

# Course Management Resources

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# Available Technologies

- StagWeb
- WebCT
- Faculty Web
- ePortfolio

# StagWeb

## ■ When To Use StagWeb

- You want an easy system for discussions, chat, distributing files, and listing links to web sites
- You want a calendar that has pre-loaded the student class times and locations
- You want to email students at their university email address
- You want to post photos, files or links without any database or search capabilities

# StagWeb

## ■ When Not To Use StagWeb

- You want to provide content that is reused year after year. StagWeb has no way to copy information to other courses, or backup material so it can be reused.
- You want to publish a web site. StagWeb can post html files, but doesn't support easy creation of a web site with navigation links between components, etc.
- You need to upload or download many files. StagWeb can only upload or download one file at a time, which can be a problem with a lot of files.

# StagWeb

## ■ When Not To Use StagWeb

- You need to post files larger than 5MB
- You need discussion forums that remember what messages you have read. StagWeb does not provide any indication of new or previously read messages.
- You need to use a tool that is not provided by StagWeb, but is provided by WebCT (like the grade book, student group work, whiteboard, student tracking, etc.)

# WebCT

## ■ When To Use WebCT

- You need to manage a student grade book
- You want students to be able to see their grades in the course.
- You need automatically graded quizzes or anonymous surveys.
- You want to provide an assignment drop box to manage your assignments.
- You want students to work together in groups (Student Presentations).
- You want discussion topics that notify you if there are new messages waiting, and can hide messages that were already viewed.

# WebCT

## ■ When To Use WebCT

- You need to easily compile and download discussion topics or lecture notes.
- You need to archive chat sessions.
- You want more than one chat room (so multiple chats can happen simultaneously)
- You need a whiteboard to share freehand drawing among course participants.
- You need to easily organize a lot of web pages by adding navigation links between them (build "Content modules").

# WebCT

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- You want to backup your course materials easily (using WebCT's backup and restore features, or the ability to archive course materials as .zip files)
- You need to upload or download many files at a time.
- You want a simple "image database" that is searchable.
- You want to easily integrate your course with materials distributed on a CD-ROM.

# WebCT

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- You want the ability to release information to students only if certain conditions are true. For example, show Unit 2 only after they pass the quiz for Unit 1.
- You want to monitor student activities in a course (view their first and last logon, how they participated in discussions, what content they viewed, how long they spent in different areas of the course).
- You want to monitor quiz effectiveness (how well students do on specific questions, which questions are consistently answered wrong, etc.).

# WebCT

## ■ When Not To Use WebCT

- You need public web pages anyone can access without a password. (This can be done with WebCT using guest accounts, but is easier to do with a normal web page.)
- You want a secure environment to post course materials (Syllabus, Lecture Notes) but do not want to have students log into another system and you have no intention of utilizing the other available tools within WebCT. StagWeb may satisfy your course management needs.

# Personal Web Pages

## Faculty Web Server

### ■ When To Use Personal Web Pages

- You want to publish material that people can access without a password.
- You need to make material available to people who are outside Fairfield University. These people normally do not have access to StagWeb or WebCT, so it may be easier to password protect material on a normal web site and then share that password with selected off-campus people than it is to get them accounts in StagWeb or WebCT.

# Personal Web Pages

## Faculty Web Server

- **When Not To Use Personal Web Pages**
  - You do not want your course information to be publicly accessible.
  - You need to develop a tool that is already provided in either WebCT or StagWeb (threaded discussion, chat, whiteboard, grade book, etc.). It is much cheaper to utilize the existing tool than it is to rebuild a new tool for your web site that does the same thing.
  - You need to password protect the page. Many copyrighted materials are considered Fair Use under the Teach Act if they are stored in a password protected environment. This can be done in a public web site, but it is much easier to limit access using WebCT or StagWeb.

# StagWeb



<http://stagweb.fairfield.edu>

Supported by SCT

ext. 4357

# WebCT

<http://webct.fairfield.edu:8900>



Supported by C&NS

To request an account or a course to be created, contact

Mary Kleps at ext. 3207

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# Personal Web Pages

[www.faculty.fairfield.edu](http://www.faculty.fairfield.edu)

To obtain space on the faculty web server, send a request from an official University email account to [cns@mail.fairfield.edu](mailto:cns@mail.fairfield.edu).

To reset your password, go to [www.faculty.fairfield.edu/pw.htm](http://www.faculty.fairfield.edu/pw.htm)

# ePortfolio

## What are electronic portfolios?

- Allow users to collect and display a wide range of documents and information and thereby create an electronic portrait of themselves and their work
- Users have accounts that enable them to store their files and personal information and create web-based views that can be accessed by others. Different views can be created containing various subsets of the user's material.

# ePortfolio

## Who might use ePortfolio?

- Students – to build an online resume/job portfolio
  - Nursing Students – to develop a portfolio for reflection and career purposes
  - Study Abroad Students – to build a portfolio of their experience for reflection
- Faculty – to have students collect a semester's worth of work
  - EN11 Project – Students will build a portfolio of their work

# ePortfolio

<http://eportfolio.org>

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# The Survey

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