What’s New in WebCT Vista

In WebCT Campus Edition, you may have had links to the communication tools, assessment and assignment tools all over your course. And you may have used the Upper Textblock as a place where students would be sure to see your course announcements.

In Vista you have Course Menu and Course Content Home

The Course Menu is accessible from anywhere in the course. It contains:
- Course Tools (includes only the tools that were added to the course by the designer)
- Designer/Instructor/My Tools
- Course Content Map

The Course Content Home may contain links to:
- content items (e.g., learning module, discussion topic, chat room, web link)
- content folders, which contain related content items (e.g. a group of learning modules or content files)
- content files (e.g., a single file)
New Features in WebCT Vista

**Announcements** – use the Announcements tool to create and send course-wide notices to students
- Can include start/stop dates
- Can deliver announcements as a pop-up message to students upon entering the course

**Web Links** – whenever a web link is added to your course, it is automatically added to a comprehensive Web Links page, giving instructors and students a central place to easily access and review all web links used within a course; links can be annotated.

**Who’s Online** – class members can see others who are logged into course at same time and send chat invitation. Members can determine their visibility and availability to chat with others.

**PeopleLinks** – access student performance statistics or e-mail a student by clicking on the action menu next to a student’s name

**Repository** – share critical or common departmental documents (i.e. plagiarism policy)

**Gradable Discussions** – a new function in discussions to help you view and grade student postings

**Most Acclaimed Changes**
- No more “Update Student View”
- Real Student View: take quizzes, turn in assignments, see the student view without a special account
- Freeze names in grade book while scrolling columns
- Group and “draft” assignments
- Controllable chat tool can be combined with whiteboard

### Improvements over Campus Edition 4.1

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<td>- <strong>Homepage/Organizer Pages</strong></td>
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<td>- Link icons and titles only</td>
<td>- Includes course syllabus, schedule, assignment descriptions and grading rubrics, sample papers and your first assignments</td>
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<td>- Links to tools, pages, organizer pages or content modules</td>
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| **Content Module** – an area primarily for course content files where you can create headings and links to individual:  
  - Files  
  - Quizzes | **Learning Module** – an integrated learning environment where you can create links to specific learning activities: |

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<td>Quiz Module 1 Assignment: Module 1 Individual Project</td>
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- **Add links to your table of contents for all types of documents and media**

- **PLUS . . .**
  - quizzes
  - discussion topics
  - assignments
  - chat room

- **Keep shared content in a repository. Create links within your learning modules for the shared content which really points to the repository. All changes made to repository documents are updated wherever they are linked.**
**WebCT CE 4.1**  
**WebCT Vista 4 Enhancements**

### Communicating with Students

#### Calendar
- Internal links to Content Module pages only
- Default monthly view

#### Chat
- Four modifiable chat rooms plus two general rooms
- No real control over the individual rooms

#### Whiteboard
- Operates separately from the chat tool

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**Calendar**

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<td>30</td>
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<td>2005</td>
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**Chat/Whiteboard**

- **Create Chat or Whiteboard Room**
  - **Common Room** (0 participants inside)
  - **Impaired Professional Practice** (0 participants inside)
  - **Group 1 Room** (0 participants inside)
  - **Group 2 Room** (0 participants inside)
  - **Patsy's Virtual Office Hours** (0 participants inside)

- **Create multiple rooms**
  - Add descriptions, dates, control number of users

- **Combine whiteboard and chat, or not**
  - Chat allows fundraising control
  - Can send private messages
### WebCT CE 4.1

**Discussion Topics Page**
- Can reorder topics in list
- Can have private, anonymous and locked topics

### WebCT Vista 4 Enhancements

**Discussion Topic Page**
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#### Discussion Topics
- Sort by thread or date (ascending only)
- Expand/collapse individual threads
- Can move threads to a different topics
- Can attach files with two steps

**Topics can be set as gradable**
- Control appearance of topic by date or group
- Postings can be set as editable

**Automatic refreshing**
- Topic instructions appear at the top

**Add descriptions to topics - always in view while students are working within the topic**
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Discussion Grading

- Immediate view of student's activity for a topic and compare to the class activity.
- To view messages posted by a student, click the student's name and then click View Student Posts.

Mail
- All designers share one identity
- Send messages to students selected from course list

Mail

- Create Message
- Select Message Recipients
  - Select Roles
    - All Section Instructors
    - All Section Designers
    - All Teaching Assistants
    - All Students
    - All Auditors
  - Select Individuals and Groups
    - Luke Adams
    - Laurel Anderson
    - Cindy Donoho
    - Mike Garcia
    - CHECS Instructor

Each instructor/designer has own identity
Automatic refreshing of mail list
Send To, CC, and BCC to a role, individual or group
### WebCT CE 4.1
### WebCT Vista 4 Enhancements

#### Managing Student Work

<table>
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<th>Quizzes</th>
<th>Assessments</th>
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<td>Question types:</td>
<td>New question types (all types can be used in self assessment)</td>
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<td>- Multiple choice</td>
<td>- Combination</td>
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<td>- Matching</td>
<td>- Fill in the blank</td>
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<td>- Calculated</td>
<td>- Jumbled sentence</td>
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<td>- Short answer</td>
<td>- True / False</td>
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<td>- Paragraph</td>
<td>Grading triggered by the student or instructor</td>
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<th>New view for grading and reporting</th>
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<td>- Multiple choice questions only</td>
<td>Grade by question option</td>
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<td>Grade anonymously option</td>
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<td>Quizzes are automatically graded upon submission</td>
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<td>Reports run in fewer steps</td>
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#### Student Presentations

- Tool associated with students’ ability to upload presentations

#### Group Manager

Create Groups
- How would you like to add members to the groups?
  - Create custom group
    - Create a single group and choose the members
  - Create multiple groups
    - Create empty groups to which you can add members later or create groups in which students are randomly distributed
  - Create groups with sign-up sheets
    - Allow Students to select the groups they want to be in (or, assign them randomly via sign-up sheets.)
### WebCT CE 4.1

**Assignments**
- Students must turn in a file
- Assignment released to whole class
- Numeric grades only
- Individual assignments only

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**Assignments**

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<th>Status</th>
<th>Attachments</th>
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<td>Explain briefly why you are taking this class. Tell us about your experience as it relates to this subject.</td>
<td>In Progress (Attempt Submission)</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>November 28, 2005 12:00 PM</td>
<td>Work individually</td>
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**Group Assignments**

One student submits, all students in group receive the grade

**Manage Students**

- Cannot see student names when scrolling to see all columns
- Options for column customizing difficult to read
- Must open whole column to enter grades

**Gradebook**

Your location: Grade Book

- Freeze the name columns and scroll others
- Highlight a row to view
- Can click on a grade to change
- Audit history textbox for grade change
## WebCT CE 4.1

### Manage Files
- Upload one file at a time
- Alphabetical by file and folder names
- Ability to use the folder method of uploading files (WebDav) depends on how your computer is set up

## WebCT Vista 4 Enhancements

### Course Management

**File Manager**

- **Sort by date or file type**
- **Use Action Menu for functions**
- **Upload more than one file at a time**
- **Ability to view your course easily as a folder on your computer for drag/drop uploading**