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Supporting Student Participation and Interactivity in the Classroom Using Mobile Phones

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Abstract: Studies show that interactivity and active student participation in the classroom brings benefits to both lecturer and students in their learning activities. A tool that is well-knowingly used to support this interactivity is the audience response system (ARS). However, the requirements of specialist infrastructure and expensive clickers have discouraged its use in education institutions. This paper introduces an ARS which utilizes the internet, usually available in the lecture room and mobile phones which can be said owned by every student. Functionalities provided by the system is described and an example of its use in a classroom setting are also presented. Furthermore, an encouraging result from a survey conducted on students with experience in using the system in their class is briefly discussed.