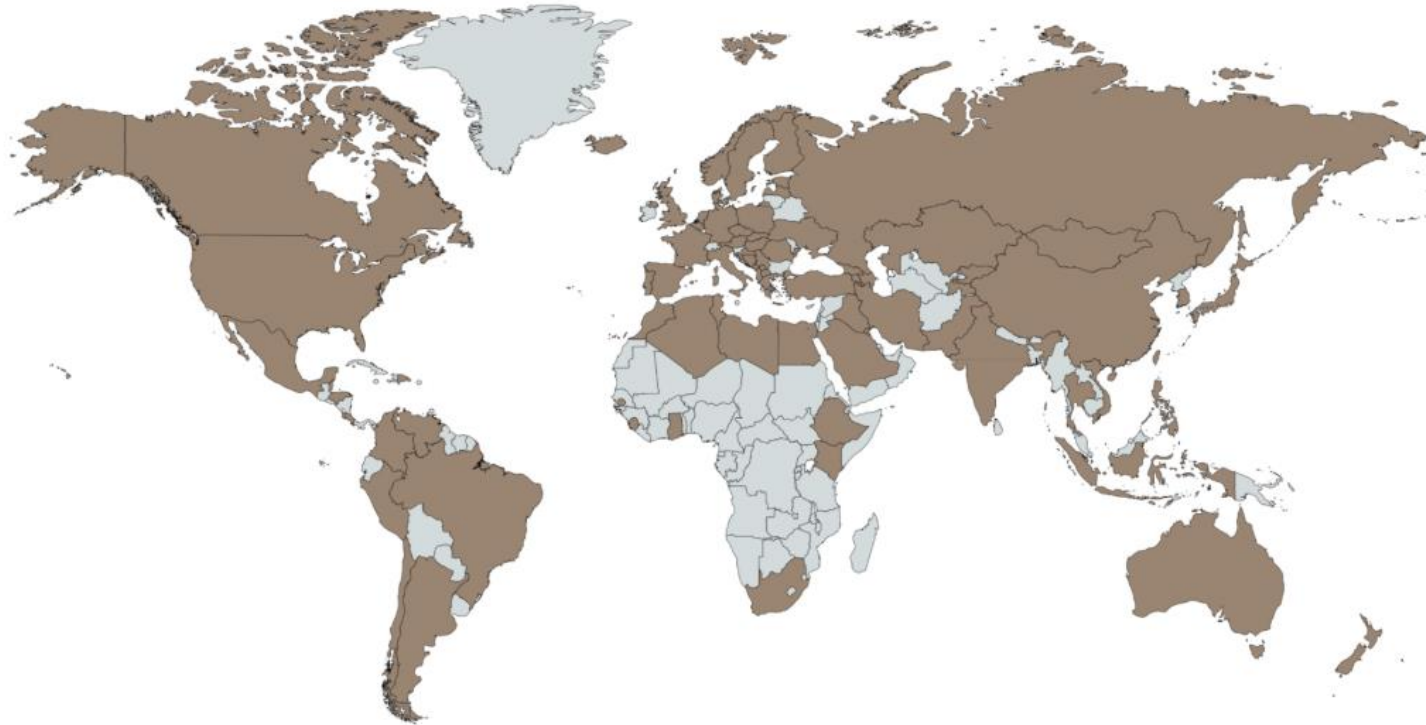
piazza



# Facts of Usage

PIAZZA

Over 2 million students in 2,000 universities and 90 countries are using Piazza



98%



Computer Science



STEM majors

Science Technology Engineering Math

students spend

3

hours a night



# Where is it deployed ?

piazza

at



and hundreds more universities

BROWN



Dartmouth

Georgia  
Tech



RPI

Ucla

Yale



PURDUE  
UNIVERSITY



Penn

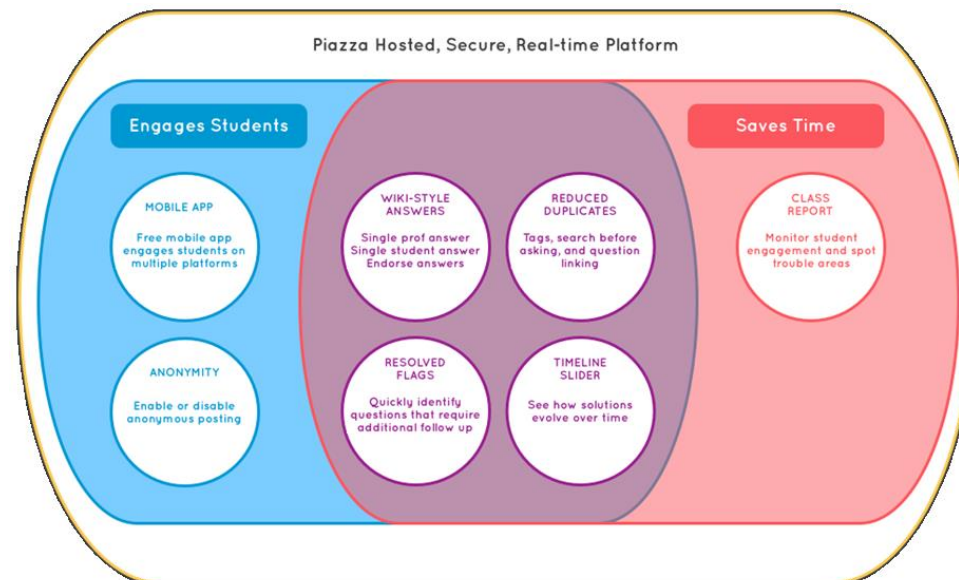


- *“Piazza is the first educational software that actually improves my teaching.”*  
**-Kevin Kelley, MIT**
- *“Piazza has solved all of the communication flow problems I’ve experienced in 19 years of teaching. I used to use 6 programs, now it’s just Piazza.”*  
**- Dan Garcia, UC Berkeley**
- *“After a semester of using Piazza, I can truly say I loved it. The TAs loved it... With Piazza I got a real-time picture of what was going on, and could address some of the really important misunderstandings in class.”*  
**- Kristin Marsicano, Georgia Tech**



## Instructors Appreciate Piazza for a Number of Reasons

- Alleviates the frequency of asking the same question
- Free your inbox of emails
- All class information is in one space
- Intuitive interface and user experience
- Wiki-style editing creates single, high-quality answers
- Professors have full editorial control
- Detailed student participation and engagement stats
- One-click endorsed answers
- Students actually use it, and love it
- Real-time updates
- Class resources can be made public or private
- Mobile apps let you read, answer, and post on the go
- Instructors can set anonymity permissions
- Check the pulse of your students with in-class polls
- Private staff communication
- Students answer each other's questions
- Clearly see who posted what
- Unresolved questions stand out



- Go to [www.piazza.com](http://www.piazza.com)
  - Click “Create a Class”
  - Signup
  - Enroll your students
  - Enjoy!
  
- Questions?
  - Email [team@piazza.com](mailto:team@piazza.com)