Adding assessment events to the Assessment Details content area

The Assessment Details page will self-populate with any tests, surveys, Blackboard assignments and Turnitin assignments that you create there, however, other assessment objects, such as gradable discussion forums, blogs, journals, wikis and Collaborate sessions will be created within those tools.

In order to create a link to all assessment events on the Assessment Details page, links to each of the tools can be added.

Example – Adding a graded discussion forum link to the Assessment Details page

A link to a discussion board can be created on the Assessment Details page by selecting the Tools pull-down menu, then clicking on Discussion Board.
This will open the Create Link page. Click on Select a Discussion Board Forum, then select the forum that you want to link to. Select Next to continue. **Note:** You can create a new assessable forum as part of this process.
You can then add instructional text (which will appear on the Assessment Details page) and control its availability. When you click on Submit, a link to the discussion forum will appear on the Assessment Details page.

The order of the items on the page can then be adjusted by clicking and dragging the left-hand margin of the items. Be aware that deleting the forum link that you have created here will not delete the forum itself, only the link to it. The forum will still be accessible by clicking on the Discussion Board link on the site menu.

Adding blog, journal and wiki links to the Assessment Details page

The process given for the discussion forum above is very similar to that used when adding links to blogs, journals and wikis. Selection of the appropriate tool link from the Tools pull-down menu will open the Create Link page where the graded tool can be chosen from a list. You can use this process to create the tool itself, or to link to the tool page itself.
Adding a link to Blackboard Collaborate to the Assessment Details page

The process for adding a link to a graded Collaborate session is somewhat different to the other tools. Selecting the Blackboard Collaborate option from the site menu will show the Scheduled Sessions tab of the Blackboard Collaborate page. Use the Search tool (after choosing appropriate Start and End dates) to find the Collaborate session that you wish to link to. When it appears on the list, click on the downwards arrow that appears when you pass your mouse over the session’s Title and select Add Link.

The Add Link page will open, and you will need to confirm the name of the link and provide the location where you would like the link. Select Assessment Details, add a description if desired and click on Save. This will create a link to the Collaborate session on the Assessment Details page.

These processes are very useful for your Learning Site as they allow you to have all assessment events located on the Assessment Details page, enabling easy access for your students.