

BlazeVIEW To Go

Tips to make your transition to BlazeVIEW easier.

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Upcoming Trainings:

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New Types of Discussion Questions

One of the new features that will be available in BlazeVIEW is being able to choose between three different types of discussion questions. In WebCT Vista, the only option available was to use threaded discussions. In BlazeVIEW there are threaded discussions, blog discussions, and journal discussions.

Threaded discussions are traditional online discussion questions. Users post and reply to messages. Replies that are associated with the same post are grouped together, creating message threads that can be expanded and collapsed.

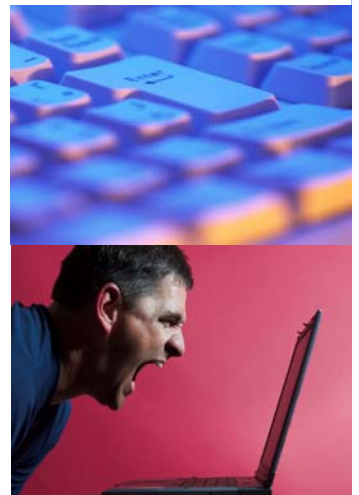
Blog discussions allow participants to post a

chronological series of entries on a particular topic. Participants can then add comments to any blog entry.

Journal discussions give students a place for their own writing. The journals can be kept private between the student and the instructor or they can be shared with the whole class.

These new features will allow instructors to customize their courses and will make it easier for instructors to set up different discussion questions. Now, there is no need to create individually released discussion questions for journaling purposes. Instructors can simply choose the journaling

discussion option and each student will have their own journaling area that only they (and the instructor) have access to, unless the public journal option is selected.



Bob must not have read the newsletter.

Access to Previous Courses

In the past, WebCT Vista has offered students access to previous courses. Students were able to enter their previous courses to view their previous submissions or to download work to use in their portfolio.

With BlazeVIEW (powered by Blackboard Vista 8, VSU's new course management system starting Summer 2009), students will no longer have unlimited access to their previous courses. Students will have thirty days after the course ends to access the content

of their courses. This is extremely important for individuals who are creating a portfolio. These individuals will need to download their work before the course ends or within thirty days of the course ending.

We are on the web!

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Distance Learning

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To register for trainings visit:

http://www.valdosta.edu/distance/training_calendar.shtml

Distance Learning Provides:

Support for all BlazeVIEW Users

Development of training materials for BlazeVIEW and distance learning technologies

Training for faculty and staff in BlazeVIEW and distance learning technologies

Design, development, and implementation of on-line courses with faculty

Assist faculty and staff with advanced learning technologies such as: Wimba Live Classroom, Respondus and StudyMate

Set-up and facilitate IP Video Conferencing

Facilitate and conduct Web Conferences and special events

Handle BlazeVIEW tech support calls elevated beyond the Helpdesk

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New Language Capabilities in BlazeVIEW

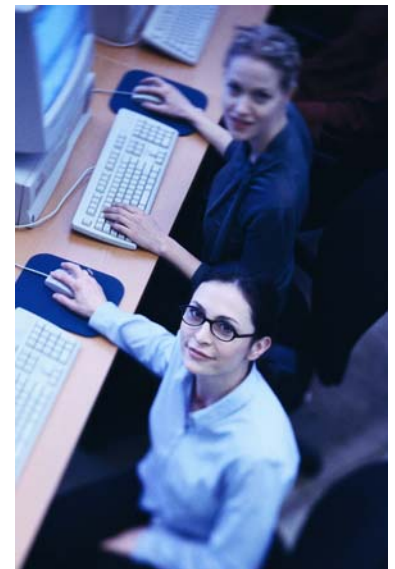
A new ability in BlazeVIEW that was not previously offered in WebCT Vista, is the ability to change the language that a course is presented in. This tool is extremely beneficial for instructors who are teaching foreign language classes. Now, instructors can place their entire online class in the specific language of their choice. This will give instructors a good idea of how well their students can

comprehend the written language. This tool is only for the navigation of a course. An html page or attachment will remain in the original language.

How to change the language of your course:

- From your course page, click on manage course on the left side of the screen.
- From here, click on settings.

- Under the administration column on the right hand side of the screen, click on International.
- The default language is English, Under the value column, click on the drop down arrow next to English.
- Choose the appropriate language (German, English, Spanish, French, Japanese).



The tips provided in this newsletter are designed to make your course more enjoyable for you and your students.