Class Management Tools

Communicating and collaborating with students; Putting your course on the web

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Course Management Systems
Residential MITx

The Residential MITx, in contrast to the MIT’s “Beyond Campus” initiatives is a platform, based on open edX, for the authoring and distributing online course content.

Stellar

MIT’s course management system provides a secure framework to support teaching and learning at MIT. It features:

- Ready-to-use website
- Class materials management
- Homework management
- Schedule with integrated academic calendar
- Section setup and management
- Easy communication with students
- Membership management and access control

For more information:

- IS&T Educational Applications
  - helpdesk@mit.edu
  - 617-253-1101
  - Submit a web request

SloanSpace

SloanSpace is no longer supported as a course management system. See Stellar above.

Course web lockers

Course lockers are Athena shared directories that can be used to store class materials, datasets, or specialized applications which can then be accessed or run from Athena workstations. Course lockers can also be used to serve web pages under web.mit.edu. For more information:

- IS&T Athena User Accounts
  - 617-253-1325
  - accounts@mit.edu
  - Submit a web request

OCW

OpenCourseWare (OCW) makes the educational materials used in the teaching of virtually all of MIT subjects available on the Web, free of charge, to any user, anywhere in the world. OCW Publication Managers work directly with faculty instructors to prepare course content for publication on OCW. To learn about the process and services OCW offers, contact the Publication Manager for your department listed on the OCW Team page.

For more information:

- OCW
  - Service description
  - ocw@mit.edu

Communicating with Students
Class email lists

Athena mailing lists can be populated with official Registrar's student lists (from WebSIS) to support class communications. Athena lists can also be used to control access to Athena course lockers.

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Registrar's lists

WebSIS Registrar's lists of registered students. Available to instructors and departmental administrators.

For more information:
- SSIT
- websis-notify@mit.edu

Instant Messaging

As an alternative to teleconferencing and email, instant messaging has been growing in popularity. MIT hosts several of its own instant messaging services, and members of our community often use both MIT and commodity services.

Wikis

Wikis and similar collaborative applications have come to be standard workplace and educational tools. IS&T offers wiki spaces to groups via a centrally-managed wiki application.

For more information:
- IS&T Educational Applications
- helpdesk@mit.edu
- Submit a web request
- Request a new wiki space