Communication Tools

Learning Catalyst Tools for dMLIS students

What is Catalyst?

- Part of UW's Learning and Scholarly Technologies, a division of Computing and Communications (C&C).
- The implementation arm of UW-wide technologies for:
  - Teaching
  - Learning
  - Research

- http://catalyst.washington.edu

And iPrep

- You can find out tips that are geared to LIS students using Catalyst Tools at iPrep:

http://www.ischool.washington.edu/iprep

and click on "Communicating"

Catalyst Tools allow you to:

- Join an online discussion – **GoPost**
- Turn in homework online – **CollectIt**
- Take or make an online survey – **WebQ**
- Share files with others – **ShareSpaces**
- Collect and reflect on documents – **Portfolio**

- Manage groups that use the tools you make – **Group Manager**
- Make a web site – **SimpleSite**
- Respond to a short poll – **QuickPoll**
- Participate in a case study – **VirtualCase**
- Comment on others' work – **Peer Review**
- Send anonymous feedback - **Umail**

What do these tools look like in my course?

- Logging in to your course

- Using the links from the course page

Time to do some exercises

- We'll need some documents to work with in Catalyst so that we can practice turning in assignments – I'll walk you through it

- You all have access to this CollectIt page:

https://catalysttools.washington.edu/collectit/dropbox/summary/iamray/737

- And this GoPost page:

https://catalysttools.washington.edu/gopost/board/iamray/2713/

Exercise 1 – Using CollectIt

- Go to this URL:

https://catalysttools.washington.edu/collectit/dropbox/summary/iamray/737

- Create a document on your desktop

- Submit it to the LIS 599 drop box

Exercise 2 – Using GoPost

- Go to this URL:

  https://catalysttools.washington.edu/gopost/board/iamray/2713/

- Pick a discussion area
- Write a message
- Look at who else is participating
- If you have time, change your profile

Exercise 3 – Creating a GoPost

- Get into groups of three, with one person as the designated "board owner" – other students will look on

- Board owners, go to the Catalyst web site

- Click on **Web Tools Login** and type in your UW NetID and password

- Click on GoPost on the left hand side

- Click on **Create new board**

Exercise 3 – creating a GoPost

- Board owners, type in a name for your board

- Note that there are two styles of boards

- Choose **One list of conversations** and save it

- The management screen opens

Exercise 3 – creating a GoPost

- Look for the **Availability** section at the bottom and click on the **Edit** link in that section

- On the new page, choose **Open**, then save

- Share the URL on this page with your group mates

- Go to the board as a group and try things out!

Working in a GoPost

- Post a message

- Respond to an existing message

- Attach a file

Questions?

Thanks!

- Remember, go to iPrep or Catalyst for information about the tools

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