

NOWCOMMENT[®]

Turning Documents into Conversations™

NowComment is a feature-rich close reading and critical thinking environment built around sidebar commenting on documents. Students intellectually engage with a text, and with each other, through conversations on passages they find interesting, important, or unclear. NowComment provides instructors with powerful tools for student assessment, discussion management, and small group activities.

Integrates
with popular
LMSs!

The screenshot shows the NowComment web interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'NOWCOMMENT' logo, 'MY LIBRARY & GROUPS', 'UPLOAD DOCUMENT', 'PUBLIC DOCUMENTS', and 'HELP'. A user profile for 'Dan Doernberg' is visible. Below the navigation, there are document controls like 'Document: Invite', 'More', and 'Comments: Full, Summarized, Sorted'. The main content area is split into two panes. The left pane shows a list of document sections with comment counts: 'Commenting on Images and Photos' (13), 'The mesmerizing painting *The Raft of Medusa* portrays desperate sailors stranded at sea:' (14), and 'Commenting on Text' (16). The right pane shows a detailed view of 'Paragraph 15' with 5 comments. The first comment is by Dan Doernberg, discussing the historical event of the wreck of the French ship *Méduse*. Below it is a Wikipedia excerpt. The second comment is by Marie French, noting the survival of 15 out of 147 people. The third comment is by Jessica PhillipsG, critiquing the muscular rendering of the figures in the painting. A 'REPLY' button is visible under each comment.

Instructor Feedback

"I used NowComment in two Spring 2012 courses. Especially in the larger 50-student class, the online discussion was remarkably lively and useful, better in fact than the in-class discussion. I love the software and will definitely be using it again!"

Professor Bruce Williams (UVA)
Media Studies Department

"My students enjoyed NowComment. The quality of the discussion was comparable to face-to-face verbal discussion, but NowComment made the logistics of document sharing and collaboration within and between groups so much easier!"

Prof. Ruth Ferree (UVA)
Curry School of Education

"We are using the Now Comment in a large lecture course of several hundred students and have found it easy to use, elegant, and powerful as a means to facilitate intellectual exchange amongst large numbers of students through the medium of a primary source."

Prof. David Germano (UVA)
Director of SHANTI (Sciences, Humanities,
and the Arts Network of Technological Initiatives)

"Students' second draft essays were measurably improved after using NowComment to give peer feedback on the first drafts... Using NowComment was a breeze; we used no class time teaching its use."

Dorothe Bach, Asst. Director, UVA Teacher Resource Center (TRC)
John Alexander, Assoc. Director, UVA Center for Emerging Research,
Scholarship and the Arts (CERSA)

"The students were overwhelmingly impressed by the NowComment interface, and remarked on its ease of use and the ways in which the exercise elicited more thoughtful conversation; they had only positive things to say about it."

Professor Andrew Stauffer (UVA)
Director, Networked Infrastructure for Nineteenth-century
Electronic Scholarship (NINES)

FREE!

Free Accounts

Upload and discuss documents with people you invite or with the whole Internet ("Public Documents") at no cost!



Time Efficient

Interesting comments can be found quickly (they're tied to relevant document passages), and summary lines make skimming fast and easy.



Powerful

Any sentence, paragraph, image, or video can have multiple conversations, keeping discussions focused and on-topic.



Simple to Use

Our interface is intuitive, your documents are accessible wherever you are, and we do the hosting and maintenance.



Feature-Rich and Scalable

NowComment has the features to handle very large groups: notifications, assignments, subgroups, moderation, and more.



Read it Your Way

By default comments are off to the side (with multiple sort options!), but you can also display comments in-line.

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