What is Slack?

- A group communication tool that combines elements of email, text, and file sharing
- Organized into Workspaces and Channels:
  - Workspace = a group of people working together (e.g. a class of students)
  - Channels = sub-topics within the workspace (e.g. #assignments, #scheduling, #discussion)
  - Direct messages = messages between two or more members of the workspace
1) As a forum for weekly discussion posts where students could post videos, English text, or both [why better than Blackboard: easy to post videos, no clicking around to see the threads]
How I use it as a communication tool

2) As a way to communicate information between class meetings: announcements, reminders, etc. [why better than email: often people have similar questions, so I can answer them all at once]
How I use it as a communication tool

3) To facilitate communication among small groups of students doing a group project together
How I use it as a communication tool

4) To build a sense of community—share good news, updates, etc.

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Guys, I just wanna put this out here. If you are in Boston and have nowhere to go for Thanksgiving, we are doing a (as yet undefined) thing within the permissible limits of COVID for students who're stuck on their own. The Thing will involve food. If you want to come, let me know.
Let’s try it!

• Go to https://slack.com
• Download the app OR use the web-based interface
• Launch Slack ▸ Create a new workspace
  • Workspace name: BU Faculty retreat
  • Primary topic: learn Slack
  • Add team members or get a shareable link
• Locked vs open channels
• Integrated apps: Zoom, Google Drive, etc.