LMS

KU LMS environments

- Offer Basic functionality delivery tools
  - file management,
  - discussion bulletin boards,
  - chat rooms,
  - and quiz and survey
- offer
  - a straightforward way to create and maintain a course web site.
  - Add multimedia elements to a LMS site.
  - when fully utilized and filled out with rich content -- these sites can be a surprisingly sophisticated

Why

- "By creating these LMS environments in which students can get individualized instruction online, instructors free up valuable classroom time for learning activities..."

Enhancing Your CourseWeb Site

- Many students will go to your CourseWeb page via the Schedule of Classes in order to learn more about your course.

- Your CourseWeb site already contains information from other campus databases, but you may enhance it.

Designing & Developing a Course Website

- In addition to your CourseWeb site,

- you may want to create an additional course website that supplements your classroom teaching,

- by giving students access to digitized course materials or having students do web-based assignments.

- There are several ways to do this. Although we often recommend beginning with a Learning Management System, most of the options described below can be combined in various ways.

Using a Learning Management System (LMS) Environment

- Learning management system tool kits, such as Blackboard and WebCT, help instructors

- create and organize course web pages;

- communicate with students via online discussion groups and chat rooms;

- manage online gradebooks and class lists;

- administer online surveys and exams;

- track student web site use;

- manage online course calendars; and much more.

- These tools are beginning to come of age, offering excellent features and increased ease of use.

Creating Customized Web Sites from Scratch

- In addition to making use of the features offered by a Learning Management System, you may want to add links to free-form web pages of your own creation.

Using New Communication Technologies

- Although the communication tools, such as Chat, that come built into the latest version of Blackboard are probably adequate to most needs, you can also try older, standalone internet tools, including Maillists, Web-based Maillist Archives, Listservers, Newsgroups, Chat Rooms, MOOs, and web loggers (i.e., bloggers).