WebCT Campus Edition version 4.1

South Central College upgraded WebCT from Campus Edition version 3.8 to Campus Edition version 4.1 in late July 2006. Version 4.1 offers the college some administrative features and tools which will help us with the increased WebCT at SCC as we will now have a companion WebCT section for every SCC course, beginning Fall 2006. Additionally, WebCT has discontinued support of version 3.8.

For faculty/designers and students, most changes encountered in 4.1 are cosmetic although there are a few added features:

Faculty/designers will see tabs in place of radio buttons for switching between designer and student views when viewing in designer mode.

Faculty/designers will no longer see Control Panels (Manage Course, Manage Files, Course Settings, etc.) listed in order in the Course Menu - instead, click the Control Panel button to access these tools. You can add these items to the Course Menu within each course by setting "designer links" to "show designer links" in the Course Settings Control Panel (see image two).

In the Course Menu, items are now all listed together and those which the designer has hidden from student view are marked with an "H" next to the item.

Designer tools have been relocated from the bottom of the page to the right side of the page when working in designer view. One addition to the standard tools used in version 3.8 is the addition of Wizards – such as a Homepage Wizard, Content Module Wizards, Organizer Page Wizards, etc. These Wizards basically take you through the tools listed to perform a function.
Within Content Modules, WebCT added navigation buttons for students to view the table of contents, move forward or backward through the content pages, retrace material and refresh the page.

Restoring from an existing WebCT backup file is more intuitive, with options regarding users explained in more detail in version 4.1.

For the faculty member who is using an older backup of a course as the basis of a new offering of the same course, select “Update Users” when restoring the course. This will move the older content, quizzes, grade book structure, etc. while replacing the older list of students with the list of students already enrolled in the section.

The quiz listing display page now allows users to simplify their view of quizzes with “All quizzes and surveys”, “All quizzes and surveys that are available” and “All quizzes and surveys that are due soon” options as a pull-down menu. Also, the page shows each student the number of quizzes/surveys available and the number of quizzes/surveys due soon.