

Using Gradebook Integration with Wimba Voice Boards

About Gradebook Integration for Wimba Voice Boards

Gradebook integration allows instructors to assign a grade for each student that has accessed a particular board. These grades are then automatically integrated with the gradebook system in Blackboard. This feature allows you to use Wimba Voice Boards as formalized assessment tools, in addition to tools for teaching and collaboration. You can enable gradebook integration either when creating a new Voice Board, or add it to previously created Voice Boards. You can then assign and modify grades at any time.

Adding Gradebook Integration to Existing Voice Boards

You can add gradebook integration to any previously created Voice Board, allowing you to leverage your existing content as assessment tools.

To Add Gradebook Integration to an Existing Voice Board in Blackboard 9.0

1. From a list of Voice Boards (either in the Tools or a Content area), select **Edit** from the drop-down menu to the right of the desired Voice Board. The Modify Voice Board page opens.
2. Check the **Grade** box in the Settings area.
3. Enter a value for the maximum possible points in the 'Points possible' field.
4. Click the **Submit** button. A confirmation page appears.
5. Click the **OK** button.

Adding Gradebook Integration when Creating New Voice Boards

To add gradebook integration when creating new Voice Boards, simply check the **Grade** box and enter a value in the 'Points possible' field on the Add Voice Board page. For more information, see the topic, *Adding a Wimba Feature to a Content Area – Voice Board Creation* in this guide.

Grading Voice Boards

Once you have enabled gradebook integration for a Voice Board, you can assign grades for every student enrolled in the course.

To Grade a Voice Board

1. Click the **Enter Voice Board** link next to the Voice Board that you wish to grade. The Voice Board opens.
2. Click the **Grade this Board** button. The Grade Voice Board page opens.
3. Enter grades for each user in the fields in the Grade column.
4. Click the **Submit** button. A confirmation page appears.
5. Click the **OK** button.

Tip:

From the Grade Voice Board page, you can click any student's username to open the Voice Board filtered to show only that user's posts. This can be helpful for reviewing posts before assigning grades.

Removing Gradebook Integration from a Voice Board

If you no longer wish to use gradebook integration with a Voice Board, you can remove the feature. Doing so deletes all grades. You can re-enable gradebook integration at any time, but you will not be able to recover previously entered grades.

To Remove Gradebook Integration from a Voice Board in Blackboard 9.0

1. From a list of Voice Boards (either in the Tools or a Content area), select **Edit** from the drop-down menu to the right of the desired Voice Board. The Modify Voice Board page opens.
2. Uncheck the **Grade** box in the Settings area.
3. Click the **Submit** button. A pop-up window appears, warning you that removing gradebook integration will delete all existing grades.
4. Click the **OK** button.