

# Facebook tests real-time update feature

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"We are currently testing a feature within [News Feed](#) that gives people the ability to see what their friends are commenting on and 'liking,' as these actions are being taken on [Facebook](#)," the California company said

in an email reply to an AFP inquiry.

"In the coming weeks, as we learn more from this test, we'll keep making improvements and may expand it to more people."

The feature was seen by some as a potential challenge to global microblogging service [Twitter](#), which lets people share what they are thinking, doing, or seeing instantly in messages of 140 or fewer characters.

The new Facebook feature for now apparently alerts people to what friends are doing at the social network.

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