
Student Presentation Groups

In this lesson, you will practice setting up Student Presentation groups in a WebCT course. The Student Presentations tool is designed to allow student groups to have their own private work area for communication, collaboration, and publication related to a particular project. Using this tool, you can select students for group assignments or you can use a built-in feature to randomly assign students to groups. You can also set up private bulletin board topics for each group using this tool.

Students can also use the Student Presentations tool, as the name implies, to upload a product into WebCT that would be available to other students in the course. Ideally, the final product should be in HTML format. We will discuss strategies for how students might use this tool to complete group projects.

Adding the Student Presentations Tool to a Course

1. Go to the page where you would like to add the tool.
2. In Designer Options view, click the Add Page or Tool button in the Actions frame
3. Click the Student Presentations link (in the Evaluation & Activity Tools column)
4. Enter the required information and select other desired options on the Add Presentations page. Here are some suggested names for various uses of the tool:
 - a. Student Presentations
 - b. Student Groups
 - c. Group Workspace
 - d. Student Files

The following two sections will describe the options for creating groups within the Student Presentations tool.

Option 1: Generate Groups (Students Randomly Selected)

1. Click the Student Presentations tool and switch to Designer Options view.
2. Click the **Generate groups** button in the Actions frame
3. Select method for generating groups
 - a. *By number of groups*
 - b. *By number of students per group*
4. Select the desired option for dealing with an “odd” number of students.

5. Select the desired option(s) for creating group discussion (bulletin board) topics.

Group

Please select one of the following methods to generate groups.

By number of groups.
Enter number of groups:

By number of students per group.
Enter the number of students per group:

Additional Students

Where should the extra students go?

Add the extra students to the groups or add an extra group for the remaining students.

Exclude the extra students. You can add them to a group later.

Group Discussions

Create discussion topics for the groups.

Include the Instructor as a member of each discussion.

Option 2: Add Group (Manually Select Students)

1. Click the Student Presentations tool and switch to Designer Options view.
2. Click the **Add group** button in the Actions frame
3. Enter a **Group name** (required)
4. Enter a **Description** (optional). For example, the description could be the group topic, title of a paper or presentation or a research question to be addressed by the group.
5. Select the desired options for creating a group discussion (bulletin board) **topic**.
6. Select the desired **Availability** status for the group's presentation.
7. In the **Class List** frame, select the members of the group. The instructor automatically has access to a group's file management area. As noted above, however, the instructor may or may not have access to a group's private discussion topic (if one has been created).
8. Click the **Add** button.

Group Information

*Group name:

Description:

Topic: Create a discussion topic for this group
Name:

Update the topic name to match the group name

Include instructor as a member of this discussion

Availability: Public (Make the presentation available to the entire class, once the index page has been created.)

Private (Only the instructors and the members of this group should be able to see this presentation.)

Specify date (Make the presentation public after the following time.)

Use default setting: Public

Class List

- Show unassigned students only
- Show all students

Status	Name	LoginID
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brown, David	brownd
<input type="checkbox"/>	Foote, Dorothy	footed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hays, Peggy	haysm
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	McElroy, Ellen	mcelroye
<input type="checkbox"/>	Newman, Kathy	Newmank
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scott, Barry	scottb2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Warboys, Ina	warboysi
<input type="checkbox"/>	Warren, Iris	warreni

Options for Creating Presentation Files

The main presentation file must be an HTML (web page) file and must be named index.htm or index.html. The index file, since it is a web page, could provide links to other web pages or links to other types of files (Word, PPT, Excel, etc.). Here are a few options students can use to create presentation files for use in WebCT.

- Create a new file in WebCT and use the HTML Editor to format.

- Create a Word file and convert to HTML format. If graphics are included in the file, Word will create a separate folder for graphics when the file is converted to HTML. This folder must also be uploaded into WebCT. The Student Help file provides more information about how to upload folders and/or multiple files.
- Create a PowerPoint presentation and convert to HTML format. This option will generate multiple files, which must all be uploaded into WebCT. The Student Help file provides more information about how to upload folders and/or multiple files.
- Use a web page editor to create a web page or series of linked web pages.

Viewing Student Presentations

1. As a student (or as an instructor in View mode), go to the Student Presentations page.
2. Click the Description link for a group. The file should open in a new window. If no file is named index.htm or index.html, then the Description will not be hyperlinked and no presentation files will be available.

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