Create a VIA LiveText Assignment

Overview

This tutorial will explain how to create a **VIA LiveText Assignment**. VIA LiveText integrates with Blackboard Learn, so you can provide students with a direct link to the VIA LiveText assignment you want them to complete without requiring them to leave the LMS.

To successfully submit VIA LiveText assignments through Blackboard, students must take the following steps:

1. Log in to Blackboard and navigate to the assignment's location.
2. Click on the link for the assignment to be taken to VIA LiveText where they will make their submission. Students will have to log in to VIA LiveText on their first visit. Subsequent visits will take students directly to VIA LiveText without requiring a login.

Quick Steps

Log in to VIA LiveText > Create Activity > Visible/Open for Submission Date > Template > Grade will be sent to LMS/CMS > Publish > Share > Copy Link > Log in to Blackboard > Content Area > Build Content > Web Link > Paste URL > Set Options > Submit

Step 1

Log in to your VIA Account at http://www.vialivetext.com and click *Create Activity*.

Step 2

Fill out all Activity requirements.

To enable Blackboard integration for this assignment, set the "Visible" date and "Open for Submission" date to the date you want your students to **see your assessment**, not the date you want them to submit the assignment. This action will not affect their ability to complete and submit the assignment in VIA LiveText.

Also, set the "Template" field to **Primary Score**, and check the "Grade will be sent to LMS/CMS grade book" checkbox. This action will ensure that all grades are entered in both VIA LiveText and Blackboard Learn.

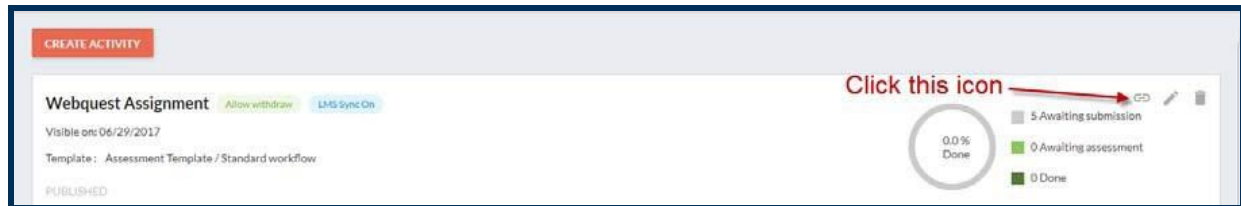Must be checked → Grade will be sent to LMS/CMS grade book.

Step 3

When finished, click the *Publish* button.

Step 4
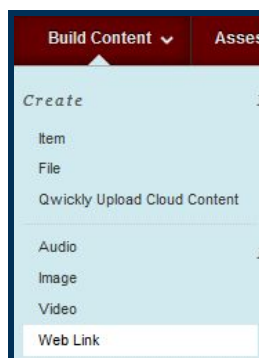
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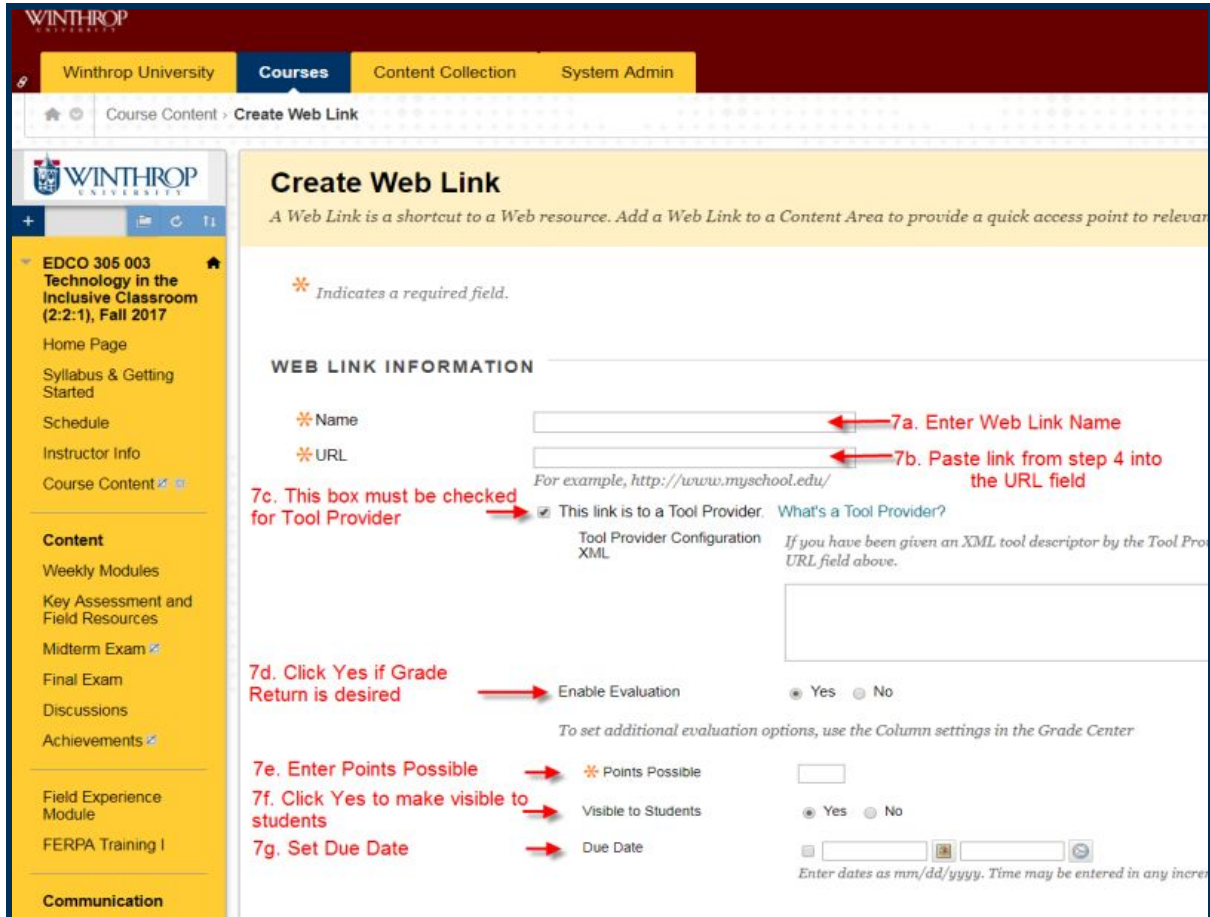

Step 5

Copy the link from the Get LTI link area.

Step 6

Log in to Blackboard at http://bb-winthrop.blackboard.com and open the course that will contain the VIA LiveText assignment. Then, navigate to the Content Area of the course where you want to place the VIA LiveText assignment. From the Content Area, hover over *Build Content* on the Action Bar and select "Web Link."

Step 7

A. In the Name field, type the title of the assignment, i.e. EDCO 305 Key Assessment.
B. In the URL field, paste the link from Step 4.
C. Check the checkbox for "This link is to a Tool Provider."
D. Set the Enable Evaluation option to "Yes" using the radio button to enable the Grade Return feature from VIA LiveText to Blackboard.
E. Enter the Points Possible in the appropriate field. VIA LiveText and Blackboard Learn do not need to have the same points possible. A percentage calculation from the VIA LiveText activity will be entered in the Blackboard Results Center.
F. Set the Visible to Students option to "Yes" using the radio button to display the assignment to students immediately.
G. Set a Due Date, if applicable, and complete any other desired Standards Options.

Step 8

Click the *Submit* button. The assignment link will now display in the Content Area.