Taking Online Learning One Step Further with Wimba Collaborative Tools

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What is Wimba?

Wimba is a leading provider of collaborative learning software applications and services. Wimba (www.wimba.com) provides a fully featured live virtual classroom supporting IP audio, video, application sharing, web tours and content display (such as PowerPoint slides or graphics) all delivered synchronously over the internet or archived for asynchronous access. In addition, educators using a course management system such as Blackboard Vista will have new tools to use in their courses: Wimba Voice and Wimba Pronto. Wimba Voice provides audio discussion boards, Voice email, audio podcasting and voice presentation tools within online courses. Wimba Pronto is an instant messaging and voice chat tool that allows students and instructors to spontaneously meet live online using buddy lists pre-populated with classmates from the course management system.
Objectives For this Session

- Demo Live Classroom: Look at Student and Instructor interaction via the interface
- Demo some of the Voice Tools
- Time for Questions at the end
Wimba Live Classroom

- Content Frame
- Participant Panel
- Chat/Text Area
- Presenter-on-the-fly
- User emoticons, hand-raising, etc.
- Video
- Audio

- Presenter’s Panel
- Eboard
- Archiving
- Url, PPT, doc, PDF, Excel, Swf, Jpeg, Gif
- Breakout Rooms
- Polling
- Tracking
- Guest Access
- Application Sharing
Wimba Voice Tools

- **Voice Board**
  - Post and listen to voice messages with discussion boards

- **Voice Recorder**
  - Record and listen to voice on a web page or an announcement

- **Voice Presentation**
  - Add web content alongside vocal messages or instructions

- **Wimba Podcaster**
  - Create and upload podcasts for user subscription

- **Voice Email**
  - Send and listen to voice through email messages

- **Voice Direct**
  - Communicate with users in real-time, in a virtual room using voice and text. Great for office hours.
Integration with Live Classroom and Voice Tools

- Integrates with Learning Management Systems such as Blackboard Vista, Blackboard Classic, Moodle and Sakai.
- Can be used ad hoc via the web for meetings
Wimba Trainings and Accounts

☐ Training Schedule
  http://www.tacc.utah.edu
  Under Course Support click on Blackboard Vista Training

☐ Documentation
  http://www.wimba.com/support
  Free online workshops, documentation, etc.

☐ Technical Support
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