



## Assignments: Groups Introduction

Research shows that group work improves critical thinking and problem-solving skills through discussion, clarification, and evaluation of others' ideas. The Group Manager tool allows you to create and edit groups to allow students to work on projects within a group setting.

With the Group Manager tool, you can:

- create groups where students are individually chosen or randomly assigned.
- create groups with sign-up sheets that allow students to sign up for groups or projects.
- send mail messages to all members of one or more groups.
- create discussion topics and chat rooms for groups to facilitate group communication.

Once groups have been created, with the Assignments tool, you can:

- create assignments that are assigned to groups, allowing students to work collaboratively or cooperatively.
- create assignments that are assigned to individual students, but provide different instructions to groups of students.

Your location: **Group Manager**

**Create Groups**

<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Group Name</u> ↑	Sign-Up Sheet Title	Description	Members
<input type="checkbox"/> Exam Review ▾	--	Marshall Hall, 6:00 Friday - Bring your notes and food to share!	

Send Mail  
  Remove All Members  
  Delete

Create Group Activity:

### Instructor View of Group Manager

#### The Group Manager Tool by Tab



The Group Manager tool is only available from the Teach tab.

### Types of Groups

Group Manager allows you to create groups and assign members to them in several ways. Choose the type of group and a method based on your needs.

If you want to ...	select this group type:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• create a single group</li> <li>• individually choose group members</li> <li>• create unique group names</li> </ul>	custom
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• create multiple groups</li> <li>• individually choose group members or assign members randomly</li> </ul>	multiple
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• create single or multiple groups</li> <li>• allow students to assign themselves</li> </ul>	sign-up sheet