
















Vista Tools vs. Vista Components and Where These Items Can Be Added

Vista Tools

All the Vista tools are listed at the right.

To provide access to one of these tools, it must be added to the Vista Toolbar.

Only the Syllabus Tool can also be added to an Organizer Page as well as the toolbar. All the rest of the tools can only be added to the toolbar.

Course Toolbar
 Announcements
 Assessments
 Assignments
 Calendar
 Chat and Whiteboard
 Discussions
 File Manager
 Local Content
 Mail
 Media Library
 My Grades
 My Progress
 Notes
 Search
 Syllabus
 Who's Online




Vista Components

What is a Vista Component?

Vista components are items created by Vista tools which can be added to Organizer Pages and Learning Modules. Examples of components include: **a** Discussion Topic, **an** Assessment, **an** Assignment, and **a** Chat Room.

What Components can be added to an Organizer Page?

Any of the Components listed to the right can be added to any Organizer Page, including the Home Page.

Add to Organizer Page
 Assessments »
 Assignments »
 Chat and Whiteboard »
 Content File »
 Discussions »
 Learning Module »
 Media Library Collection »
 Organizer Page »
 Syllabus »
 URL »

What Components can be added to a Learning Module?

Any of the Components listed to the right can be added to any Learning Module.

Note that Syllabus, Learning Module, and Organizer Page can be added to an Organizer Page but not to a Learning Module



What other ways are Organizer Pages and Learning Modules different?

Learning Modules

- Components are organized in a sequence that appears in a navigation menu.
- Have Forward and Back buttons for "scrolling" through list of components
- No Headers or Footers
- Links cannot be annotated
- Headings and Outline format possible
- Built-in Printing and Note-taking utilities
- Can be exported as a unit and used in another Vista site

Organizer Pages

- Links to Components are arranged in rows on page
 - No built-in navigation scheme. Must access one component and then return to page to access another
 - Headers and Footers
 - Links can be annotated
 - Arrangement is limited to changing number of items per row
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