Blackboard Collaboration Tools

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Communication

- Synchronous
  - Same time
  - Telephone
- Asynchronous
  - Different times
  - US Mail

Uses for Synchronous

- Office hours
- Review sessions
- Guest lecturer
- Remote presentation
Two Communication Tools

- Lightweight Chat
- Virtual Classroom

Lightweight Chat

- Send public and private messages
- Submit questions and answers
- Restrict who can type
- Raise hand to request the floor
Virtual Classroom

- Lightweight Chat+
- Web pages
- Course content
- White board

Note!

- Both need Java from Sun
  - Automatic but lengthy install process
- Virtual Classroom uses popup window
  - Allow pop-ups from UM sites
  - IE: Tools > Pop-up Blocker > Pop-up Blocker Settings > Add *.miami.edu
- Prove the technology
  - Points but no content
Management

- One of each created by default
- Create more as needed
  - Control Panel > Collaboration
  - Create Collaboration Session
  - Control access / archive

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