The Desire2Learn Tool Guide for Teachers

Ease of use
How easy can this be set up by you?

Information Transfer
Is it a tool for disseminating information from you to your students?

Assess learning
Will this tool allow you to assess your students’ learning?

Communication and interaction
Can it be used for communication and interaction among site participants?

Co-create content
Can you and your students collaborate and create content together?

Bloom’s
Encourages what level of thinking?
1. Remember
2. Understand
3. Apply
4. Analyse
5. Evaluate
6. Create

Add Content
Upload a file (Doc/PDF) or adding links in Content area

Add a News Item
Use to provide announcements, updates, changes, new information

Discussion Topic
Create for many types of learning activities *

ePortfolio
Use for storing, organizing, reflecting on and sharing items

Intelligent Agent
Create emails to notify users of site activity

Quiz or Test
Use to assess learning, formative or summative

DropBox
Use to collect, asses and provide feedback on assignments

Checklist
A list of items that need to be completed...

Rubrics
Use for criteria based grading of assignments

How to use this guide
This guide can help you choose the right tool for the learning activity you want to use.

- Know which tool you want to use? Follow its row across to see strengths and weaknesses.
- Know what you want to achieve? Pick a column and follow it to see which tool will help you do it.
- When designing learning activities consider the different levels of thinking outlined in the revised Bloom’s taxonomy. Include the higher levels to ensure mastery of learning.

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- See your local friendly e-learning, flexible learning or educational technology team
- Subscribe to the quarterly Desire2Learn E-pion Newsletter
- Check out the Desire2Learn Learning Suite website for more information on the tools available in the system
- Visit the Desire2Learn Resources site for brochures and white papers on D2L products
- Sign up and join the D2L Community site and network with other users

*Be creative with Discussion Forums
It doesn’t always have to be an in-depth class discussion. Other activity ideas: class debate, team or group discussions, weekly project reports, role play and feedback, gather resources and reviews, assessment support, Helpline or FAQs, rotated student-led discussions, weekly magazine.

Great fit
Maybe. Requires learning design
Not best tool for the job

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