

WebLearn: Surveys and Polls



Purpose

WebLearn offers two tools for eliciting feedback from students, the *Survey tool* and the *Polls tool*. A *survey* can be used to obtain feedback from students on the quality of teaching in tutorials, a lecture series or course module. A *poll* can be used to gather opinions from any defined group of WebLearn users. Such electronic tools offer a convenient means for gathering responses that is often easier, more reliable and more secure than using pen and paper.

Add an item:

Drag your items up and down to reorder them, or change their number in the drop-down lists. Click 'save' to save your changes.

<input type="text" value="1"/>	Overall was the course useful?	Multiple Choice Question - Vertical	<input type="button" value="Search"/>	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
<input type="text" value="2"/>	On a scale of ten, how would you rate the course?	Multiple Choice Question - Full	<input type="button" value="Search"/>	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
<input type="text" value="3"/>	What aspects (if any) of the course were particularly useful/helpful?	Free Text/Essay Question	<input type="button" value="Search"/>	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
<input type="text" value="4"/>	What aspects (if any) of the course were NOT useful/helpful?	Free Text/Essay Question	<input type="button" value="Search"/>	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
<input type="text" value="5"/>	What improvements/inclusions to the course would you recommend?	Free Text/Essay Question	<input type="button" value="Search"/>	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
<input type="text" value="6"/>	Would you recommend the course to others?	Multiple Choice Question - Vertical	<input type="button" value="Search"/>	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
<input type="text" value="7"/>	Other general comments about the course...	Free Text/Essay Question	<input type="button" value="Search"/>	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>

Description

Features of the *Survey* and *Polls* tools:

- Surveys and polls are anonymous by design.
- Various question types are available: rating scales, multiple choice, free text/essay, heading/instruction, as well as a pool of suggested existing questions.
- Online questionnaires can be completed at times and locations of the respondents' own choosing. For students, this often means that they are prepared to take more care over responding to the questions than in their rush to leave at the end of a lecture.

- Respondents can move back and forth to review and change their answers before submitting the completed survey. They may also exit at any time and continue later.
- Survey responses are collated automatically and dynamically. Frequencies and percentages are presented in a .PDF report and the data can be exported for further analysis.

Ways of using these tools

- **Course evaluation questionnaires.** Build a *survey* for students to use anonymously for course, lecturer or tutor evaluation, feedback and review.
- **Data gathering.** The *Survey tool* can be used gather data for research purposes, or for general data gathering, such as dietary preferences or satisfaction surveys. Surveys can be delivered to the public by providing the relevant URL.
- **Voting on course activities.** Use a WebLearn *poll* to elicit student opinion on activities and content in your course and what alternatives they might prefer.
- **Canvassing opinion.** The *Polls* tool can be used to gather any type of feedback or to canvas opinion. Opinions can be garnered from colleagues across the university who are not often at the same physical location.

Learn More

WebLearn: Step-by-step guides:

<http://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/info>

Other online survey tools:

SurveyShare: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/>

SurveyMonkey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/>

List of polling and survey tools:

<http://www.c4lpt.co.uk/Directory/Tools/forms.html>

Access

To be able to use the *Survey* and the *Polls tools* in WebLearn, you need to have an Oxford (Single Sign-on) account and a WebLearn site. You need to have the *maintain* or *contribute* role (in order to create, edit and publish surveys and polls, and view the results), or the *access* role (to participate in a survey, or vote in a poll).

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<http://www.oucs.ox.ac.uk/crt/resources.xml>

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