Introducing WebCT Campus Edition 4.1
To Students

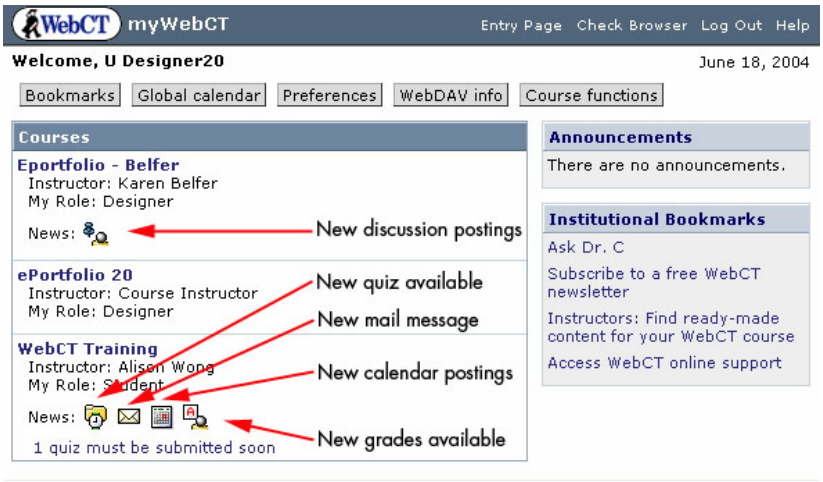
This new version of WebCT, scheduled to go live on June 28th, 2004, provides a cleaner interface and is easier to use. Below is a summary of some of the new features and changes that students can expect to see in the new version.

Changes in a Nutshell

- The whole look and feel of WebCT has been updated to be more modern and clean.
- This version contains an optional built-in HTML (WYSIWYG) editor (with spell check!) available throughout the course.
- There are fewer steps involved in using most tools. It no longer necessary to select an action and then click the *Go* button, these two actions have been combined. In addition, there are a number of commands that can now be applied on more than one item at a time.
- A *Check Browser* link immediately evaluates the status of the browser and determines what plug-ins are available.

New Look and Feel

The MyWebCT area now has icon alerts when new discussions, quizzes, mail, calendar entries and grades are available.



Check Browser

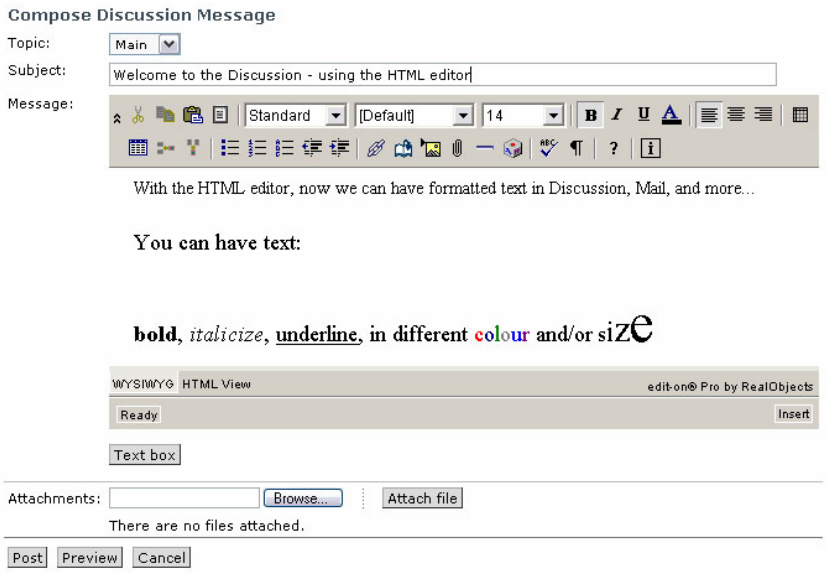
The Check Browser feature located in the menu bar at the top of the screen can automatically detect if the user's browser is compatible with WebCT. If the browser is not compatible, users can access WebCT's Browser Tune-Up Page to download a compatible browser.

Fewer Clicks!

In the previous version of WebCT, when you used the Presentation Tool or the Homepage Tool, it was necessary to select an action and then find the Go button. You will no longer need to do this. These two actions have been combined.

Built-in HTML Editor

WebCT now provides access to a WYSIWYG (What you See is What you Get) editor in several locations throughout your course. This means that you have much more control over the appearance of your text, without having to know any HTML code! The HTML editor is available from Content Module, Discussions, Mail, Manage Files, Organizer Pages, Student Homepages, and Student Presentations.

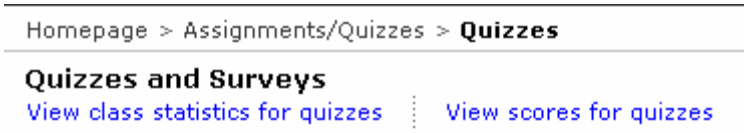


Toggle Discussion Settings

The new toggle between "Show All/ Show Unread" and "Threaded/Unthreaded" is easier to understand. If the preferred option is a button, then it is not selected. For example, in the image below, the selected settings are "Unread" and "Threaded."

Quiz Listing Page Improvements

Students can view scores with only one click of a button.



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