

Using Wimba Voice Direct in your WebCT Course



Voice Direct allows you to hold a “conference call” via a computer and over the Internet (or a local network). It’s much like a chat room, but with one-way or two-way audio capabilities as well. You can create as many conferences as you like. People can enter and leave it as they please. Also, all conferences can be archived for future consultation.

Adding Voice Direct to WebCT

1. In your WebCT course, click Add Page or Tool.
2. Choose Voice Direct.
3. Complete the form – number one is the title that will appear with the icon, number two is the title and description that will appear when students click on the icon.
4. Click Add.

Release a Voice Direct Tool to Specific Students Only

1. In Designer Options, click on the Voice Direct Tool you would like to limit to certain students.
2. Scroll down to the Selective Release options.
3. Click Select for the student list.
4. Select the students you would like to have access to the Voice Direct tool.
5. Click Update, then click Update again.

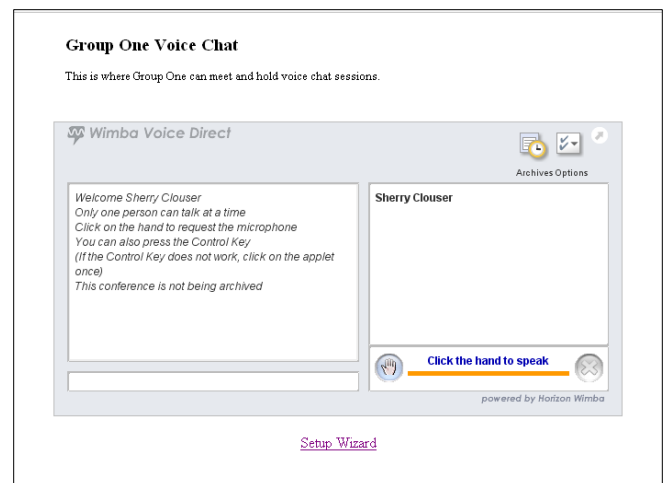
The screenshot shows the 'Designer Options' form for adding a 'Voice Direct' tool. The form is titled 'Add Voice Direct' and contains the following fields and options:

- 1. Enter a title for this item: [Text input field]
- 2. Voice Direct settings
 - Title: [Text input field with 'Voice Direct' entered]
 - Description: [Text input field]
 - Audio quality: [Dropdown menu with 'Basic Quality (Telephone quality) - 8 kbit/s - Modem usage' selected]
 - Archive sessions
- 3. Decide where to show the link to this item.
 - On the Course Menu, visible on all pages. Link will appear as text.
 - On an Organizer Page: [Dropdown menu with 'Homepage' selected]
 - Link shows item title
 - Link shows icon (select below)
 - Use default icon
 - Use custom icon
 - Choose icon: [Text input field] [Browse... button]
- 4. Add this item to your course.

Buttons: [Add] [Cancel]

Using Voice Direct in WebCT

1. In the View tab, click on the Voice Direct icon you would like to use.
2. Click on the Setup Wizard icon to make sure your computer is ready to use Voice Direct.
3. Click the Hand icon to speak, or to wait for your turn.
4. Click the X icon to release the microphone.
5. Click the Options button to start or stop an archive.
6. Click the Archives button to listen to past archives.



Voice Direct Archives

1. Course designers and students have access to the Voice Direct archives. To view the archives, click the Archives icon.
2. Students may click on an archive and listen using the player below. They can also save individual messages from the archives.
3. Course designers may listen to archives and may also export individual messages or complete archives.
4. Course designers may delete items from the archives or forward them using regular e-mail.

