

# Changes in GaVIEW

Center for Online Learning (adapted from Kings College, UK)

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# The Big Picture

- GaVIEW is not radically different from the previous version; many of the concepts you will be familiar with remain in place
- Some toolbars have been changed or moved around
- There is now more flexibility of how you can upload content, including support for drag and drop
- There are a number of time-saving enhancements and improvements to existing tools
- There are a number of new features, such as different ways the discussion tool can be used, introduction of Grading Forms. etc

# The Home Area

Used w/ permission from King's college – ours may look slightly different

The screenshot displays the Blackboard Home Area in two versions: Vista (top) and Vista 8 (bottom). The Vista version shows a 'Home Area' tab and a 'Content' tab, with a 'My Blackboard' tab highlighted. The Vista 8 version shows a 'Content Manager' tab and a 'My Settings' tab. Callouts explain that the 'Content Manager' tab is new and that 'My Settings' is also new. A yellow callout notes that the Home Area is largely unchanged between versions, with the main Course List still being the primary access point. A 'Vista' label is in a grey circle on the left, and a 'Vista 8' label is in a black circle at the bottom.

There is no 'Home Area' text link in GaVIEW so to refresh this page just click the 'My Blackboard' tab

The Content Manager tab is new – you can access your personal 'My Files' area

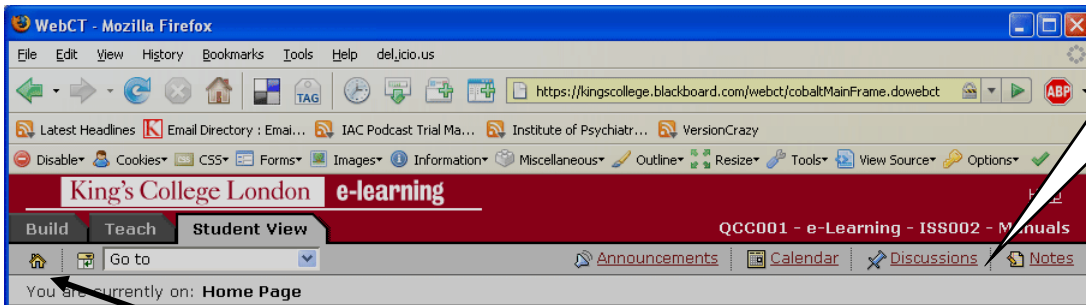
'My Settings' is new – you can set things such as your preferred time zone and choice of fonts here

As you can see, the Home Area is largely unchanged between versions, with the main Course List still the main access point to view your sections

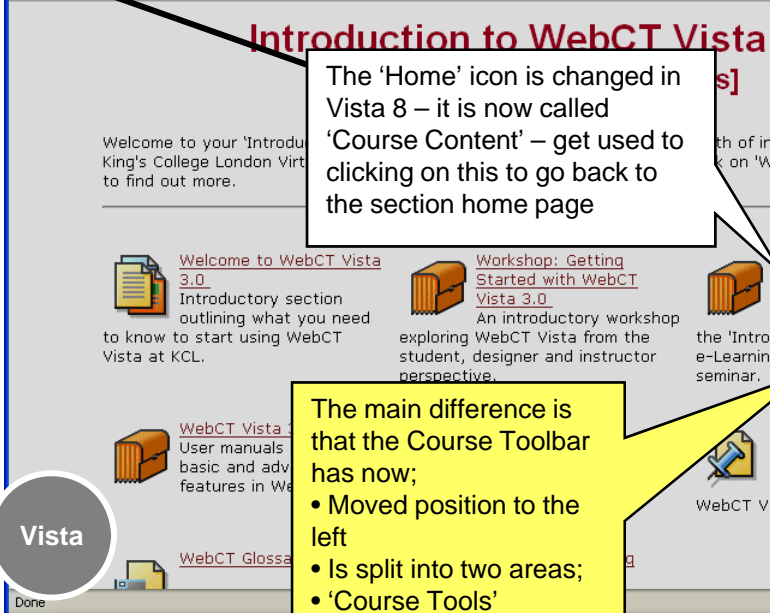
Vista

Vista 8

# Student View



This is where the Course Toolbar could be seen in Vista

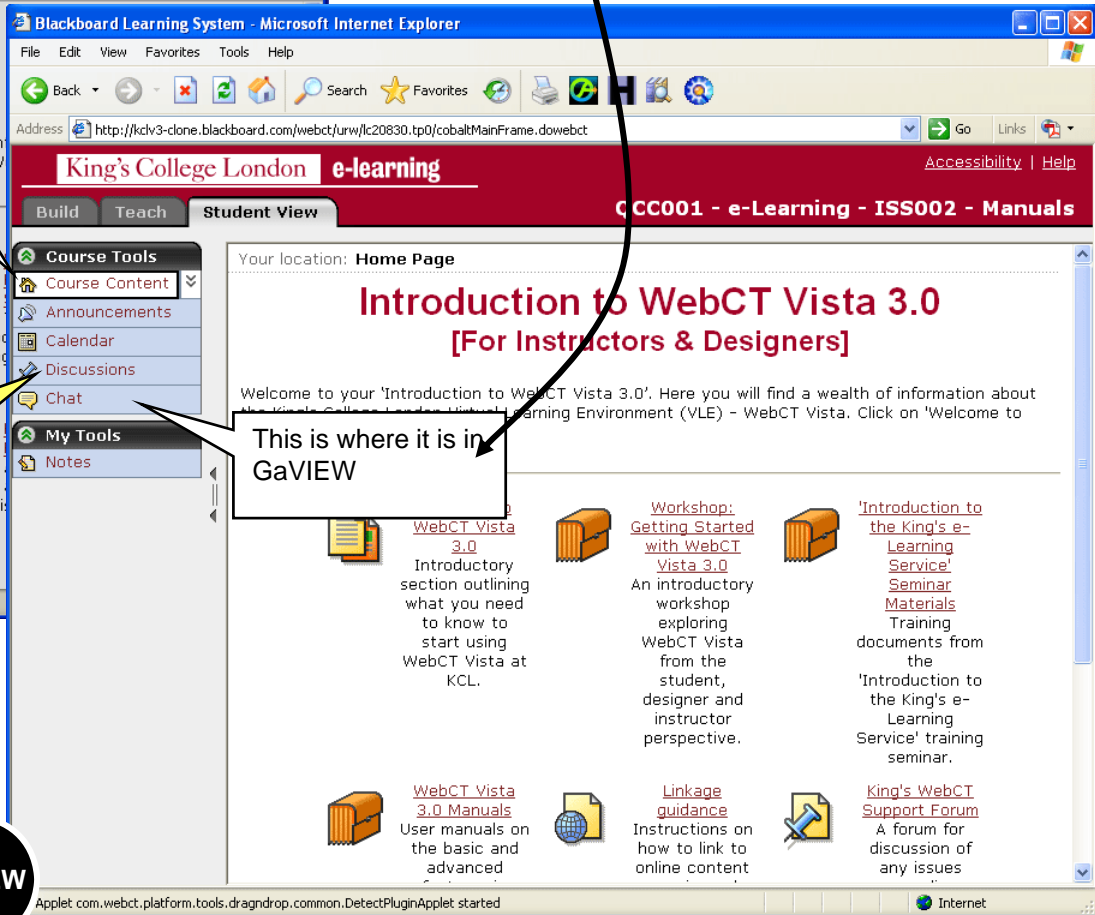


The 'Home' icon is changed in Vista 8 – it is now called 'Course Content' – get used to clicking on this to go back to the section home page

The main difference is that the Course Toolbar has now;

- Moved position to the left
- Is split into two areas;
- 'Course Tools'
- 'My Tools'

Vista



This is where it is in GaVIEW

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# Changes in Build Mode

The screenshot shows the Blackboard Learning System interface in Build Mode. The top navigation bar includes 'Build', 'Teach', and 'Student View'. Below this, there are tabs for 'Basic View', 'Power View', and 'Content Inventory'. The main content area displays 'Introduction to WebCT Vista 3.0' with various content types like 'Welcome to WebCT Vista 3.0' and 'Workshop: Getting Started with WebCT Vista 3.0'. A 'Course Tools' sidebar is visible on the left, listing various tools like 'Announcements', 'Calendar', 'Discussions', etc. A 'Designer Tools' sidebar is also present, with 'Manage Course' highlighted. Callouts explain that tools like 'Add File', 'Create Folder', and 'Add Content Link' are now found in the 'Manage Course' area. Another callout notes that 'Organizers' from Vista are now called 'Folders'. A 'Vista' label is in the bottom left, and a 'Vista 8' label is in the bottom center.

These tools can now be found in the 'Manage Course' area

Use this button to create HTML pages or upload files such as HTML, Word, PDF, Powerpoint, etc

Use this button to create or add an existing Bb Vista component – e.g. an Assessment, Assignment, Learning Module, etc

Click on these buttons and it takes you to the main page that lists all of the existing examples of that particular content type – e.g. Assessments – you can also create new ones there too.

They were called 'Organizers' in Vista, now they are called **Folders** – this is the button you use to create them

Vista

Vista 8

# Add a file to the home page or a folder

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Home Area | Help | Log out

Build Teach Student View

QCC001 - e-Learning - ISS002 - Manuals

Basic View Power View Content Inventory

File Manager Search Content Import Backup

Add to Course Toolbar: Who's Online Assessments Assignments Chat and Whiteboard More Tools

Course Toolbar: (tools always visible)

Go to

Add to Home Page

Select how you would like to add the file:

Select File

Create Content File

Go to Content Files

Discussions >>

Learning Module >>

Organizer Page >>

URL >>

Tools >>

Overview

Course Customization >>

Done

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- Assessments (H)
- Assignments (H)
- Learning Modules (H)
- Media Library (H)
- SCORM (H)
- Search (H)
- Local Content (H)
- Syllabus (H)
- Web Links (H)
- Who's Online (H)

(H) = Hidden

**Designer Tools**

- Manage Course
- File Manager
- Selective Release
- Grading Forms

javascript:showmenu('addFile','addFile',showMenuDepth,showMenuLinkType)

**Blackboard Learning System - Microsoft Internet Explorer**

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Back Forward Stop Home Search Favorites

Address http://kclv3-clone.blackboard.com/webct/urw/lc20830.tp0/c

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Build Teach Student View

Your location: Home

Add File Create Folder Add Content Link Page Options

Browse for Files

Create File

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Introductory section outlining what you need to know to start using WebCT Vista at KCL.

**Workshop: Getting Started with WebCT Vista 3.0**

An introductory workshop exploring WebCT Vista from the student, designer and instructor perspective.

**'Introduction to the King's e-Learning Service' Seminar Materials**

Training documents from the 'Introduction to the King's e-Learning Service' training seminar.

**Vista**

**GaVIEW**

To add a file so that a link to it will appear on your section's home page (or in a folder) click this button – you can either browse for a previously created one or create a new HTML format one

# Add a tool

WebCT - Mozilla Firefox

File Edit View History Bookmarks Tools Help deljcio.us

https://kingscollege.blackboard.com/webct/cobaltMainFrame.dowebct

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Add to Course Toolbar: Who's Online Assessments Assignments Chat and Whiteboard More Tools

Course Toolbar: (tools always visible) Toolbar Settings

Add to Home Page: Content File Discussions

Create Discussion Topic

Select from inventory: Ask a question for the FAQ Default Topic Keys to Success King's WebCT Support Forum

Add Selected

Go to Discussions

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ISS002 - Manuals

Your location: Home Page

Add File Create Folder Add Content Link Page Options

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Assignments >>

Chat >>

Discussions >>

Learning Module >>

Media Library Collection >>

SCORM Module >>

Syllabus >>

Web Link >>

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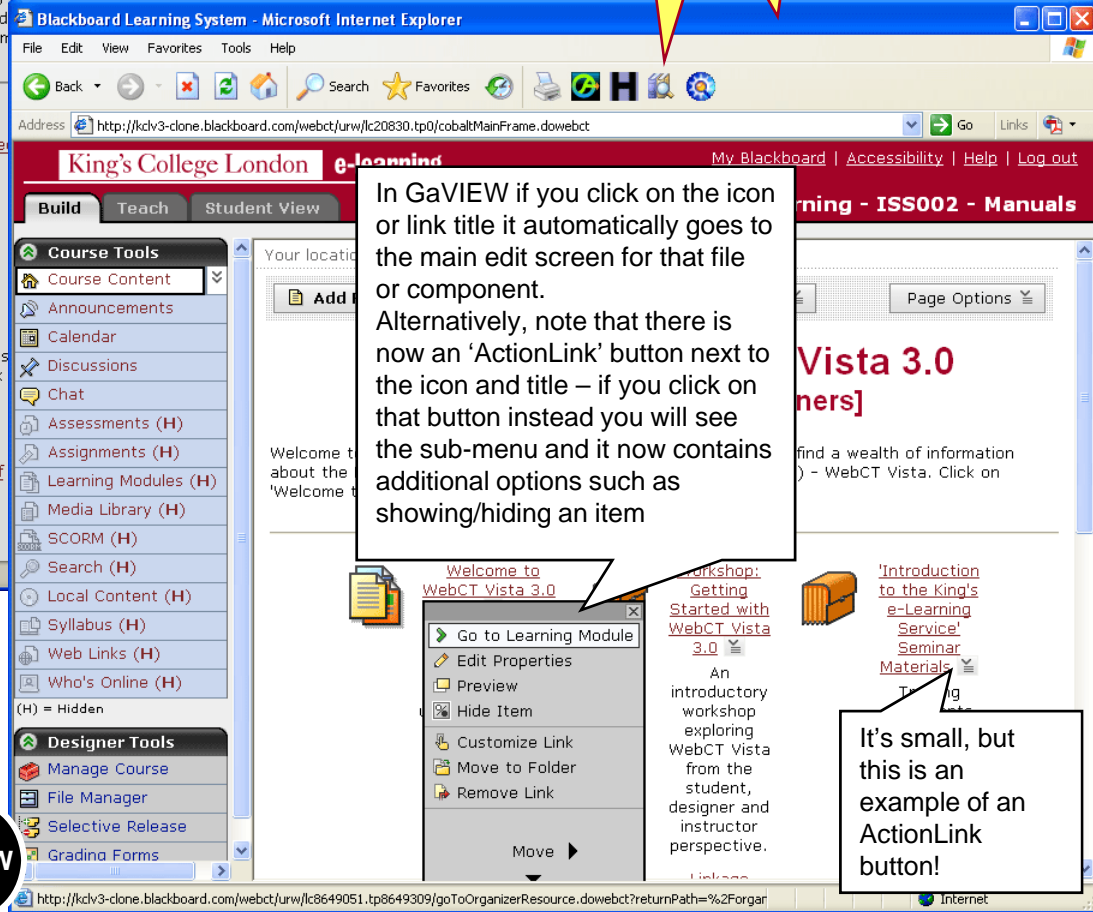
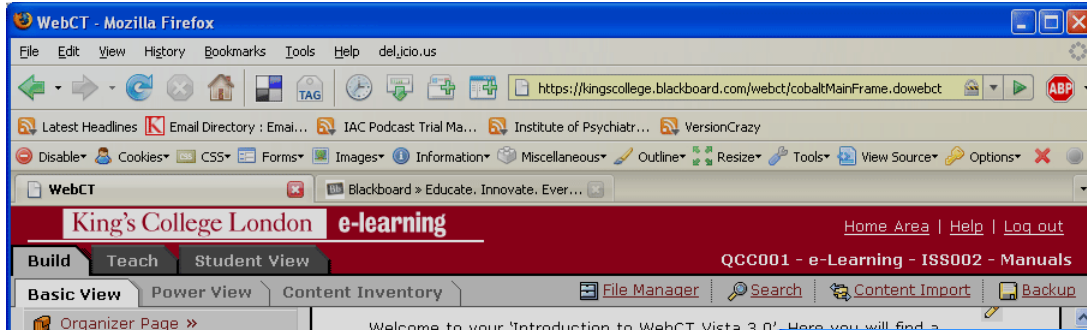
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Service Seminar Materials

Training documents from the 'Introduction to the King's e-Learning Service' instructor training seminar.

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# Edit existing content



In GaVIEW if you click on the icon or link title it automatically goes to the main edit screen for that file or component. Alternatively, note that there is now an 'ActionLink' button next to the icon and title – if you click on that button instead you will see the sub-menu and it now contains additional options such as showing/hiding an item

Vista

In Vista if you clicked on an icon or title from the home page (or in an organizer) you would see a sub-menu and you would then have to choose an action

It's small, but this is an example of an ActionLink button!



# Customize layout and appearance

WebCT - Mozilla Firefox

File Edit View History Bookmarks Tools Help del.icio.us

https://kingscollege.blackboard.com/webct/cobaltMainFrame.dowe... ABP

King's College London e-learning Home Area | Help | Log out

Build Teach Student View QCC001 - e-Learning - ISS002 - Manuals

Basic View Power View Content Inventory File Manager Search Content Import Backup

Add to Course Toolbar: Who's Online Assessments Assignments Chat and Whiteboard More Tools

Course Toolbar: (tools always visible) [Toolbar Settings](#)

Go to You are currently on: Home Page

Add to Home Page

- Content File >>
- Discussions >>
- Learning Module >>
- Organizer Page >>

Course Customization >>

Select what you would like to customize:

- Course Colors
- Icons Sets
- Page Layouts

Vista

Vista had very limited options for the customisation of page layout and colour schemes

GaVIEW has better options – they can be accessed by clicking on the 'Manage Course' button

Blackboard Learning System - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

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King's College London e-learning My Blackboard | Accessibility | Help | Log out

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Your location: Manage Course

Manage Course

- Tools**  
Determine which tools can be used in the course. You can add and remove tools as necessary.
- Course Menu**  
Modify the appearance of the course menu.
- Colors**  
Choose colors for the course.
- Course Content Icons**  
Choose an icon set for course content.
- Settings**  
Edit settings for tools.
- Import**  
Import content into the course.
- Backup**  
Back up the course for safekeeping and archiving purposes.
- Course Preview Page Setup**  
Set up the Course Preview Page for the course.
- Date Rollover**  
Adjust dates for course items.
- Course URL**  
Users can log directly into the course by using the following URL:  
http://kclv3-clone.blackboard.com/webct/logon/8649051

Course Tools

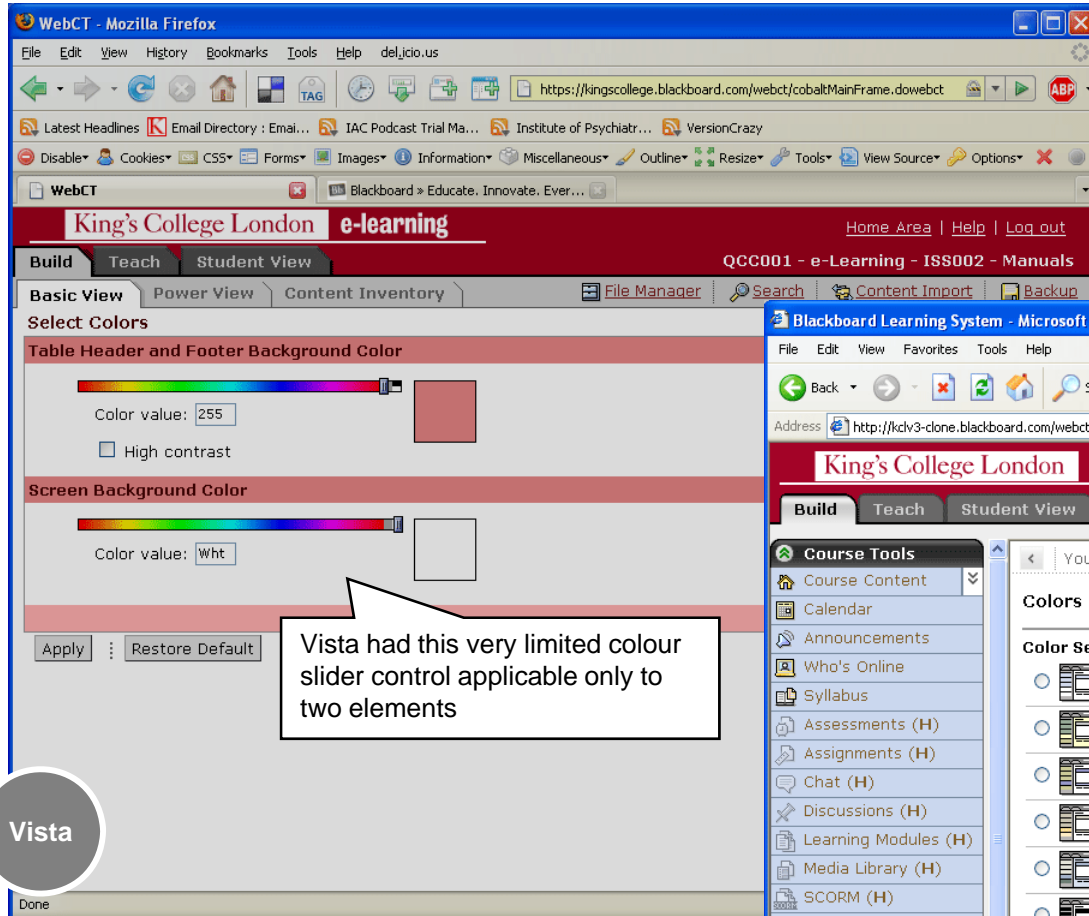
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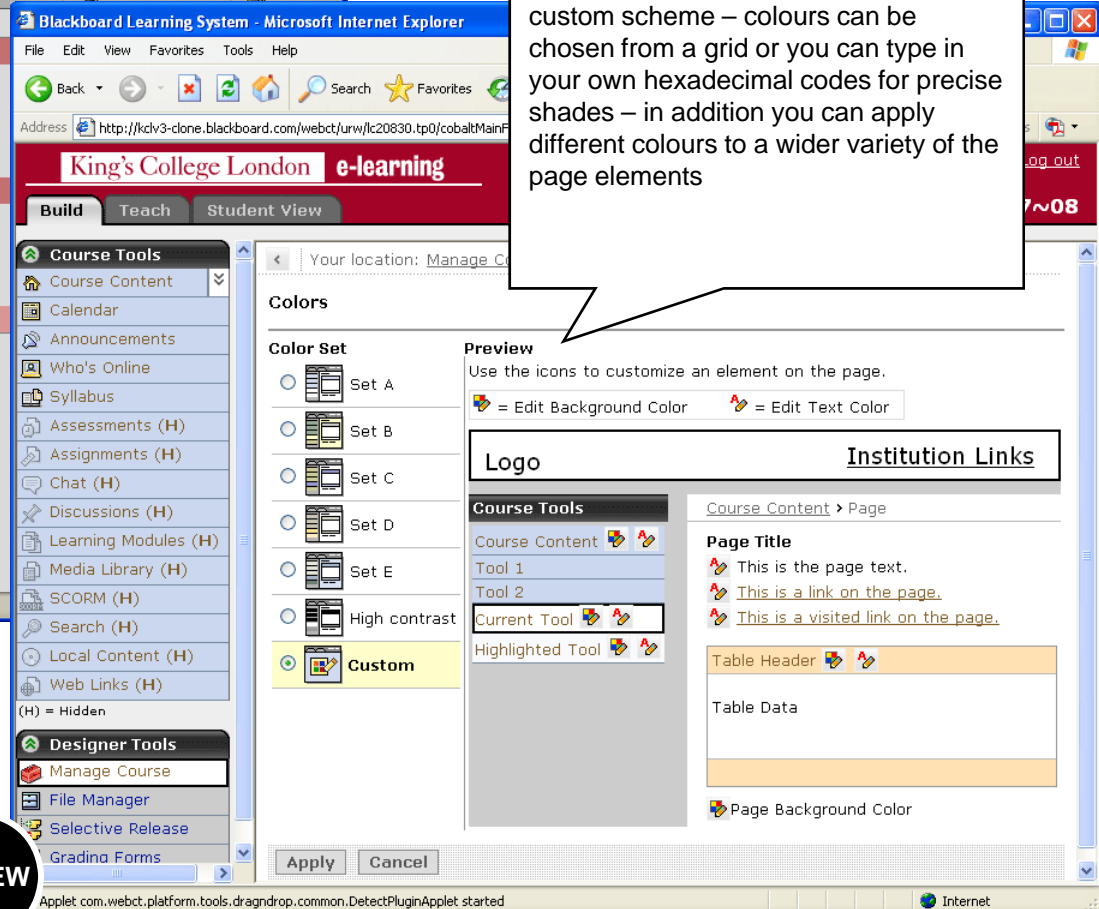
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# Change colors



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# Customize headers & page layouts

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In GaVIEW you can edit headers and footers by clicking on the Page options button in Build Mode.

There is also a 'Customize page Display' option...

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The 'Customize page Display' option allows you to set layout options and background image/colour for your home page and other Folders. As well as your own custom settings you can choose from several pre-defined templates.

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# Drag and drop files

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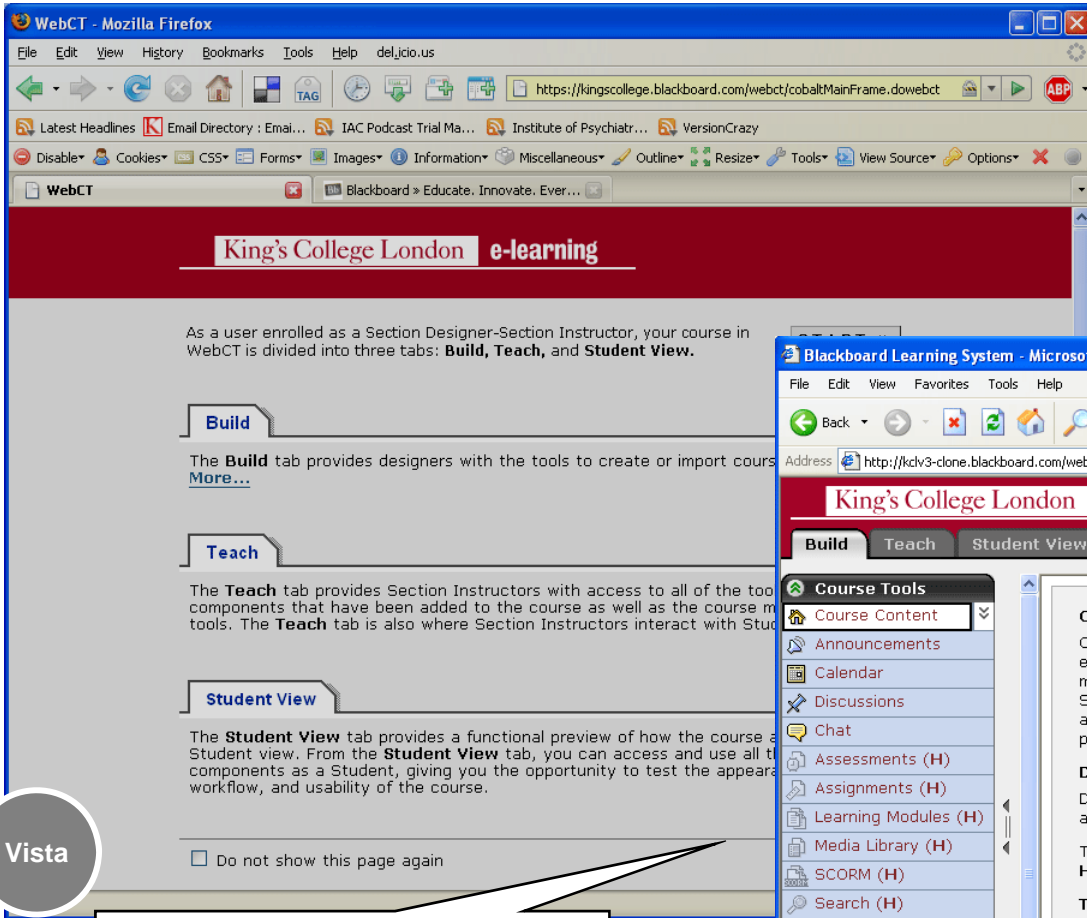
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01-orientation folder	Folder	30/10/06
02-studentexperience folder	Folder	30/10/06
04-teachingexperience folder	Folder	30/10/06
about_manuals_v1_cg_IMSWCT	Folder	31/10/06
css	Folder	15/10/06
custom-icons	Folder	19/10/06
faq	Folder	02/10/07 17:00
flash_files	Folder	30/10/06
general_images	Folder	08/09/06
images	Folder	-
Imported Resources	Folder	-
instructor_designer_manuals	Folder	-
introduction_resources	Folder	-

As well as the basic methods of adding files shown earlier, you can now go to the File Manager area and use the 'Open as Web Folder' option to drag and drop multiple files/folders from your computer straight into your Bb Vista section.

Another new feature in the File Manager – you can filter content to show only specific file types (e.g. Word, PowerPoint, PDF, etc), making it easier to locate files

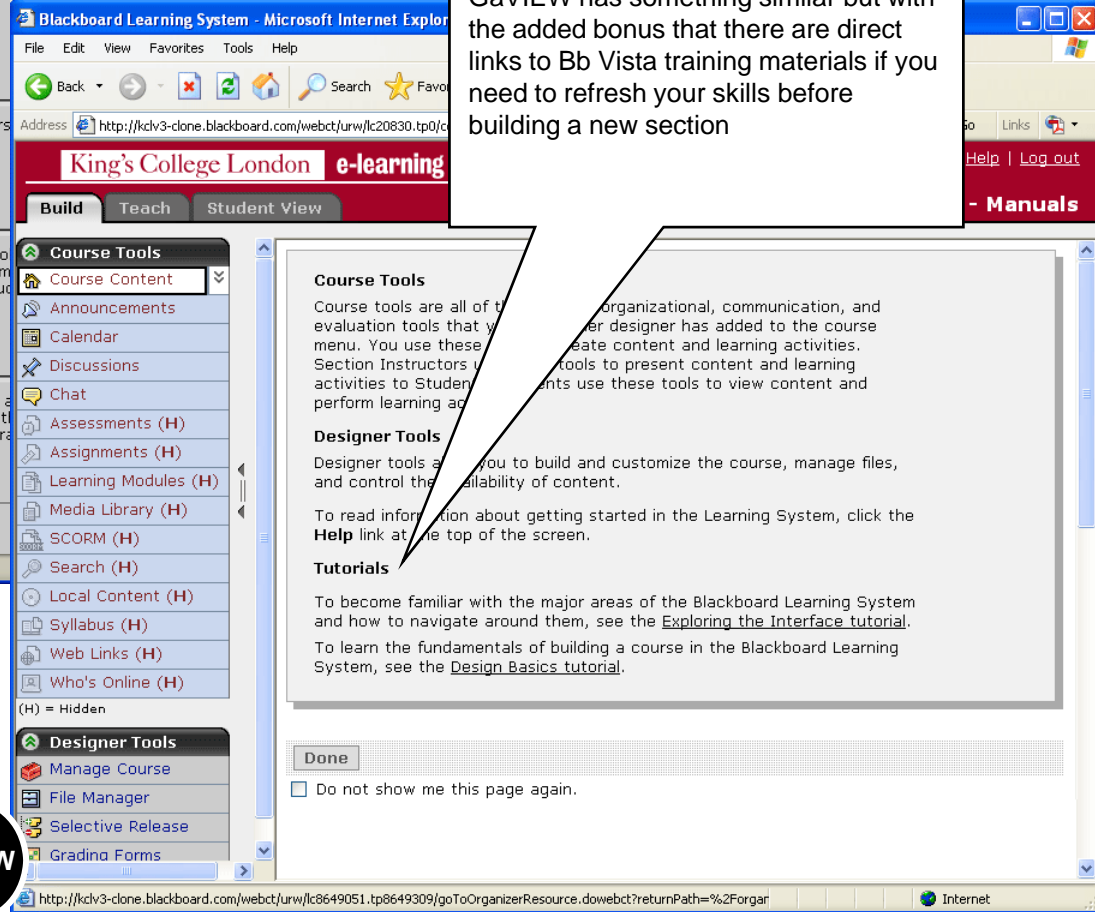
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# Easy access to tutorials



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This is the Vista start page you would always see when you get a new section allocated

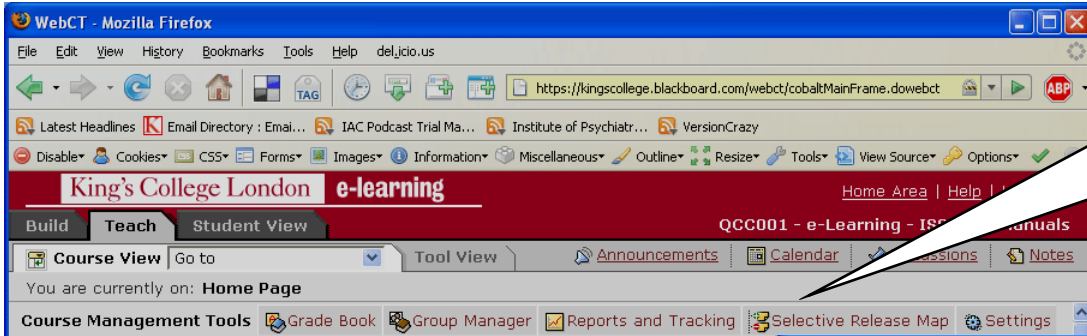


GaVIEW has something similar but with the added bonus that there are direct links to Bb Vista training materials if you need to refresh your skills before building a new section

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# Teach tab

In Vista the Course Management Tools were displayed horizontally towards the top of the page.



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[Training 'Introduction to WebCT Vista 3.0' seminar.](#)



[WebCT Vista 3.0 Manuals](#)  
User manuals on the basic and advanced features in WebCT 3.0.

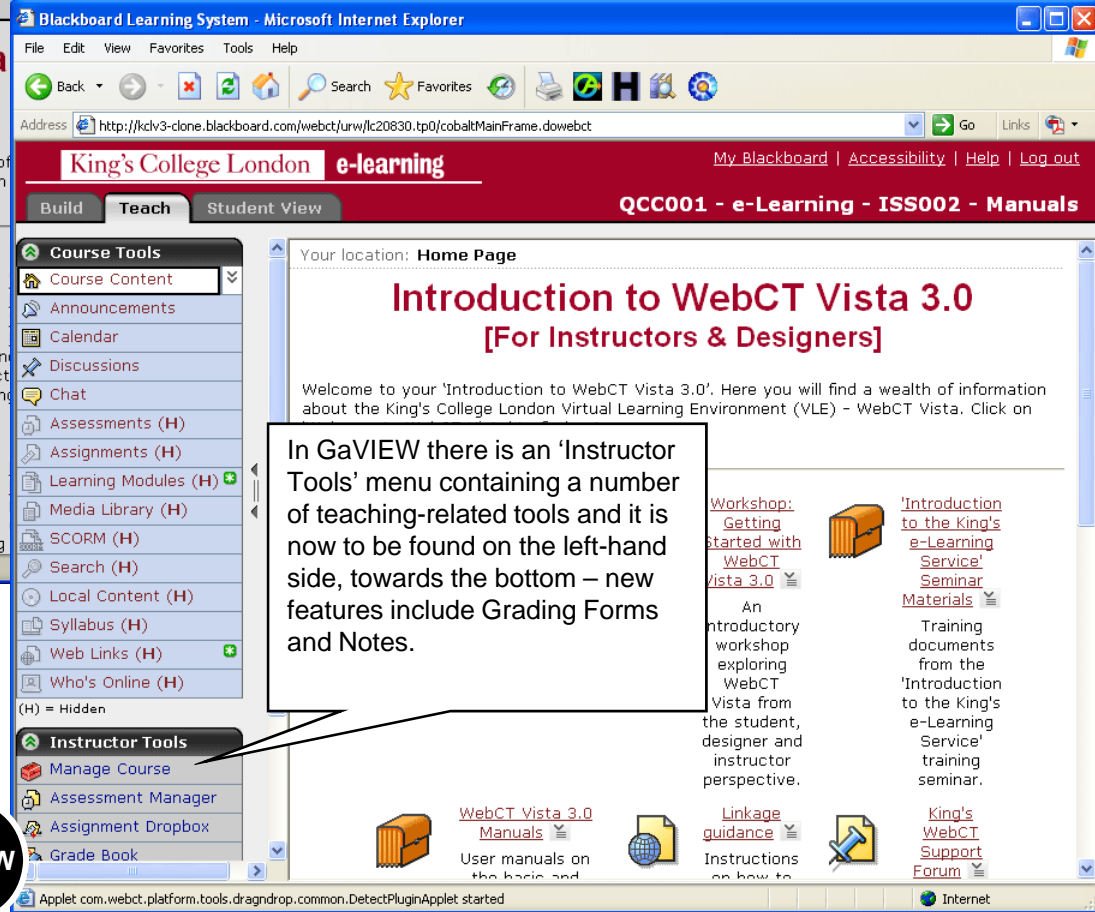


[Linkage guidance](#)  
Instructions on how to link to online content e.g. journal articles.



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Vista



In GaVIEW there is an 'Instructor Tools' menu containing a number of teaching-related tools and it is now to be found on the left-hand side, towards the bottom - new features include Grading Forms and Notes.

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# Blogs & Journals

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New features under  
Discussions:

Blogs & Journals

## Create Discussion Topic

What type of discussion topic would you like to create?

 **Threaded topic.**

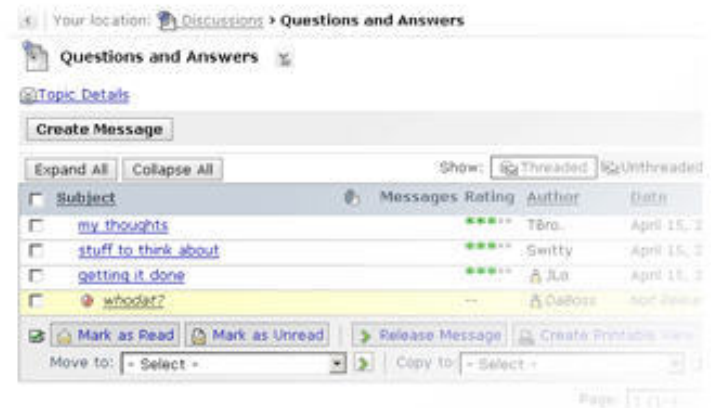
Create a threaded topic for a more traditional online discussion. Users post and reply to messages. Replies that are associated with the same post are grouped together, creating message threads that can be expanded and collapsed.

 **Blog topic.**

Create a collaborative blog (weblog) space by allowing participants to post a chronological series of entries on a particular topic. Participants can then add comments to any blog entry.

 **Journal topic.**

Create a journal topic to give Students a place for their own writing. The journals can be kept private between the Student and the Section Instructor or shared with the class.



Your location: Discussions > Questions and Answers

Questions and Answers

@Topic Details

Create Message

Expand All Collapse All Show:  Threaded  Unthreaded

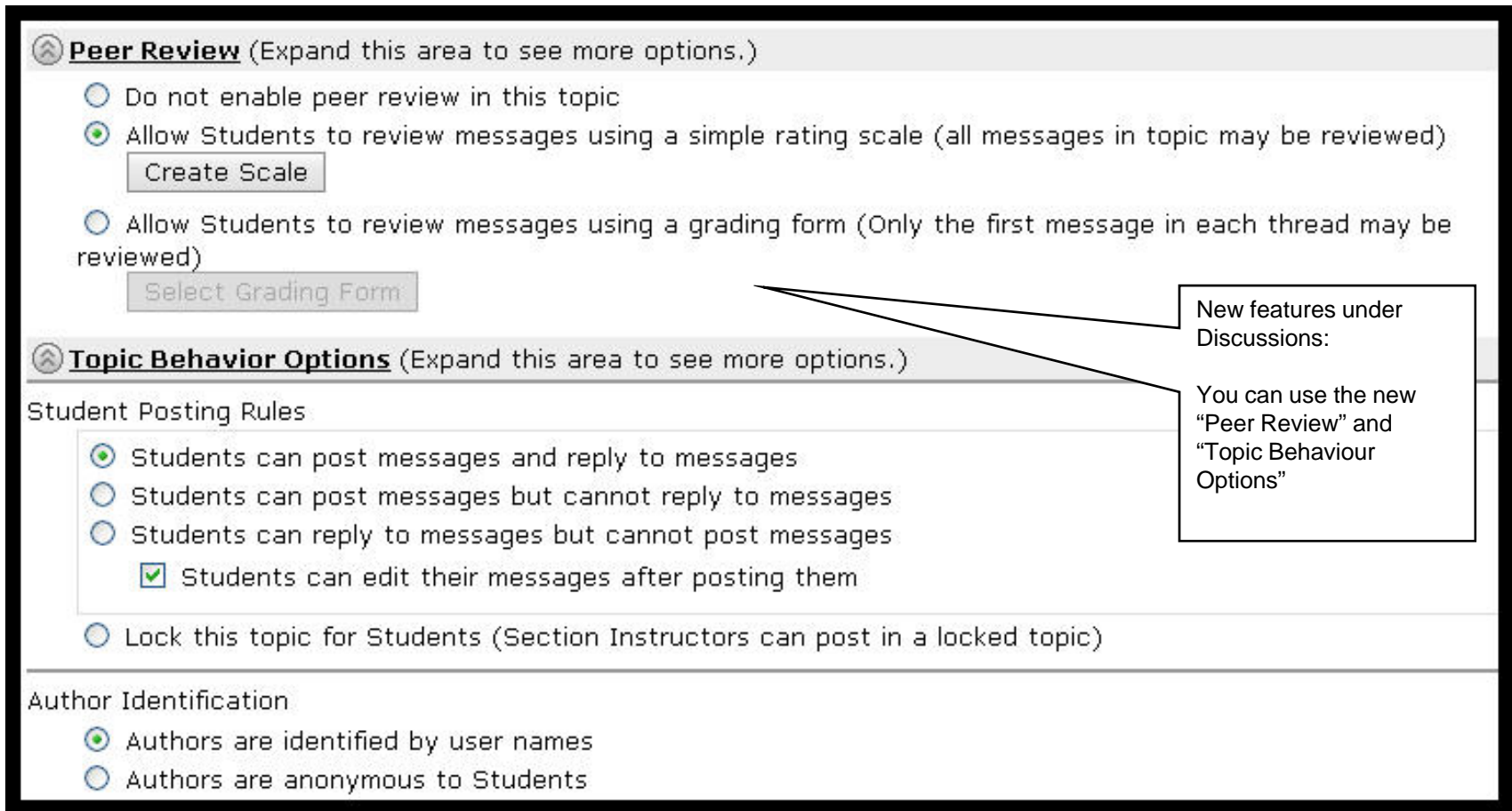
Subject	Messages	Rating	Author	Date
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<a href="#">stuff to think about</a>		★★★★	Switty	April 15, 2
<a href="#">getting it done</a>		★★★★	AJA	April 15, 2
<a href="#">whodst?</a>		--	DeBoss	Apr 15, 2

Mark as Read Mark as Unread Release Message Create Printable View

Move to: - Select - Copy to: - Select -

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# Peer Review, Grading Forms, controlled discussions



The screenshot shows a settings interface for a discussion topic. It is divided into three main sections: Peer Review, Topic Behavior Options, and Author Identification. The Peer Review section has three radio button options, with the second one selected. Below the second option is a 'Create Scale' button. Below the third option is a 'Select Grading Form' button. The Topic Behavior Options section has a sub-section for 'Student Posting Rules' with four radio button options, the first of which is selected. Below these is a 'Lock this topic for Students' option. The Author Identification section has two radio button options, the first of which is selected. A callout box on the right points to the Peer Review and Topic Behavior Options sections, containing text about new features.

**Peer Review** (Expand this area to see more options.)

- Do not enable peer review in this topic
- Allow Students to review messages using a simple rating scale (all messages in topic may be reviewed)  
[Create Scale](#)
- Allow Students to review messages using a grading form (Only the first message in each thread may be reviewed)  
[Select Grading Form](#)

**Topic Behavior Options** (Expand this area to see more options.)

Student Posting Rules

- Students can post messages and reply to messages
- Students can post messages but cannot reply to messages
- Students can reply to messages but cannot post messages
- Students can edit their messages after posting them

Lock this topic for Students (Section Instructors can post in a locked topic)

Author Identification

- Authors are identified by user names
- Authors are anonymous to Students

New features under Discussions:  
You can use the new "Peer Review" and "Topic Behaviour Options"