

Participating in a Wimba Classroom

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Blackboard Learning System - Windows Internet Explorer". The address bar shows the URL: <https://ncvista.blackboard.com/webct/unw/1c67299111011.tp0/cobaltMainFrame.doweabt>. The browser's Favorites bar includes links for "WebCat - Login As User", "Report Manager", "WebCat Team", "Training Register", and "Web Slice Gallery".

The main content area is titled "Hawes, John - Wimba Classroom (WebCat)". It features a navigation menu on the left with categories like "Course Tools" and "My Tools". The "Course Tools" menu includes: Course Content, Announcements, Assessments, Assignments, Calendar, Chat, Discussions, Goals, Learning Modules, Local Content, Mail, Media Library, Roster, SCORM, Search, Syllabus, Web Links, and Who's Online. The "My Tools" menu includes: My Grades, My Files, and My Progress.

The main content area displays the "Wimba Classroom" interface. At the top, it shows the location: "Your location: Home Page > Demonstration Room". Below this, there are buttons for "Enter this Room" and "Wimba Classroom Help".

The central section is titled "Wimba Classroom" and contains a "Demonstration Room (Open)" status. Below this, it states: "This is where the instructor will present material to the class." To the right, there is a "Setup Wizard" section with the text: "Run the [setup wizard](#) to make sure that your computer is ready to use the Wimba Classroom."

Below the main content, there is a section titled "Here is the list of the recorded archives for this room:" followed by a table of recorded archives.

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Demonstration Room - 08/25/2009 10:22	Archive	↑
Demonstration Room - 08/25/2009 16:14	Archive	↑

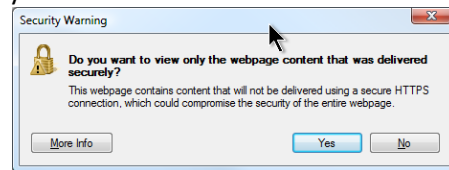
The browser's status bar at the bottom indicates "Trusted sites | Protected Mode: Off" and a zoom level of "100%".

Joining a Wimba Classroom session

1) Log in to WebCAT. Locate a course in your "Course List" where your instructor told you the Wimba Classroom session would take place and click on the course name.

2) Click on the Classroom icon or title designated by your instructor.

3) If you get this popup, choose NO – you want all the content.



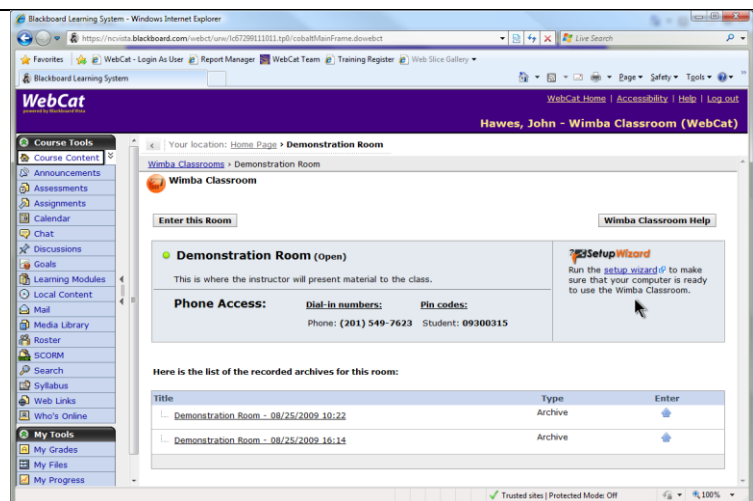
4) Before you enter the Classroom,


- Connect microphone
- Connect speakers
- Connect webcam

Your computer may need to install drivers or software to use these items and prompt you to restart your computer. If a restart is required, log out of WebCat, do the restart, then return to step 1.

5) If this is the first time your computer is connecting to Wimba OR you've changed any of the equipment connected in step 4), you'll need to run the setup wizard. See **Wimba Classroom Setup Wizard.pdf**.

6) Once your computer has passed the setup wizard, click on the Enter this Room button.



 Wimba Classroom

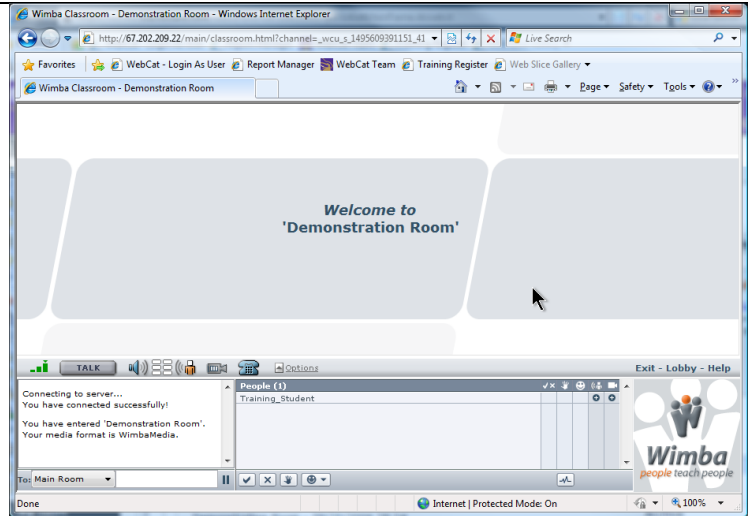
7) The Classroom session will open in a new window. It may take a few moments for the connection to be completed. You will hear a couple of tones to indicate you have successfully entered the room.

8) You have three basic means for communicating in the classroom.

- Emoticons
- Text Chat
- Voice (video optional)

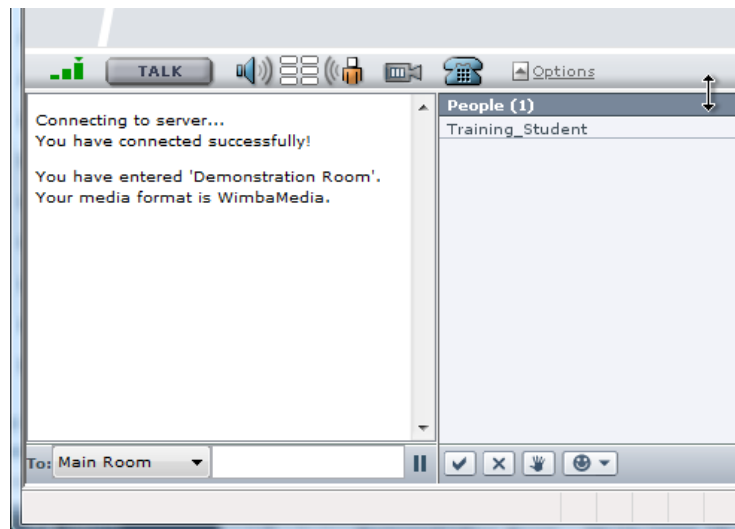
EMOTICONS

- The emoticon will appear in the appropriate column next to your name. With them you can:
 - Answer a question
 - **Yes** (check)
 - **No** (X)
 - Raise your hand
 - Indicate you
 - Want to clear any emoticon you entered
 - are Away from your computer (bird)
 - Approve of what was said (thumbs up)
 - Disapprove (thumbs down)
 - are Surprised (!)
 - are Confused (?)
 - are Clapping (hands)
 - are Laughing (smiley)
 - want the instructor to go Faster (arrows left)
 - want the instructor to go Slower (arrows right)



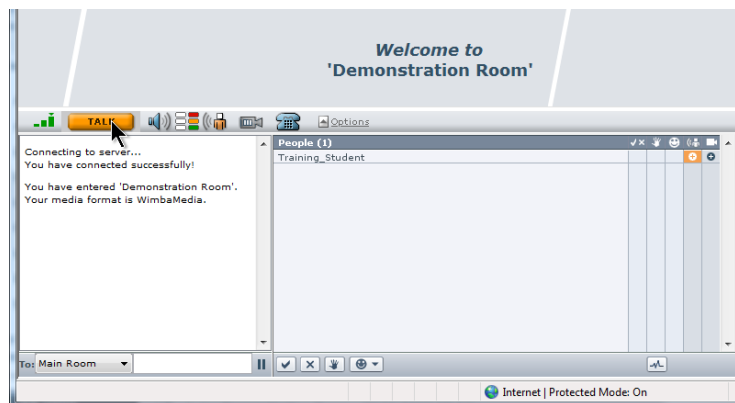
TEXT CHAT

- To send a text message to the classroom, simply type your message in the window next to the Main Room button.
- You can resize the chat area by clicking on the line between the chat area and the media bar and dragging.



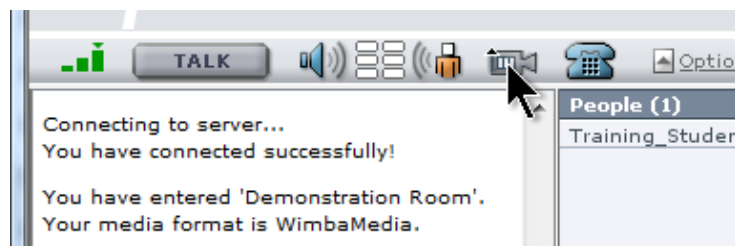
VOICE

- If you have a microphone connected to your computer, click and **hold** the TALK button.
 - The button will turn orange
 - Audio indicator next to the speaker's name will turn orange.
 - The audio signal strength meter on the media bar will indicate the how well the microphone is picking up your voice.

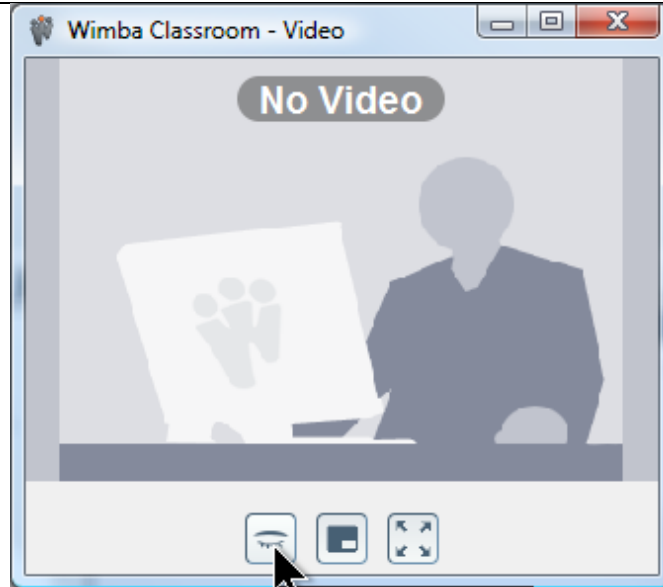


VIDEO (optional)

- Activate video reception by clicking on the camera in the media bar.
- A new window will open to display video
- You can drag and resize this window.
- If the instructor is using a webcam, his/her video will be displayed.



- Your camera will not be activated until you click on the closed “eye” to open it.



- Once you activate your video, what your camera sees will appear in the lower right corner window, which you can move or resize.



- When you push and hold the TALK button, your video will be transmitted and will replace the instructor's video on everyone's screen (including your own.)



- Remember to release your TALK button when you are finished. The video will revert to the instructor's camera.

9) When the session is complete, don't forget to EXIT the room. Do not just close the room window.

