

Creating the Homepage

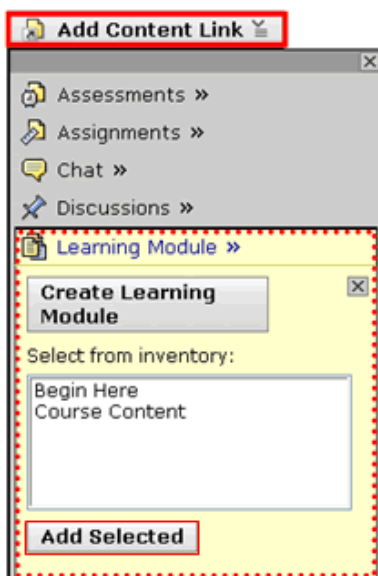
The following figure is an example of a developed homepage from the students' perspective.



When you are ready to develop your homepage, you should have all your components developed. The homepage in the previous figure includes a banner in the header of the homepage, two Learning Modules, and the course syllabus. The Learning Modules were first created in the course content before they were added to the homepage.

Adding Components

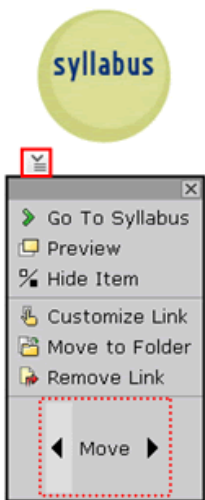
It is easy to add a component to your eLearning Vista homepage. For example, to add a link to the Begin Here Learning Module, select **Add Content Link** from the course homepage, select **Learning Module** (or choose another type of component you would like to add), select the particular Learning Module you would like to add, and click **Add Selected**.



The Learning Module will be automatically added to the homepage. You can do this as many times as you like and for any type of component. You also can hold down the **Shift** key to consecutively add more than one component at a time. Similarly, you can hold down the **Ctrl** key to non-consecutively select components, which is a good technique when components are not in order.

Moving Icons on the Homepage

You can change the order of objects placed on your homepage. Click the drop-down menu next to the icon you want to move. Click the arrows to move it to the right or left.



Customizing Icons

You can customize your icons with images, descriptions, and titles. Select **Customize Link** from the icon drop-down menu. Add a title to your link to display on the homepage. Give your link a description to be displayed next to the icon on the homepage. Remember to keep descriptions short and simple. Replace your current icon with a new image or choose to revert to the standard icon created by eLearning Vista.

Link Settings

Linked To
Syllabus (Syllabus)

Custom Title for this Link
2 • Syllabus Open in a new browser window

Custom Description for this Link
3

Custom Icon for this Link
4

Replace Icon
Revert to Original Icon

Save Cancel

Adding a Header or Footer

To add a header or footer, select the **Page Options** drop-down menu from the top of the Course Content page. From this drop-down menu, select either **Edit Header** or **Edit Footer**.

Page Options ▾

Go to Power View

Customize Page Display

Edit Header

Edit Footer

Enter the information you would like to display in the header or footer. If you would like to use HTML code to style your text, click the **Use HTML** checkbox. You can also use the footer as the default footer on each page in your course by clicking the default footer checkbox.

Create or Edit Footer

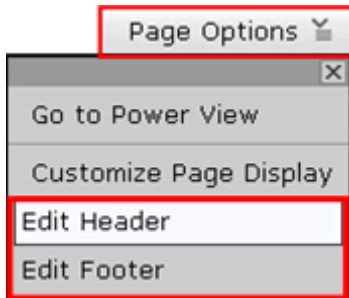
Use HTML

Use this as the default footer for the entire course footers.

Save Cancel

Adding a Banner Image

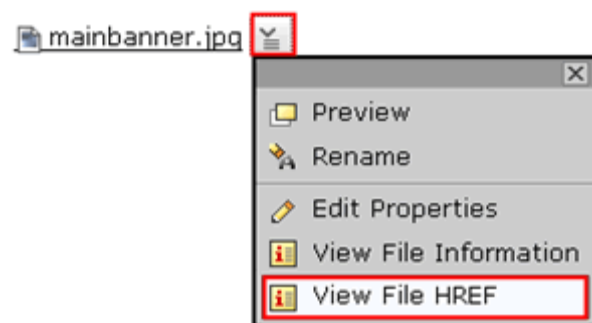
Adding a banner image to the homepage is a simple procedure. Select **Edit Header** from the Page Options drop-down menu.



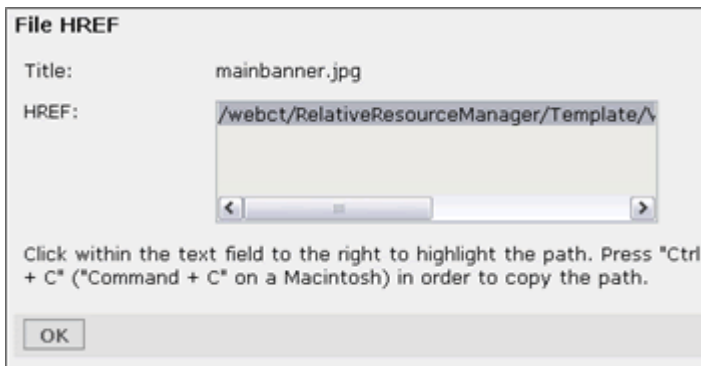
With the header pop-up box still open, select **File Manager** from the Designer Tools menu.



Browse to the banner image in the course files you would like to insert. From the drop-down menu next to the file name, select **View File HREF**.



With the File HREF window open, press **Ctrl + C** on the keyboard to copy the information to the operating system clipboard.



Switch back (redisplay) to the Edit Header window and paste the HTML code:

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For example, the code for the banner image displayed on the course in the previous example would be:

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<img src=
"/webct/RelativeResourceManager/Template/VISTAOSS1400/images/mainbanner.jpg"/>
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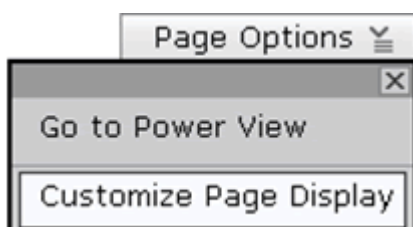
Note: Be sure to put the HREF link information within the quotation marks.









Click **Save** to add the banner image to the homepage.

Customize the Page Layout

To customize the homepage, select the Page Options drop-down menu and click **Customize Page Display**.



The first section allows you to customize the layout of your page icons and text using eLearning Vista layout templates. In the Layout Preview section, you can choose how your icons and icon text are displayed.

Layout Templates	Layout Preview
<input type="radio"/>  Layout 1	Columns: 3
<input type="radio"/>  Layout 2	Icon/Text: Icon Only
<input type="radio"/>  Layout 3	Icon Placement: Above
<input type="radio"/>  Layout 4	Alignment: Left
<input type="radio"/>  Layout 5	Table Width: Narrow
<input checked="" type="radio"/>  Custom Layout	
<input type="checkbox"/> Change all existing folders to these settings.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Set default to these settings for all new folders.	

The Background Image section allows you to set an image background or background color.

Background Image
<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Browse..."/> <input type="button" value="Remove Background Image"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Tile the image
Background Color
<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Select Color"/> <input type="button" value="Revert to Default"/>