## Creating a Random Enroll Group Set

Step 1: Access the Groups Tool
On the course menu, click Users \& Groups and then click on Groups.


Step 2: Create the Group
Place your mouse arrow over the Create button and choose Random Enroll under Group Set.

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## Step 3: Name the Group

Give your group set a name and choose Yes or No near Group is visible to students.

- Yes - Students gain access to a private group area where they can work with each other.
- No - This group can only be used to determine visibility of an item via Adaptive Release.

Most instructors choose Yes.


## Step 4: Group Tools

Uncheck Blogs, Journals, Academic Materials, Content Market Tools, and Wikis. These tools aren't useful. This leaves a few other tools that you can make available to the groups:

- Discussion Board - Provides a place for private group discussions. Also allows you to create graded private group discussion activities.
- Choose Do not allow student group members to create forums if you plan on creating graded group discussions.
- Email - Allows group members to easily email each other.
- File Exchange - Provides a space where group members can store/share files.
- Tasks - Allows group members to create tasks and assign them to each other.
- Bb Collaborate - Allows group members to meet live online using their webcams/microphones.

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Grade: Points possible:
\(\square\) Discussion Board
Allow any group members to create forums.
( Do not allow student group members to create forums.
\(\square\) Email
\(\square\) File Exchange
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Grade: Points possible:
\(\square\) Tasks
\(\square\) Academic Materials
\(\checkmark\) Blackboard Collaborate Ultra
( Allow all group members to create and access session recordings.
Do not allow student group members to create or access session recordings.
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```Content Market Tools
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## Step 5: Membership

Next to Determine Number of Groups by decide how many groups you would like to generate. The system will automatically distribute the course roster into these groups evenly.

- Number of Students per Group generates groups based on how many students (maximum) you would like to have in each group. In a class of 20, if you wanted no more than 5 students per group, it would generate 4 groups.
- Number of Groups lets you decide how many groups will be generated.

Next to Determine how to enroll any remaining members you can decide what happens if you have more students than can fit into the generated groups.


## Step 6: Accessing/Editing Groups

Click the down arrow next to a group set name and choose Edit Group Set Properties to revise any settings you previously set. Choose Edit Group Set Membership to adjust group names and members.

Click on the name of a group to access the group homepage where you can email the group, view their files, join their live meetings, and access/create group discussions.


## Step 6a: Add Group Members

When you choose Edit Group Set Membership, you can:

- Adjust the name of each group as needed in the Name fields.
- Use the Add Users button to add a student to a group.
- Use the Add Group button at the bottom of the page to add additional groups if needed.
- Click the Submit buttons once you have finished setting up your groups.



## Step 7: Linking to Groups

The best way for students to access a group space is for you to link to it in one of your content areas. From a content area (such as a weekly area) click Tools at the top of the page and then choose Groups.


Choose Link to a Group or Group Set, click on the name of your group set, and then click Next.


Provide directions for what students should do in the group area in the Text box, and then click Submit.

This creates a link for students to click on that will take them to their group homepage.


