

Blackboard (Bb) to Sakai Tool Translation



Basic Course/Site Tools

Blackboard	Sakai (Very different names are in bold)
Announcements	Announcements
Assignments	Assignments
Calendar	Schedule
Content Area	Resources
Control Panel and Edit Tools	Site Info
Course Availability (in Settings)	Publish Site (in Site Info)
Course Design (Banner)	Home-Site Information Display (Options)
Course Information	Syllabus/Schedule
Course Documents	Lesson Builder
Discussion Board	Forum
Digital Drop Box	Drop Box
Send Email	Email
External Links	Web Content
Grade Center	Gradebook
Messages	Messages
Staff Information	My Workspace-Profile
Test /Survey /Pool Manager	Tests & Quizzes

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Course/Student Management Tools

Blackboard	Sakai
Course Statistics	Statistics
Manage Groups/Group Pages	Groups
My Grades	Gradebook (student view)
Roster	Site Roster

Personal Tools

Blackboard	Sakai
Change Password	My Workspace/Account?
HomePage	Profile
My Courses	Membership
Personal Information	Account
Welcome	My Workspace



New Sakai Tools (bold items may need to be added to Site Info-Edit tools list)

Sakai Tool	Description
Blog	A blog is an online journal, in which individuals can write entries, ordered by date, which they can share with others. Members of the site can comment on each others' entries.
Chat Room	You can use the Chat Room tool for real-time, ad-hoc conversations among site participants who are logged into the site at the same time.
Email Archive	Each site has an automatically generated site email address, which you can view via the Email Archive tool. Email you send to the site email address is copied to all site participants and owners.
Meetings	Sakai can be integrated with a BigBlueButton server, which allows Sakai users to easily create, manage and join BigBlueButton meetings from a Sakai site.
Podcasts	A podcasting tool which takes advantage of the Resources tool for storage, but displays podcasts in a user friendly way and provides an RSS feed for access through one's favorite podcatcher.
Polls	Good for quick, one question polls. The poll tool allows site maintainers to post simple multiple-choice polls for the voting of site participants.
Post'Em	Alternative way to record grades and post feedback using csv spreadsheets: Using the Post'Em tool, you can upload a comma delimited (CSV) spreadsheet to present feedback to site participants.
Search	Find content within the resources and tools of the site (course).
Sign-up	Creation of the Sign-up tool was motivated by requests from faculty who wanted to replace the 'sign up sheets on the door' with an online alternative. Faculty needed a system that would allow students to sign up for office hours, meetings, review sessions and other events in one convenient place.
Wiki	A Wiki is a tool for people with no technical knowledge to change and create web pages. Wiki was designed specifically for researchers and lecturers to collaborate on documents, share information and create teaching materials.