
Online Tools & Features

	e-Reserves	MyPCC	PCC/WebEasy	Spot	Blackboard CE
Email		pcc			In Blackboard
Announcements tool		x			x
Discussions		x			x
Allows for private discussion groups					x
Allows for anonymous discussion posts					x
Control order of discussion topics & grade discussion					x
Quizzes					x
Surveys					x
Web page format			x	x	
Public access			x	x	
Link from staff directory			x	x	
Class protected area	x	x			x
Documents online	x	x	x	x	x
Place files in sub-folders		x		x	x
Organize files in table of contents – (a progression)			x	x	x
Versatile complex website				x	
Share photos	x	x	x	x	x
Share Links		x	x	x	x
Allows students to upload assignment files		x (submission dates not listed)			x (may specify due dates)
Created automatically for every class		x			
Grade record					x
Track usage stats	x		x		x
Easy to learn	x	x	x		discussions
Requires knowledge of using a web page editor				x	

More information

Online examples: <http://www.pcc.edu/resources/instructional-support/tools/>

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Online Tools	Level of Complexity
<p>MyPCC Course Tools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCC email for all students/staff. • Password protected class area. • Course announcements. • Course discussion area & chat. • Post links to web resources. • Upload images & files. • MyPCC Training: http://intranet.pcc.edu/train/. • For more information: http://www.pcc.edu/resources/instructional-support/tools/mypcc/. 	<p>Simple. Requires only basic computer navigation skills.</p>
<p>PCC/WebEasy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic instructional web page – continual use from term to term. • Contact information. • Accessible to public. • Can be used to promote your class. • Links to web resources, e-Reserves, and email. • Can add course syllabus, handouts in portable document format (pdf). • Can add gif/jpg images. • Request account: http://www.pcc.edu/resources/web/staff/weeasy-request.html. • For more information: http://www.pcc.edu/resources/web/documentation/weeasy/. 	<p>Simple. Requires only basic computer navigation skills.</p>
<p>Electronic Reserves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post documents online without having to maintain a web page. • Control access to files (pdf, powerpoint) by library barcode authentication. Addresses copyright issues. • Statistics on individual file usage. • Links to web resources and online mazesines. • Can be linked from PCC/WebEasy or MyPCC Course Tools. • For more information: http://www.pcc.edu/library/ereserves/. 	<p>Simple. Requires only basic computer navigation skills. Recommended skills include scanning and saving as pdf file.</p>
<p>Spot – for instructional web pages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More powerful and flexible than PCC/WebEasy. • Used to publish large files. • Links to web resources, e-Reserves, and email. • No statistic on usage. • <u>No formal training</u> available. Mainly for those who already know how. • For more information: http://www.pcc.edu/resources/instructional-support/tools/spot/. 	<p>More complex. Requires skills using a web page editing software, such as FrontPage, Composer, Dreamweaver, and an ftp software.</p>
<p>Blackboard CE</p> <p>Used to add special components to your class, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online discussions & Announcement • Online assessment/ surveys • Student grade book & Student tracking data • Links to web resources • Password protected area <p>Blackboard CE is used for classroom, hybrid (classroom/web), and distance education classes. For more information: http://www.pcc.edu/resources/instructional-support/tools/blackboard/.</p>	<p>It takes some time to learn the Blackboard interface and procedures. Some of the tools (e.g. discussions) are simpler to use and require lower time investment. Other tools are more complex.</p>