What is Slack?

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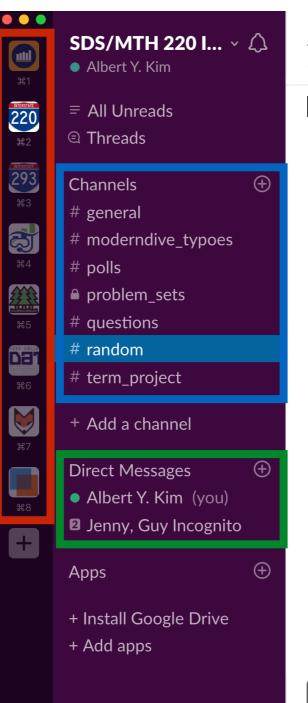
## Components of Slack

Workspace: Think *projects* 

Within 220 Workspace:

1. Channels: Think forums (public & private)

2. Direct **Messages**: Think group texts



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+Message #random Why Slack?

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As opposed to 😵 context switching in email



## Why Slack?

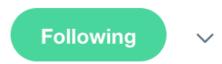
- •Seamless transition between *slick* interfaces: browser to . & . to .
- •Vast array of <u>apps</u>
- •For instructors in particular:
  - Coordinate between people with many roles: instructors & TA's & graders & students

# Why Slack for Students?

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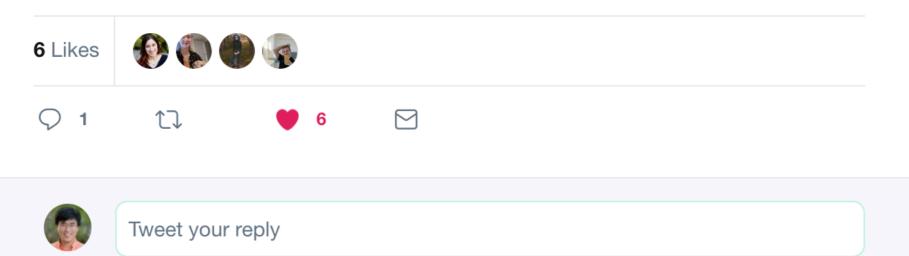
#### Reducing instructor/student barriers:



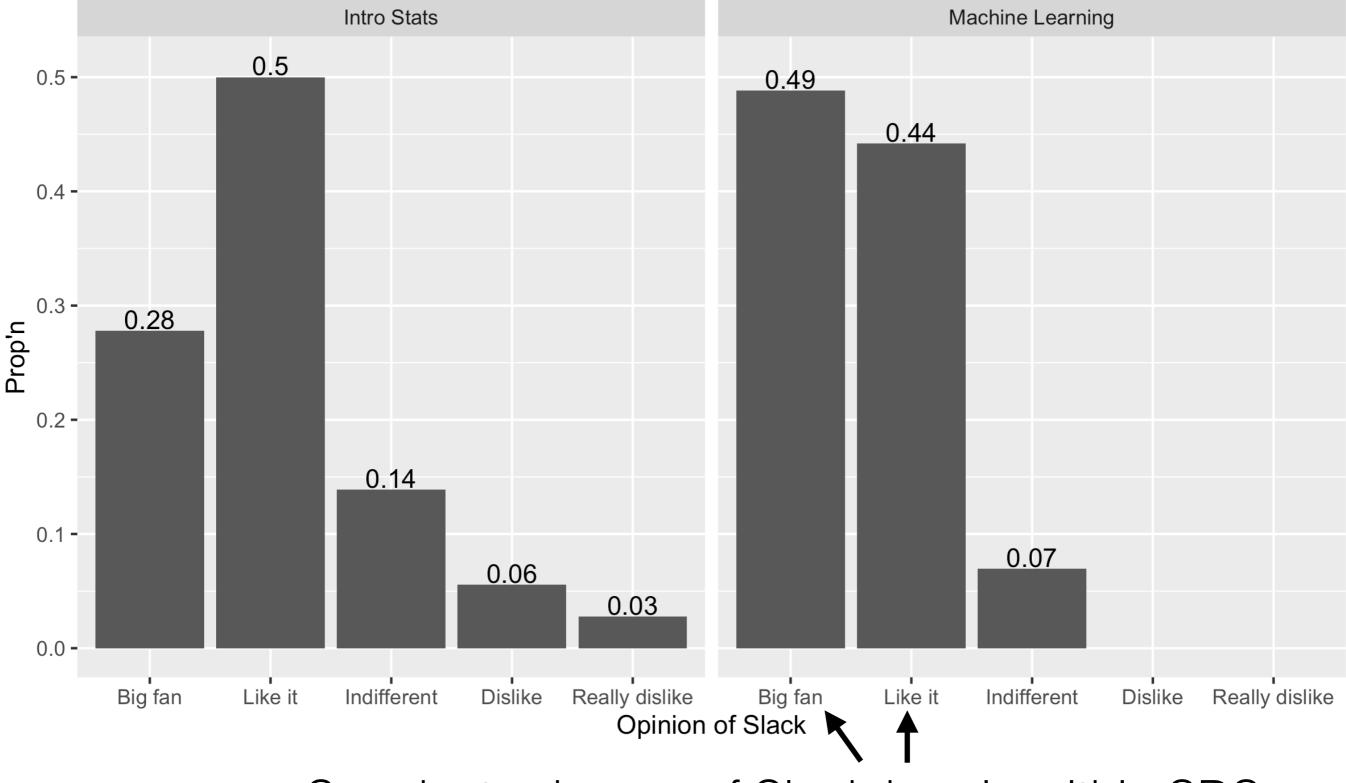


i love slack because its the only acceptable way to communicate via profs in a less formal way than email

1:19 PM - 30 Mar 2019



## Opinion of Slack



Speaks to degree of Slack buy-in within SDS



#### 👍 comments:

- •"... has a lot *less pressure* and necessity to be super formal than email."
- •"Slack is better for chatting with group members & sharing files."
- "Liked the <u>code-sharing</u> & <u>emoji features</u>. The <u>threads</u> made it easy to communicate and follow ideas."

#### **F** comments:

- •"I don't like having to check *multiple platforms*"
- "I didn't like the <u>notification</u> system... I felt like I was always missing things even with notifications on."
  "We bit the free plan's space limit"
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All responses <u>here</u> (with permission to share)