

# Blogs & Wikis in Blackboard

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## Course Blog Configure Blog

1. Click on **Configure Blog Tool** from Control Panel > Course Tools:.



2. Select the appropriate **Course Blog Tool Options**.

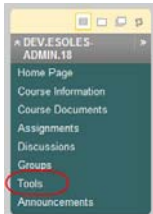
Please note: there are two options for selecting dates. The first set of dates are for allowing edits to the blog and the second set of dates are for viewing the blog.

3. Click **OK** to update the blog options.



## Access Course Blog

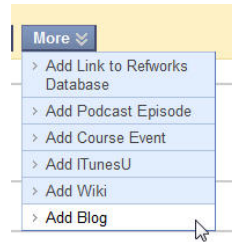
To access the Course Blog, click **Tools** from the Course Menu, then click **Blog Tool**.



## Assignment Blog

### Add an Assignment Blog

1. From a content area in a course (Course Documents, Assignments, etc.), click More >> Add **Blog**.



2. Select the appropriate Blog Options. Click **OK**.

## Access an Assignment Blog

To access an Assignment Blog, select the appropriate content area, then click on the **View** link below the Blog Icon and Title:

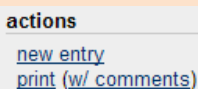


## Using the Blog Tool

Once you enter a blog, use the navigation menu on the right side of the screen to use the tools available in the blog.

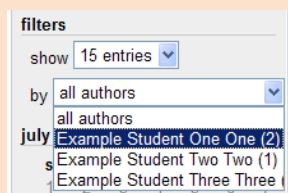
### actions

Under **actions**, users can create **new entries** and **print entries** (with comments).



### filters

Under **filters**, users can filter blog entries by **number** or by **author**.



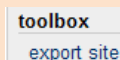
### archives

The **archives** allow users to review all blog entries from a given month.



### toolbox

The toolbox provides users with an option to **export** a blog. The resulting file is a **compressed folder** of HTML pages that may be viewed outside of Blackboard.



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## Course Wiki Configure Wiki

1. Click on **Configure Wiki Tool** in the Control Panel.



2. Select the appropriate **Course Wiki Tool Options**.



**Configure Course Wiki Tool**

**Course Wiki Tool Options**

Please Note: The settings on this page apply only to the course or organizational level wiki tool, not to the group wiki tool that can be added in content areas.

Do you want to allow students to edit the wiki?  Yes  No

Do you want to allow students to purge wiki pages?  Yes  No

Who do you want to allow to comment on wiki pages?  Nobody  Instructor Only  Everyone in Course

Choose the dates and times for which students will be allowed to edit the wiki tool.

Allow Edits After  
Jul 25 2007 11:00 AM

Allow Edits Until  
Jul 25 2007 11:00 AM

Choose the dates and times for which the wiki tool can be viewed by students.

Display After  
Jul 25 2007 11:00 AM

Display Until  
Jul 25 2007 11:00 AM

How shall public references to students be displayed?  User Name  Person Name  Both Names

**Choose Alternate Language**

Choose Primary Text Direction: -- None --

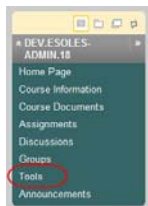
Please note: there are two options for selecting dates. The first set of dates are for allowing edits to the wiki and the second set of dates are for viewing the wiki.

3. Click **OK** to update the wiki options.



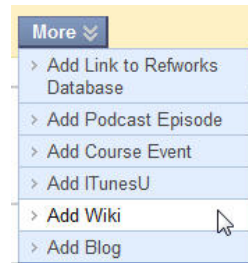
## Access Course Wiki

To access the Course Wiki, click **Tools** from the Course Menu, then click **Wiki Tool**.

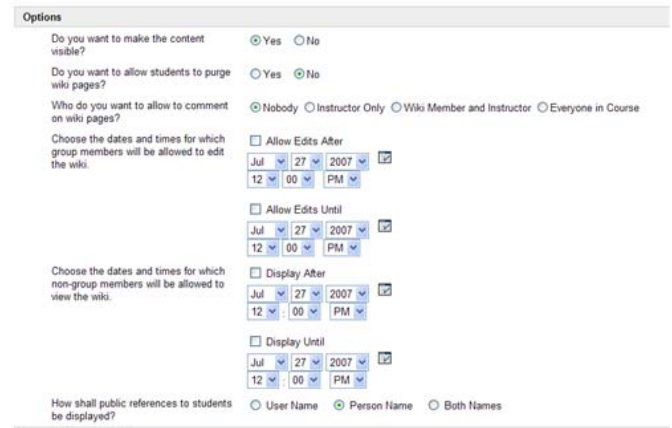


## Group Wiki Add a Group Wiki

1. From a content area in a course (Course Documents, Assignments, etc.), click **More >> Add Wiki**.



2. Select the appropriate Wiki Options. Click **OK**.



**Options**

Do you want to make the content visible?  Yes  No

Do you want to allow students to purge wiki pages?  Yes  No

Who do you want to allow to comment on wiki pages?  Nobody  Instructor Only  Wiki Member and Instructor  Everyone in Course

Choose the dates and times for which group members will be allowed to edit the wiki.

Allow Edits After  
Jul 27 2007 12:00 PM

Allow Edits Until  
Jul 27 2007 12:00 PM

Choose the dates and times for which non-group members will be allowed to view the wikis.

Display After  
Jul 27 2007 12:00 PM

Display Until  
Jul 27 2007 12:00 PM

How shall public references to students be displayed?  User Name  Person Name  Both Names

## Access a Group Wiki

To access a Group Wiki, select the appropriate content area, then click on the **View** link below the Wiki Icon and Title:



## Assess Wikis

Click on the **Assess Wikis** link in the Control Panel menu to do the following:

- view a list of all of the wikis in the course
- view a participation report for each wiki, showing how much each student contributed
- see a detailed participation report for each student for a wiki
- review the revision history for one page to see a particular user's revisions

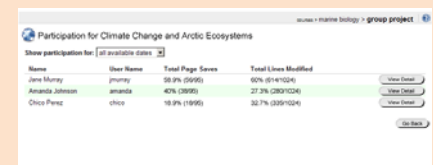
This page shows all the wikis in the course and allows the instructor to view the details of a particular site:



Wiki	Description	View Participation
Databases		<a href="#">View Participation</a>
Netiquette	Use this link to post your Netiquette materials. You may refer to your text, online materials and other resources.	<a href="#">View Participation</a>
The Computing Cycle		<a href="#">View Participation</a>
The Internet and ISPs		<a href="#">View Participation</a>
The Internet and the World Wide Web Glossary of Terms		<a href="#">View Participation</a>

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Click **View Participation** next to a wiki to get to the **Participation Report**. The report shows an up-to-date summary of each participant's contribution to the site.



Name	User Name	Total Page Scores	Total Lines Modified
Jens Murray	jurray	58.8% (26/95)	60% (61/104)
Amanda Johnson	amanda	40% (36/95)	27.3% (28/104)
Chico Pined	chico	16.3% (15/95)	33.7% (33/104)

