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Voting Booth  
to your  
WebCT course

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## Adding a Voting Booth

Voting Booth is another one of the tools that were developed by the MIDC Projects team. This tool allows you to create simple, anonymous polling items to get quick feedback from your students.

Adding the Voting Booth Tool to your course

The process for adding the Voting Booth tool is very similar to adding the Flashcards.

1. In all of your recently created WebCT courses you will notice a *PU Tools* link under the *Hidden* category in the *Navigation Bar*.

If you see the PU Tools link on your course homepage, click on the link and skip to Step # 2. If the PU Tools link does not appear on your *Navigation Bar*, you can still add the Flashcards tool by going to the “PU tools” website directly at: <https://webct.ics.purdue.edu/putools/designer>.

Depending on the browser you are using you may be prompted to enter your username and password again. The PU Tools screen will then appear.

The screenshot displays the WebCT course configuration interface. On the left, a sidebar lists 'WebCT Courses' with links for 'MGMT305' and 'EDCI270'. The main content area is divided into two sections: 'General Server Tools' and 'Course Specific Tools for "MGMT305"'. The 'General Server Tools' section includes a link to 'Create Guest Account'. The 'Course Specific Tools' section includes a 'File not found' message, a 'Course Title' field with the value 'MGMT 305: MGMT 305 - Business Statistics', and two tool configuration options: 'Flashcards' and 'Voting Tool'. The 'Voting Tool' link is highlighted with a red triangle and the letter 'A'.

To add a Voting Booth to a course, select the course and then click on the **Voting Tool** link [A]. The *Add a Voting Booth* screen will appear.

2. Type the name you want to give to your voting tool in the textbox, choose where you want to display the tool and the icon characteristics, and click the **Proceed [B]** button. Depending on the browser you are using a password authentication window may appear, asking you to enter your WebCT ID and password again. Type your username and password and click OK. A pop-up window should appear confirming that the tool has been successfully added to your course and then disappear.


**Add a Voting Booth**

The Voting Booth tool allows for the display of customized anonymous surveys that can pop up when a student launches this WebCT course. The results can be previewed by the students.

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1. Enter the title for the tool:
2. Choose where to display the tool:  
 New Browser  
 Same Browser
3. Decide where to show this item in your course. You can place a link to the new page in the Navigation Bar and/or on an Organizer Page. Choose one or both.  
 Navigation Bar  
 Organizer Page (Homepage)
4. Decide how to display the tool in your course. You can choose to either to show or hide the tool title and/or icon.  
 Show Tool Title  
 Show Tool Icon

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### Adding New Poll Questions

Once you add the tool to your course you can make all the adjustments from within your WebCT course. To add a new question:

1. Click the **Voting Booth** link that will appear either on the Navigation Bar or the Homepage (or both depending on what you originally chose in the Add a Voting Booth screen). The *Polling Toll Administration* screen will appear.

ID		Question	Options				Visible	Active
09/13/01 11:16:05 am	<a href="#">What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?</a>	<input type="button" value="Results"/>	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Reset"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="button" value="Create New Poll"/>			<input type="button" value="Student View"/>					

2. Click the **Create New Poll** button [A]. The *Poll Administration* screen will appear.
3. Type your polling question in the Question textbox and all the possible answers in the Answer text boxes. This tool allows you to enter up to 9 possible answers. Then, click **Submit** [B]. The Polling Toll Administration will reappear with the new Poll question added to the list. Keep in mind, however, that the new poll question will not be visible to the students until you activate the question. You can do so by simply checking the “Visible” checkbox for the question in the Polling Toll Administration screen [C].

Poll Administration:

Question:

Answer 1:

Answer 2:

Answer 3:

Answer 4:

Answer 5:

Answer 6:

Answer 7:

Answer 8:

Answer 9:

**Note:** Notice that there is also an “Active” radio button for each poll item. MIDC staff is currently working on an interface which will make Active Poll items pop up every time a student accesses the course homepage until they cast their vote. Since only one poll item can pop up when the homepage is opened, you will only be able to select one poll item at a time for activation.

### How students will view and answer the poll questions

If you haven’t activated a poll item to pop up when the course homepage is accessed, the students have to click the Voting Booth link first in order to answer the poll questions. When they do so, they will see the Poll Results screen seen below. All the new poll questions will appear as a link in the list. If a student has previously answered an existing poll question but the question is still visible (i.e. so other students can still answer it) the question will still appear in the Poll Results screen. The students will not be able to click on a previously answered question however; they can click the Results link to see the latest results of the poll.

ID #	Question	Options
09/18/01 8:48 am	When would you like to present your group project?	<a href="#">Results</a>
09/18/01 8:49 am	<a href="#">We have 3 possible options for scheduling the final exam on December 10th. Which one do you prefer?</a>	<a href="#">Results</a>



We have 3 possible options for scheduling the final exam on December 10th. Which one do you prefer?

9 a.m.  
 3 p.m.  
 7 p.m.

[View results w/o voting](#)

When the student clicks on a “votable” question, the question will then appear on a new window with the possible answer options. The student has the option of voting with or without viewing the results first. To see the results without voting they simply need to click the *View Results w/o voting* link underneath the **Vote** button.

We have 3 possible options for scheduling the final exam on December 10th. Which one do you prefer?

9 a.m.	0%	0
3 p.m.	 50%	1
7 p.m.	 50%	1
<b>Total votes:</b>		<b>2</b>

The results screen will also appear after the student casts his/her vote and display the frequency distribution of the votes. Once a student casts his/her vote he/she is not allowed to vote again. He/she can however, view the outstanding results at anytime by clicking the Results link on the Poll Results screen.