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Introduction

This reference guide covers Laulima tools that are used to get work from the participants in your workspaces. You can use other tools already in your sites to get files (eg. Discussion and Private Messages), but these tools are options that are geared especially for these tasks. Though the Drop Box is a simpler tool, the Assignments tool will be covered first as the Drop Box has been touched upon in other documents. The Assignments tool is more structured than the Drop Box tool, offering built-in grading and due dates.

Assignments Tool Overview

As the built-in help states, the Assignments tool allows instructors to create, distribute, collect, and grade online assignments. Assignments are private; student submissions are not visible to other users of the site. The Assignments tool offers multiple grading options to display to the student as feedback and can interface with the Gradebook tool (or not). Assignments can also be returned, with or without grades, for re-submission. Instructors can download all submissions of an assignment to their computer at once.

This tool does not come as a default tool in Laulima, so if you want to use it, you need to add it. To do this, click the "Site Info" tool on the left, then "Edit Tools" in that section. Check the checkbox next to "Assignments" in the list of tools, then scroll down to the bottom of the list and click to "Continue" to add the tool. The "Assignments" tool will then appear on the left of the workspace.

Anatomy of the Assignments Tool

When you first access the Assignments tool, there is not much to see. As you add assignments, other options will reveal themselves.

The screenshot shows the Laulima workspace with the Assignments tool selected. The top navigation bar includes "Workspace", "Overview of Laulima", "yves-junk", "laulima-support", and "UH5YS_yves". The Assignments tool is highlighted, and its sub-menu is visible, containing "Add", "Assignment List", "Student View", and "Permissions". The "Assignment List" sub-menu is selected, showing a message: "There are currently no assignments at this location." Annotations with orange lines point to the "Add" link (labeled "Add a new assignment (pg. 01)"), the "Assignment List" link (labeled "List of assignment"), the "Student View" link (labeled "Simulated student's view"), the "Permissions" link (labeled "User permissions for tool"), and the empty assignment list area (labeled "List of assignments (currently empty)").

Adding an Assignment

To add an assignment to the tool, click the "Add" link under the tool's title. You will then be presented with the assignment settings.

One thing you might want to consider with any tool in your course/workspace is to create a sample/test item for the participants in the space to make sure they understand how the tool works and if they technically are able to use it. This may help iron out issues early on.

The screenshot shows the "Add" form for the Assignments tool. The form includes the following fields and options:

- Title:** A text input field.
- Open Date:** A date and time selector set to MAR 22 2009 at 12:00 PM.
- Due Date:** A date and time selector set to MAR 29 2009 at 5:00 PM.
- Accept Until:** A date and time selector set to MAR 29 2009 at 5:00 PM.
- Student Submissions:** A dropdown menu set to "Inline and Attachments".
- Grade Scale:** A dropdown menu set to "Ungraded".
- Assignment Instructions:** A rich text editor with a toolbar and a text area.
- Options:**
 - Add an announcement about the open date to Announcements
 - Add honor pledge
- Submission Notification Email Options:**
 - Do not send me notification emails for any student submissions
 - Send me a notification email for each student submission
 - Send me one email per day summarizing notifications for student submissions
- Attachments:** A section for adding attachments, currently empty.
- Buttons:** "Add Attachments", "Post", "Preview", "Save Draft", and "Cancel".

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Assignments Tool - Adding an Assignment (cont'd)

Every assignment is created in a similar way. Note that items that are required to be filled in will have a red asterisk (*) next to it's label.

Add

Complete form and then choose 'post' at the bottom. A * means required information.

Assignment

- * Title: ① Title of assignment, what the student will see in the list
- * Open Date: ② Date assignment starts, students will not see this item until this date & time
Students won't see this assignment until this open date.
- * Due Date: ③ Date & time assignment is due
- * Accept Until: ④ Date & time submissions will be accepted until
No assignments can be submitted after this close date.
- * Student Submissions: ⑤ How a participant will be able to turn in work (see *Submissions Note pg. 02*)
- * Grade Scale: ⑥ How a participant will be evaluated (see *Grade Scale Note pg. 03*)
- for points, enter maximum possible ⑥a Maximum number of points possible, *only* usable if using a point scale.

Assignment Instructions

Text editor toolbar (see *FCK Editor Note pg. 03*)

⑦ Assignment instructions for participants

Add an announcement about the open date to Announcements

Add honor pledge

- a Option Add an assignment announcement
- b Option Add an honor pledge (participant must agree to proceed)

Submission Notification Email Options:

- Do not send me notification emails for any student submissions
- Send me a notification email for each student submission
- Send me one email per day summarizing notifications for student submissions

- c Option You can choose to get an email when an assignment is submitted

Attachments

No attachments yet

- d Option You can add attachments (upload from your computer or copy from your Resources); if there is an attachment, it will be listed above the button (see *Attachment Note pg. 03*)

- Post the assignment
- Save a draft, not posted (pg. 04)
- Preview the assignment
- Cancel, do not post

**Note: It is recommended that if you are not ready to post the assignment, save a draft or cancel the work before moving on to another tool or course*

**Note 2: If you have the Gradebook added, there will be additional options here. See pg. 12 ☐*

If you have groups, there will also be an additional option to release only to a selected group. See pg. 06

Adding an Assignment - Submissions Note (step 5)

Choose how you will accept a submission from the pop-up menu:

- Inline only
- Attachments only
- Inline and Attachments
- Non-electronic

- Inline only: Only the web text editor is available for a typed response
- Attachments only: Only the attachment button is available to upload item(s)
- Inline and Attachments: Both web editor and attachments are accepted
- Non-electronic: Assignment accepted outside of assignments tool

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Assignments Tool - Adding an Assignment - Grade Scale Note (step 6)

Choose how you will grade the assignment from the pop-up menu:

Ungraded	Ungraded: No grade will be associated with the assignment
Letter grade	Letter grade
Points	Points: Numerical grade points, can be used in Gradebook if desired
Pass/Fail	Pass/Fail: Choose between pass or fail
Checkmark	Checkmark: Checkmark if assignment is submitted

Adding an Assignment - FCK Editor Note (related to step 7)

A closer look at the tools in the text editor (you can roll over the tool to see it's name in the web browser):

The screenshot shows the FCK Editor toolbar with the following tools labeled:

- Show/Edit html code
- Templates
- Cut
- Copy
- Paste
- Paste as plain text
- Paste from MS Word
- Copy All
- Remove Format
- Undo
- Replace text
- Italic
- Underline
- Strike Through
- Subscript
- Superscript
- Insert Smiley
- Insert Special Character
- Help
- Insert Horizontal Line
- Insert Table
- Insert Image
- Remove Web link
- Text Color
- Text Background Color
- Web link
- HTML Anchor
- Insert Flash
- Insert Table
- Right Justify
- Block Justify
- Text Color
- Remove Web link
- Insert Image
- Insert Table
- Center Justify
- Left Justify
- Lessen indent
- Indent
- Numbered list
- Bulleted list

Participants will also have this toolbar (if given the option to submit inline assignments).

Adding an Assignment - Attachment Note (option d)

You can add an attachment(s) for participants to download (additional material, template, etc). The steps for a student to attach if given the option are similar).

After clicking the "Add Attachments" button you will be taken to that section:

The screenshot shows the "Add Attachments to Assignment" interface with the following annotations:

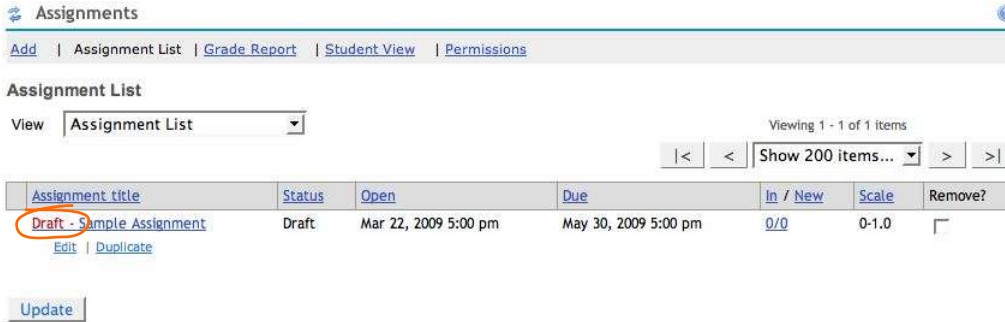
- a** **Option a- Browse button:** Clicking this will open a new window that will let you browse your computer and choose a file(s) to upload
- b** **Option b- Add button:** For weblinks, type in the link address in the field provided then click the "Add" button
- c** **Option c- Attach link:** To attach a copy of something in your Resources tool(s)

When you are done using the options above, click to Continue or Cancel if you don't want to attach anything

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Assignments Tool - Adding an Assignment - Save Draft

If you are not yet ready to post your assignment, but don't want to cancel (thus losing what was added to the assignment settings) you can click the "Save Draft" button instead of the "Post" button. After clicking the "Save Draft" button, you will be taken to the assignment list. You can tell that the assignment is not yet posted by the red "Draft" text next to the item.

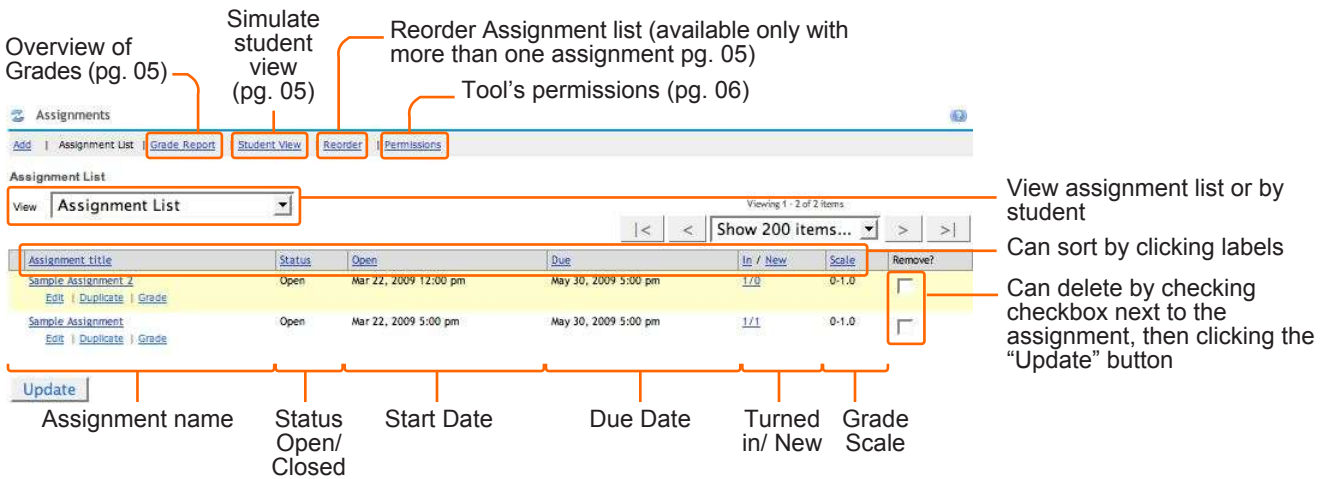


To work on the assignment further, click the "Edit" link under the assignment name (clicking on the assignment name will give you a summary of the assignment). When you are finished editing the assignment and are ready to post the assignment, you can click the "Post" button. If you are not yet ready to post, you can click the "Draft" button again. Participants will not have access to the assignment until you post it.

Note that you can also recommend this to the students / participants if they need more time to work on their assignment and the due date has not yet arrived. Once an assignment is submitted, you will have to allow them to resubmit it if they want to make a change.

Anatomy of the Assignment Tool II

Once you have an assignment added to the Assignment tool, more options are available. Having more than one assignment also adds more options.



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Assignments Tool - Anatomy of the Assignment Tool II - Grade Report

The "Grade Report" link gives you an overview of grades and submission dates in the Assignments tool.

The screenshot shows the "Assignments" tool interface with the "Grade Report" link selected. Below the navigation bar, there is a "Grade Report" section with a "Download Spreadsheet" link. A table displays the following data:

Student Name	Assignment	Grade	Scale	Submitted
Parcon, Matt(parcon)	Sample Assignment		0-1.0	
Parcon, Matt(parcon)	Sample Assignment 2		0-1.0	
Sakai, Yoda(yoda_sensei@yahoo.com)	Sample Assignment		0-1.0	Mar 22, 2009 10:51 pm
Sakai, Yoda(yoda_sensei@yahoo.com)	Sample Assignment 2	1.0	0-1.0	Mar 22, 2009 11:00 pm

The "Download Spreadsheet" link downloads a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet file (.xls) to your computer containing the tool's assignments and grades.



Anatomy of the Assignment Tool II - Student View

The "Student View" link allows you to see the assignment(s) as a student would. You can also simulate submitting an assignment ("Submit as Student" link under item) with this function.

The screenshot shows the "Assignments" tool interface with the "Student View" link selected. Below the navigation bar, there is an "Assignment List" section. A table displays the following data:

Assignment title	Status	Open	Due	Scale
Sample Assignment	Not Started	Mar 22, 2009 5:00 pm	May 30, 2009 5:00 pm	0-1.0

Below the table, there is a "Submit as Student" link with a mouse cursor pointing to it.

Anatomy of the Assignment Tool II - Reorder

You need to have more than one assignment in your list in order to see the "Reorder" option. Clicking this option will give you the ability to change the order that the assignments are listed.

The screenshot shows the "Assignments" tool interface with the "Reorder" link selected. Below the navigation bar, there is an "Organize Default Assignment List View" section. A table displays the following data:

Assignment title	Open	Due	Position
Sample Assignment 2	Mar 22, 2009 12:00 pm	May 30, 2009 5:00 pm	1
Sample Assignment	Mar 22, 2009 5:00 pm	May 30, 2009 5:00 pm	2

Below the table, there are "Save" and "Cancel" buttons.

You can click the up/down triangles on the left or the numerical pull down pop-up menus to change the order of the listed items. When you get the list in the order you want, clicking the "Save" button will save that order.

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Assignments Tool - Anatomy of the Assignment Tool II - Permissions

Generally you will not have to change the selections in this option, but it is there for you if you want to change who can access what functions in the Assignment tool.

Assignments

Permissions

Set permissions for Assignments in worksite "Overview of Laulima" (2e8bd4c4-e1c8-4ab1-805f-1b0a9387fcd0)

Role	all.groups	new	submit	delete	read	revise	grade	receive.notifications
Instructor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teaching Assistant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Save Cancel

Role column

Can see assignments for all groups

Can create new assignments

Can submit assignments

Can delete assignments

Can read assignments

Can revise any assignment

Can grade assignments

Will get email about submissions

If you have groups in your workspace, you will be given the option to deliver the assignment to a selected group when creating or editing an assignment

Access

- Display to site
- Display to selected groups

Submission Notification Email Options:

- Do not send me notification emails
- Send me a notification email for each submission
- Send me one email per day summarizing my submissions

Attachments

No attachments yet

Add Attachments

Post Preview Cancel

Grading Assignments

The straightforward way to grade assignments, click the "Grade" link under the assignment item.

Assignments

Add | Assignment List | Grade Report | Student View | Permissions

Assignment List

View Assignment List

Viewing 1 - 1 of 1 items

Assignment title	Status	Open	Due	In / New	Scale	Rem
Sample Assignment	Open	Mar 22, 2009 5:00 pm	May 30, 2009 5:00 pm	1/1	0-1.0	<input type="checkbox"/>

Note: You can see if any assignments were submitted

Click "Grade" link under the assignment you want to grade

The assignment grading screen will show you options for viewing, and a list of students and submission status.

Assignments

Add | Assignment List | Grade Report | Student View | Permissions

Submissions for "Sample Assignment"

View All Sections/Groups

You can view everyone or by groups (if you have them)

Download All | Release Grades | Upload All

Other options to grade (see pg. 09), Release Grades link returns this assignment to all students and gives them their grades

Assign this grade to all participants without a grade:

Apply

Viewing 1 - 3 of 3 items

Student	Submitted	Status	Grade	Release
Parcon, Matt(parcon)		No Submission		<input type="checkbox"/>
Sakai, Yoda(yoda_sensei@yahoo.com)	Mar 22, 2009 10:36 pm	Ungraded		<input type="checkbox"/>
Sakai, Yves(yves)		No Submission		<input type="checkbox"/>

You can add a grade to all that have no grade for this assignment

Assignment Details

Assignment title: Sample Assignment
Created by: Yves Sakai (Mar 22, 2009 10:25 pm)

Click the name of the participant whose assignment you want to grade

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Assignments Tool - Grading Assignments (cont'd)

After clicking on the participant's name, you will be able to evaluate that participant's submission and add a grade:

The screenshot shows the 'Assignments' tool interface. At the top, there are navigation links: 'Add', 'Assignment List', 'Grade Report', 'Student View', and 'Permissions'. Below this is an 'Important Reminder' section with a red header and text: 'Please do not grade assignments with multiple browser windows or tabs. Only grade assignments and navigate Sakai with one browser window.' The main section is titled '"Sample Assignment" - Grading' and shows student information: 'Student: Sakai, Yoda(yoda_sensei@yahoo.com)', 'Submitted Date: Mar 22, 2009 10:36 pm', and 'Status: Ungraded'. There is a section for 'Assignment Instructions'. The 'Assignment Submission' section shows 'Submitted Text' with a rich text editor containing the text: 'Hi this is Yyes, I am a student in your course. Here is my entry. {{Good job!}}'. Below this is 'Submitted Attachments' showing a file 'alawaiharbor.jpeg (13 KB)'. The 'Instructor Comments' section has a rich text editor with the text: 'Now you are ready for the assignments in the course.' Below that is 'Attachments to Return with Grade' showing 'No attachments yet'. There is an 'Add Attachments' button. The 'Grade:' field is set to '1.0 (out of 1.0)'. There is an 'Allow Resubmission' checkbox. At the bottom, there are four buttons: 'Save', 'Return Assignment to Student', 'Preview', and 'Cancel'. Annotations with orange lines and boxes point to these elements, explaining their functions.

Annotations:

- 4a:** You can save your grading, the participant will not see it
- 4b:** Returning the assignment will show the grade
- You can preview your response
- To cancel grading the assignment
- If you allowed an inline answer, you will see it here. You can also add a comment within the answer. Your comments will appear in red if you surround them with double curly braces ({{ }})
- If you allowed for attachments, the student's attachment(s) will be listed here, you can download by clicking on the link
- You can add additional comment in this area
- You can add an attachment as a response
- 3: If your assignment is graded, assign the grade here

***Note:** If you want to allow the student to resubmit an assignment, you need to click **BOTH** the "Allow Resubmission" checkbox and click the "Return Assignment" button

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Assignments Tool - Grading Assignments (cont'd)

After saving or returning, you will see the grade reflected next to the participant's name. If you clicked to return the assignment, you will also see that the grade is released to the participant.

The screenshot shows the 'Assignments' tool interface. At the top, there are navigation links: 'Add', 'Assignment List', 'Grade Report', 'Student View', and 'Permissions'. Below this, the title 'Submissions for "Sample Assignment"' is displayed. A 'View' dropdown menu is set to 'All Sections/Groups'. There are buttons for 'Download All', 'Release Grades', and 'Upload All'. A form to 'Assign this grade to all participants without a grade:' includes an input field and an 'Apply' button. A pagination bar shows 'Viewing 1 - 3 of 3 items' and a 'Show 200 items...' dropdown. The main table has columns for 'Student', 'Submitted', 'Status', 'Grade', and 'Release'. The data rows are:

Student	Submitted	Status	Grade	Release
Parcon, Matt(parcon)		No Submission		
Sakai, Yoda(yoda_sensei@yahoo.com)	Mar 22, 2009 10:36 pm	Returned	1.0	✓
Sakai, Yves(yves)		No Submission		

From the participant's perspective, if you've returned the assignment with a grade, they will see "Returned" for it's status:

The screenshot shows the 'Assignment List' interface. It has navigation links for 'Assignments'. Below the title 'Assignment List', there is a message: 'Select an assignment to view details, start working or edit your previous work.' A pagination bar shows 'Viewing 1 - 1 of 1 items' and a 'Show 200 items...' dropdown. The table has columns for 'Assignment title', 'Status', 'Open', and 'Due'. The data row is:

Assignment title	Status	Open	Due
Sample Assignment	Returned	Mar 22, 2009 5:00 pm	May 30, 2009 5:00 pm

Clicking on the assignment's title will show the participant their results:

The screenshot shows the 'Assignment - Returned' interface. It displays the title 'Sample Assignment' and the student 'Yoda Sakai'. The 'Grade' is shown as '1.0 (max 1.0)'. Below this, there are sections for 'Instructions', 'Original submission text with the instructor's comments inserted if applicable', 'Submitted Attachments', and 'Additional instructor's comments about your submission'. A red box highlights the grade '1.0 (max 1.0)' with a line pointing to the text 'Participant's grade'. Another red box highlights the inline comment 'Good job!' with a line pointing to the text 'Sample of an inline comment (colored red by being surrounded by {})'. At the bottom, there is a 'Back to list' button.

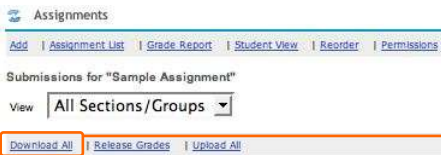
If you allowed a resubmission (see note, page 07), the participant will have access to extra buttons near the bottom of their returned assignment.

The screenshot shows the bottom of the returned assignment interface. There are four buttons: 'Resubmit', 'Preview', 'Save Draft', and 'Cancel'. The 'Resubmit' button is circled in red.

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Assignments Tool - Grading Assignments - Download All

You can also choose to view / grade all submissions of an assignment by downloading all of the submissions of an assignment. To do this, click the "Grade" link under the desired assignment as normal. In the assignment grade summary screen, click the "Download All" link:



1 - Click the "Download All" link

A compressed zip file will download to your computer (you may need to click to allow it to download):

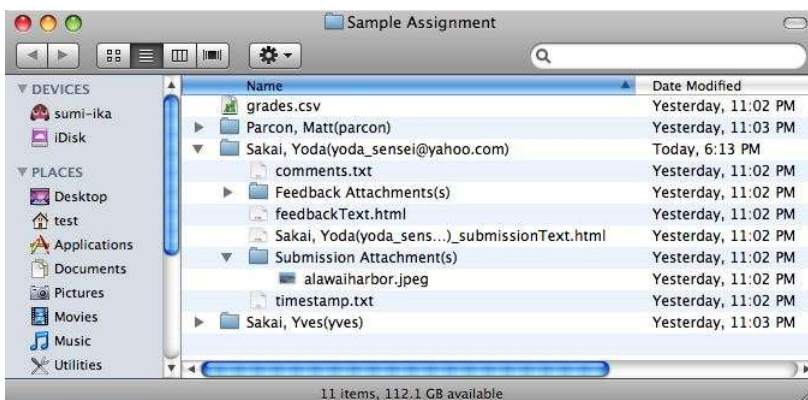


2 - Double-click the zip file to decompress it



A folder with the assignment's name will be extracted

The contents of the folder extracted from the zipped file includes a grades.csv file (csv - comma-delimited text file containing participant and grade information) and participant folders which include instructor / maintainer feedback files (you can fill in for feedback) and the participant's submission files:



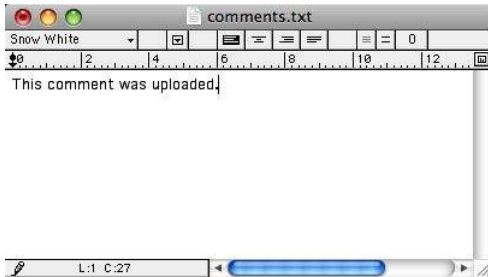
Sample files included in the download include:

- grades.csv - Contains participants' names & grades, can be imported into spreadsheet software
- Participant folders which contain:
 - * comments.txt - Text file that you can view or add comments to for upload
 - * Feedback attachments(s) folder - View the feedback attachments you added / add for upload
 - * feedbacktext.html - Text file that you can view or add feedback text to for upload (seen in web editor)
 - * participant's _submissionText.html - Submission of participant's inline content
 - * Submission Attachment(s) - Folder that contains participant's attached files
 - * timestamp.txt - Text file with submission's timestamp

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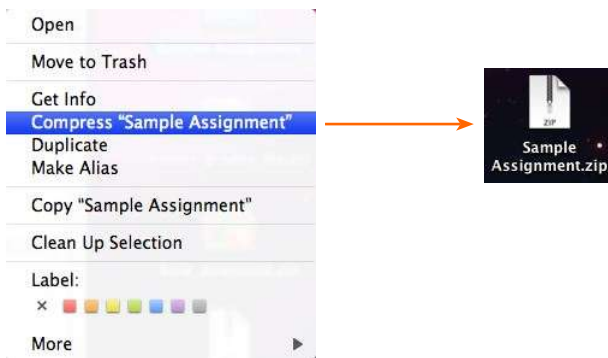
Assignments Tool - Grading Assignments - Upload All

You can just use these files to view and evaluate or you can also use some of the files to grade or provide feedback to participants - this involves using the "Upload All" function. For instance, you can use the csv file and import it into a spreadsheet program to add grades. Another example is to add comments or feedback. For example, double-click the comments.txt file, which will open in a text editor. You can add a comment in the file, then save it:



After you finish viewing, evaluating, and editing the files you want for each participants, it is time to prepare it for upload. It is important that even though you can edit the files, don't change the file structure of the original downloaded folder.

Right-click on the assignment folder (or control click for MacOSX) and select to zip the folder (it may be listed as "compress" or "archive"):



You will use this newly created zip archive file to upload into Laulima.

Return to the assignments tool and click the "Grades" link under the assignment you want to upload into. In the assignment grade summary area, click the "Upload All" link:



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Assignments Tool - Grading Assignments - Upload All (cont'd)

You will now be in the "Upload All" section:

Upload All
Select an archive file to upload, choose options, and then click 'Upload' at the bottom. Required items marked with *

The archive file should contain a folder for each student. [Download Template](#) Each folder can contain a comments.txt file, the student's submission with instructor comments you have added, and other files you want to return with the student's submission.

File: /Users/test/Desktop/Sam **Browse...**

1 Click "Browse..." and select the zip file to upload

2 Check the item(s) you have updated

a Option: You can choose to release the results

3 Click "Upload" button

Note: "Download Template" link is the same as the "Download All" link from pg. 09

1 You have selected the archive file for uploading. Files contained in the archive will be uploaded to the corresponding student submission for the assignment.

Choose which elements in the archive file to upload

- Student submission text (original student submitted text, possibly containing instructor added comments)
- Student submission attachment(s)
- Grade file (grades.csv file at top level of archive)
- Feedback text (the inline comments with student submission)
- Feedback comments (comments.txt file if available in student's folder. Comments are put into the Instructor Comments field for each student's submission)
- Feedback attachment(s)

Select release option

- Release uploaded information to students
- Do not release uploaded information - I'll release it later

Upload **Cancel**

After uploading the file, the changes should be reflected in the edited submissions:

Instructor Comments
Use the box below to enter additional summary comments about this submission.

This comment was uploaded.

Previous Feedback Comment
Graded Date: Mar 22, 2009 10:51 pm
Now you are ready for the assignments in the course.

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Assignments Tool - Gradebook Integration

If you have the Gradebook tool in your toolset, you will see extra options when you are adding/editing an assignment:

Grading

- Do not add assignment to Gradebook
- Add Assignment to Gradebook

If you want the assignment's grades to show up in the Gradebook, select the "Add Assignment to Gradebook" radio button

Submission Notification Email Options:

- Do not send me notification emails for any student submissions
- Send me a notification email for each student submission
- Send me one email per day summarizing notifications for student submissions

Attachments

No attachments yet

Add Attachments

Post Preview Cancel

If you have added items to the Gradebook manually, you will also have the option of adding the assignment's grades to that Gradebook entry:

Grading

- Do not add assignment to Gradebook
- Add Assignment to Gradebook
- Associate with existing Gradebook entry

Selecting "Associate with existing Gradebook entry" will bring up a popup of available Gradebook entries.

Gradebook Integration Considerations

In general, choosing "Add Assignment to Gradebook" is the simplest option because you can enter and edit assignment grades in one place (in the Assignments tool), and they will display both there and in the Gradebook. If you use "Associate with existing Gradebook entry", and want to edit settings, you must make the changes in both the Assignments and Gradebook tool. The upside to this is that you can use the Gradebook to override an assignment grade, though the change won't be reflected in the Assignments tool as you must manually change the scores in both Gradebook and Assignments (see online Help for more details on this).

If you do choose to add the assignment to the Gradebook, you will see that the score is from the Assignments tool in italics (a hint that you need to edit the score there) under the Grade editor column:

Gradebook

Gradebook Items | All Grades | Course Grades | Gradebook Setup | Course Grade Options | Import Grades | Publish

Gradebook Items

Currently, students can see their gradebook Item scores, but not their course grade. [Change course grade options.](#)

[Add Gradebook Item](#) [Import gradebook item from spreadsheet](#)

Average Course Grade A+ (100%)

Gradebook Items Summary

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Laulima: Assignments Tool & Drop Box Tool

Drop Box Tool Overview

The Drop Box tool allows the instructor/maintainer to share files with participants privately. The Drop Box works in a similar way to the Resources Tool. Participants can edit files in their drop box freely.

Since the Drop Box tool does not come default with a workspace, you will need to add the tool by going to the Site Info tool, then clicking "Edit Tools". Check the box next to the Drop Box listing, then scroll down and click to "Continue".

Anatomy of the Drop Box Tool

When you access the Drop Box Tool, you will notice that it resembles the Resources tool. It also functions much like the Resources tool, so if you know that tool, the Drop Box will be familiar to you.

Participants in the workspace will also have folders automatically added to the Drop Box when the tool is added. Instructor/maintainer-level users will not have folders created for them.

The screenshot shows the Drop Box tool interface. At the top, there is a "Site Resources" section with a link "Upload-Download Multiple Resources" annotated as "Link to WebDAV information". Below this is the "Location: Overview of Laulima Drop Box" section. A "Copy | Remove" link is present. A dropdown menu "Highlight individual dropboxes with recent changes: 1 day" is annotated as "Add pop-up (pg. 13)". The main table lists folders: "Overview of Laulima Drop Box", "Parcon, Matt", and "Sakai, Yoda". Each folder has an "Add" and "Actions" dropdown menu. The "Overview of Laulima Drop Box" folder is annotated as "Main Drop Box Action pop-up". The "Parcon, Matt" folder is annotated as "Participant Drop Box Action pop-up". The table columns are "Title", "Access", "Created By", "Modified", and "Size". The "Sakai, Yoda" folder is annotated as "Participant folders". The "Modified" column is annotated as "Last modified" and the "Size" column as "Number of items".

Drop Box Tool - Add Pop-up Menu

The Add pop-up menu is to the right of each folder in the Drop Box and will add what you select to the folder it is associated with. The Add options are the same for both the tool-level and participants-level folders.

Upload Files	Upload Files - Upload file(s) from your computer
Create Folders	Create Folders - Create folders within a folder to organize items
Add Web Links (URLs)	Add a web link in a Drop Box folder
Add Citation List	Add a citation list file in a Drop Box folder
Create HTML Page	Create a web page (with simple formatting)
Create Text Document	Create a text file (just text, no formatting)

Sample usage of "Upload Files" to Drop Box

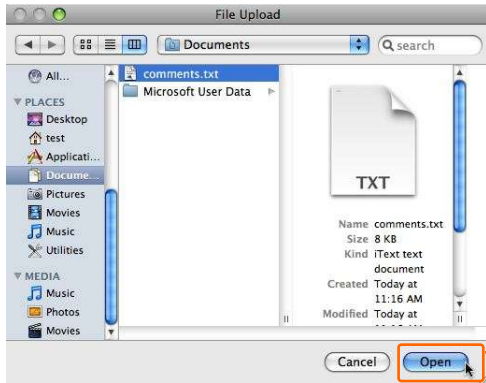
To the right of the Participant's folder, click the Actions pop-up menu and choose "Upload Files"

The screenshot shows the "Add" pop-up menu for a folder. The "Upload Files" option is highlighted and annotated with a circled "1" and the text "Select 'Upload Files' from the 'Add' pop-up". The other options in the menu are "Create Folders", "Add Web Links (URLs)", "Add Citation List", "Create HTML Page", and "Create Text Document".

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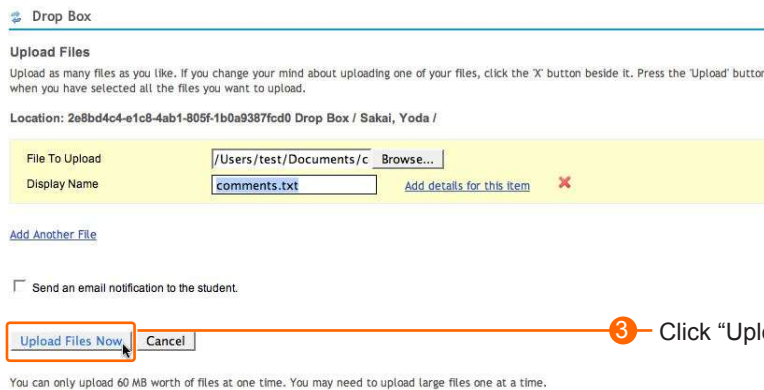
Drop Box Tool - Add Pop-up Menu - Sample usage of "Upload Files" to Drop Box

Navigate your computer to find the file. It is recommended you name your files in an "internet safe" way, that is, no spaces and no odd non alphabetical or numerical characters in it's name. Also having the type tag (eg. .txt, .html, .doc, .pdf, etc) is helpful to the recipient.



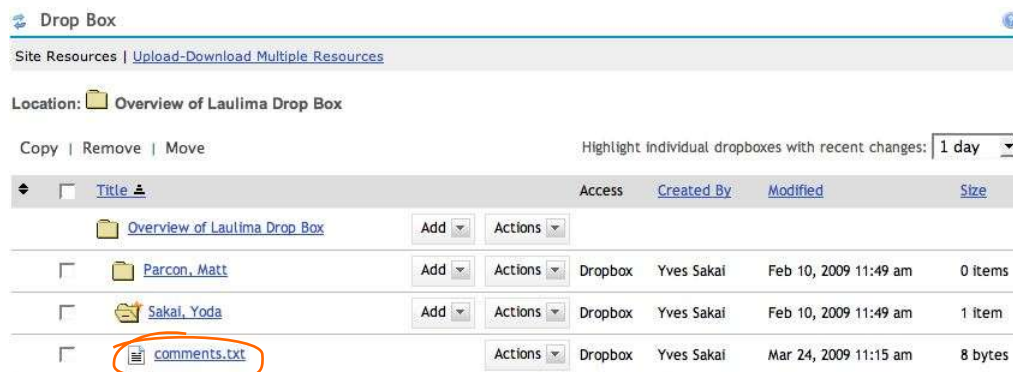
2 Navigate to your file in the window that opens, select it, then OK it

You are now ready to upload the file(s) or you can upload another file by using the "Add Another File" link.



3 Click "Upload Files Now" button

The file will be uploaded into the participant's folder. Only the participant and you (or those with the instructor/maintain role) have access to this file.



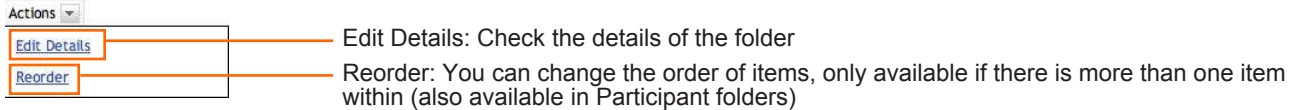
Note that since the folder was modified recently, there is an orange asterisk (*) on the folder to indicate this. Clicking on the folder name will take you into the folder, but clicking on the folder icon, will show the files listed under it (see image above). If there are items in the folder there will be a "+" on it when closed, or a "-" on it when open.

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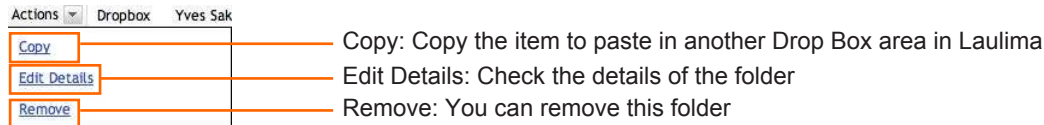
Drop Box Tool - Actions Pop-up Menu

The "Actions" pop-up menu is located to the right of any folder and file. The options are slightly different for different items (main folder, participant folder, different file types, etc).

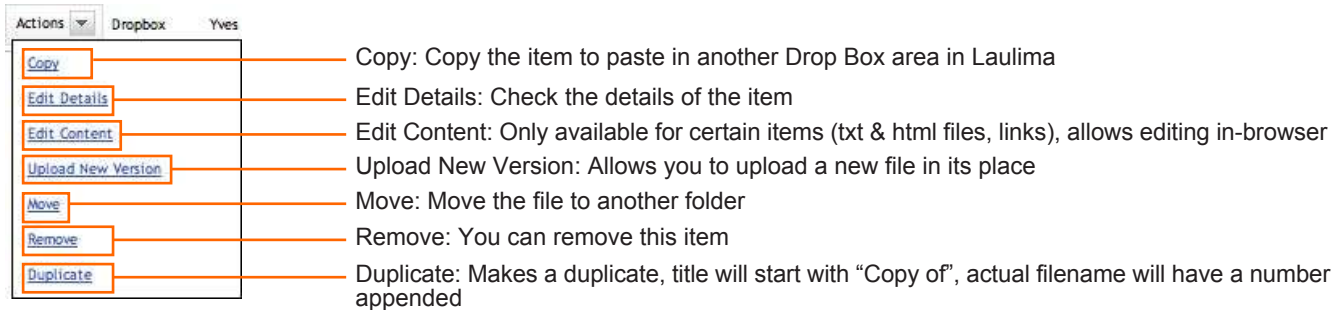
Main Drop Box folder Actions pop-up



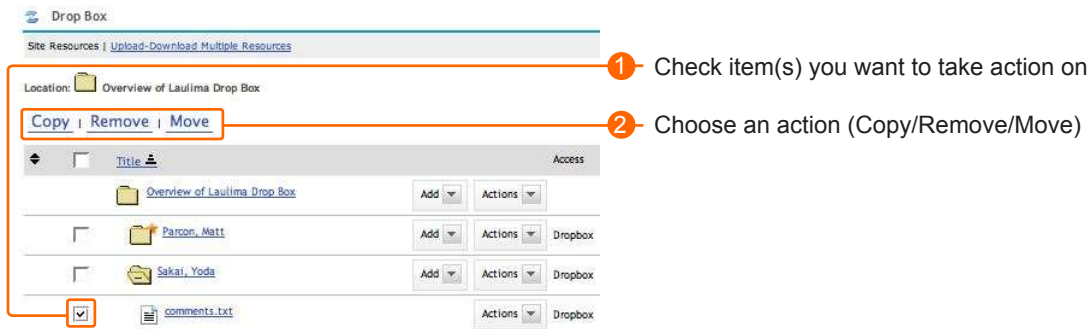
Participant Drop Box folder Actions pop-up



Participant Drop Box item Actions pop-up



There are also shortcut links for common actions above the folder listings. You can use these to take action on more than one folder/file at once:



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Drop Box Tool - Upload-Download Multiple Resources

Clicking the "Upload-Download Multiple Resources" link in the Drop Box tool, gives you information on how to set up a WebDAV connection to your Drop Box. Participants can also use this option.

The screenshot shows the 'Drop Box' interface. At the top, there are two links: 'Site Resources' and 'Upload-Download Multiple Resources'. The latter is highlighted with an orange box and a line pointing to a text label on the right: "Upload-Download Multiple Resources" link. Below the links, the page title is 'Upload-Download Multiple Resources'. Underneath, it says 'WebDAV access to this site' and provides a SiteID: '2e8bd4c4-e1c8-4ab1-805f-1b0a9387fcd0'. A paragraph explains that each Sakai site has a Site ID and that this ID is needed for WebDAV connections. Below this, it states: 'To access the resources in this site through a WebDAV client, you will use the following URL:' followed by a URL in a text box: 'https://laulima.hawaii.edu/dav/group-user/2e8bd4c4-e1c8-4ab1-805f-1b0a9387fcd0'. A line points from this URL to a text label on the right: 'Copy the site's unique Drop Box WebDAV address to use for setting up your WebDAV connection'. Below the URL, there are links for 'Setting up a WebDAV client on your computer' and a 'Description' section with links for Windows XP, Windows Vista, Mac OS 10.0-10.3, and Mac OS 10.4.

About WebDAV

WebDAV stands for "Web-based Distributed Authoring and Versioning". WebDAV can be used to manage files (eg. upload/download) on remote web servers (eg. Laulima). The interface is similar to having an external hard drive/flash drive attached to your computer, allowing you to drag multiple files to the server.

For more information on WebDAV see: <http://webdav.org>

Depending on the version of Windows (2000, XP, Vista) being used, access WebDAV may differ. However, the process of creating the connection will be very similar. This document will reference Windows XP for when regarding a Windows setup. Note: using WebDAV with Windows Vista requires the "Software Update for Web Folders (KB907306)" update from Microsoft:

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=17C36612-632E-4C04-9382-987622ED1D64&displaylang=en>

Macintosh users can also use WebDAV. WebDAV has been built in to the operating system since MacOS version 10.2 (Jaguar) and can be used via "Go -> Connect to Server...". Older versions of the operating systems (you can also use this with new systems) can download Goliath (<http://www.webdav.org/goliath>). Macintosh 10.5 (Leopard) changed the way that WebDAV was implemented, if you have issues with the built in WebDAV services, you may want to try Cyberduck (<http://cyberduck.ch>).

The basic process:

1. Go to the Drop Box tool you want to set up the connection for, then click the "Upload-Download Multiple Resources" link
2. Copy the WebDAV address for the Drop Box
3. Launch WebDAV software/open WebDAV connection
4. Create WebDAV connection using the Drop Box WebDAV address information
5. Drag and drop files to and from your computer and the Drop Box

For more information:

The "Upload-Download Multiple Resources" link in the Drop Box has more detailed information on using WebDAV. The TALENT web page (<http://www.hawaii.edu/talent>) also has tutorials and reference manuals on WebDAV and the Resources tool which uses the same technique.

