

Laulima Faculty Tutorials From ITS, UHM

Using the Blog Wow! Tool

Blog Wow!

As an instructor you can add the Blog tool or the Blog Wow! tool to a course for students to use as a vehicle for expressing ones comments and promoting conversation/interaction amongst peers based on a course topics. Depending on the permissions set by the instructor, students can create their own blogs or just edit/add comments to a blog.

A Blog, much like a Wiki is a system of posting, editing and managing a collection of hypertext pages usually dealing with a topic or purpose.

This tutorial covers:

- creating a new blog
- adding images
- adding links
- adding comments to another users blog
- editing your blog profile

To Begin:

Login to Laulima and go into your course that you would like to have the Blog Wow! tool added. Add the Blog Wow! tool.



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Blogger

1. When you add the Blog Wow! tool, you must first set the permissions on what the students, TAs, as well as yourself as the instructor can do in the tool.



All the blogs

Blogger	Entries	Last Update
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2. By default none of the permissions are set.

The screenshot shows the 'Permissions' configuration page for 'Laulima workshop Tue'. It features a table with columns for various permissions and rows for different roles. Below the table are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons. Four callout boxes with arrows point to specific permission checkboxes for the 'Student' role: 'Users can create new entries' (pink), 'Write and add their own entries' (blue), 'Read other users entries' (green), and 'Comment on other users entries' (orange).

Role	create	entry.write	entry.write.any	entry.read	entry.read.any	comments.add	comments.remove.any
Instructor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
Student	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teaching Assistant	<input type="checkbox"/>						

Save Cancel

Users can create new entries

Write and add their own entries

Read other users entries

Comment on other users entries

Adding a new Blog

1. Once your permissions are set, and you have enabled users to write their own blogs, you can begin adding new blogs.

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Blogger	Entries	Last Updated
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4. Once you have entered all the content, click on "Publish entry" and your blog will be posted.

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 My First Blog

Jul 17, 2008

This is my first blog entry for this site

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This user has not edited their profile text yet.

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Adding an image

Images can also be added to blogs.

1. If you have an image that you would like to add to your blog, you must first upload it to your Resources folder, or know the URL link if it is posted outside of the Laulima system. When using an image in your Resources folder, get the URL for your image by clicking on your file.

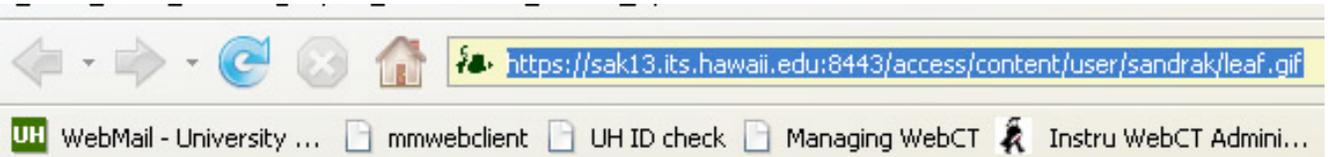
Resources

Site Resources | [Upload-Download Multiple Resources](#) | [Options](#)

Location:  My Workspace

Copy | Remove | Move

<input type="checkbox"/>	Title		Access:
<input type="checkbox"/>	 My Workspace	<input type="button" value="Add"/> <input type="button" value="Actions"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Manga 101	<input type="button" value="Add"/> <input type="button" value="Actions"/>	Public
<input type="checkbox"/>	 asia.jpg	<input type="button" value="Actions"/>	Public
<input type="checkbox"/>	 avatar_3021.gif	<input type="button" value="Actions"/>	Public
<input type="checkbox"/>	 leaf.gif	<input type="button" value="Actions"/>	Entire site



2. Once you have copied the URL for your image, go to the Blog Wow! tool and begin adding your blog. Click on the "Insert/Edit Image" icon to begin adding your image.

Add a new blog entry

Title:



Wanted to share this image with everyone.

3. Paste the URL that you copied into the URL box and click "OK".

Image Properties

Image Info | Advanced

URL

Alternative Text

Width

Height

Border

HSpace

VSpace

Align

Preview

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4. Your image should now be in your blog. When you are finished with your blog, click on the "Publish entry" to post.

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Blog with Image



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Adding a link

Links to external sites can also be added to blogs. You can share an interesting site that you have found with other users in the course by adding a link in your blog.

1. Open the web page that you would like to add to your blog in another window. Copy the URL for this web page.



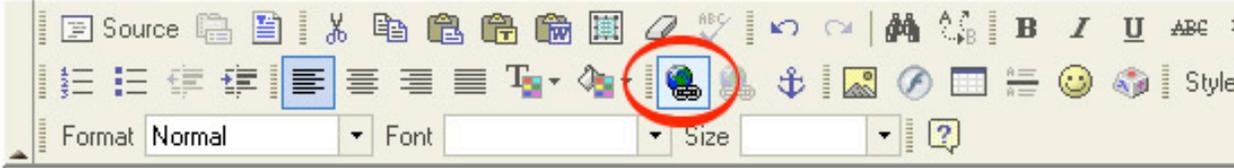
2. Begin adding your blog. Highlight the text that you would like to add the link to and click on the "Insert/Edit Link" icon.

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Add a new blog entry

Title:



I found this great site with links to different workshops provided by the University.

[Check it out.](#)

Choose who can see this entry

- Only **site administrators and I** can see this entry
- All **members of this site** can see this entry

3. Paste the URL that you copied into the URL box and click "OK".

Link

Link Info Target Advanced

Link Type
URL

Protocol URL
http:// kuhi.its.hawaii.edu/training/

Browse Server

OK Cancel

4. Your text that you highlighted should now be linked. Once you have finished editing your blog, click "Publish entry" to post.

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Adding a Comment

Users can add a comment to blogs that are viewable to other users. This feature is only available if allowed in the permissions.

Instructors can opt to be the only one who can leave comments if blogs will be used as part of an assignment.

1. On the blog that you would like to leave click on "Leave a comment" and the Leave Comment box will appear beneath that blog entry.

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Leave a comment

2. Type your comment in the box and click "Publish comment." Once the comment has been published, it will show the number of comments at the bottom of the blog.

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3. Click on the "# comments" link to view all comments for that blog.

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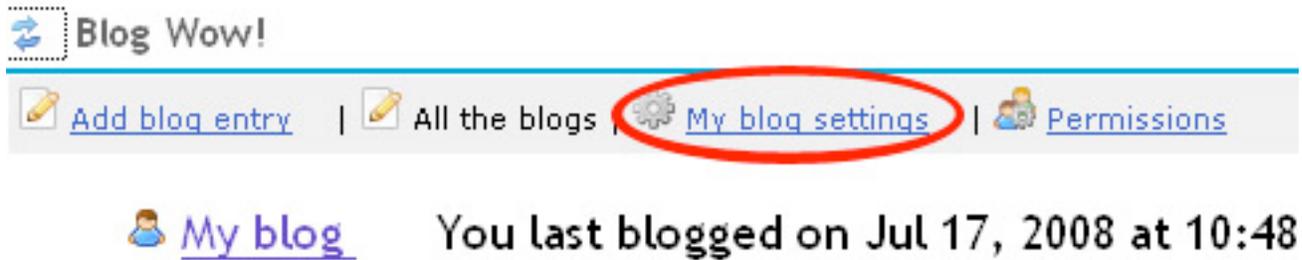
Says Brian Griffin at Jul 17, 2008 [Remove this comment](#)

I am new to blogging as well.

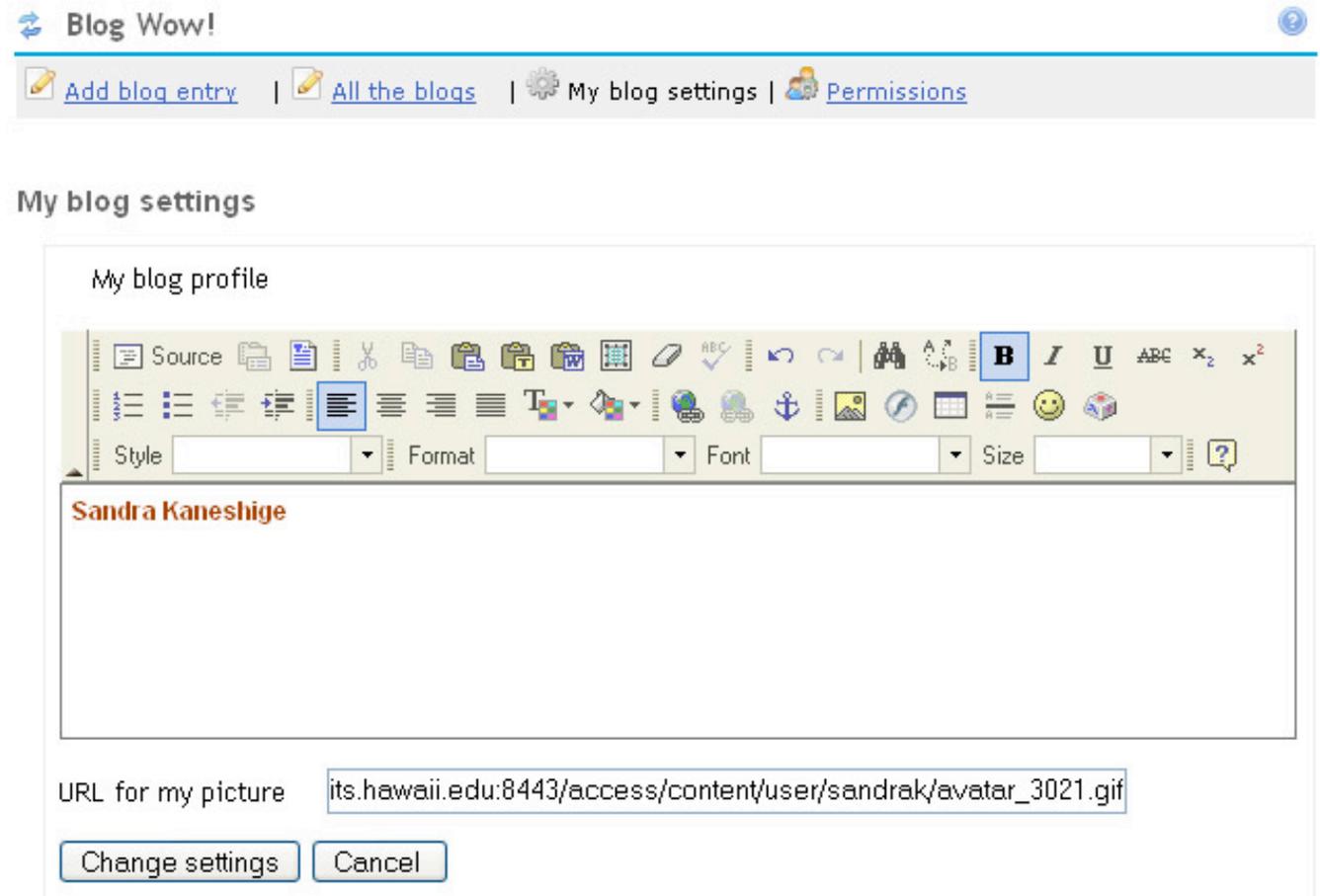
Editing your Profile

Your profile will be shown next to all your blog entries. You can add your name and an image to your profile. Students can also do this if they are enabled to create new blogs.

1. In the Blog Wow! tool, click on "My blog settings".



2. In the text editor you can put your name, nickname, and/or a short description of yourself. And following the same directions from the adding an image section of this tutorial, you can add the URL for an image if you would like to add an image.



3. When you have made all the changes, click on the "Change settings" button. Your profile should then appear when you click on your name to view your blogs.

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