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Tutor's guide (2) Skills, Qualifications, Tasks and Tools

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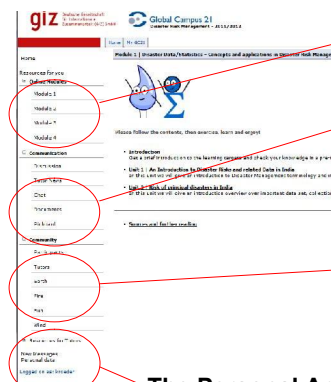
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What does a Tutor in a BL Course (1)?

Let us look at the interface of the Participants and the Tutor (in 2011/12)



The Online Modules

This is the proper course content as described in the first presentation

The Communication area

Tutor News

Chat – Arranged Communication slots

Documents – Exchange and Presentation

Pinboard – Post, Read Info snippets

The Community

The Participants (individually)

The Tutors (individually)

The Participant's Groups

For Chats

For Group Exercises

The Personal Area

Resources

Personal Messages / Data

Logon Information

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What does a Tutor in a BL Course (2)?

Let us look at the tasks of a Tutor

1. Virtual Communities

Learn about virtual communities: what they have to do with e-learning.

2. The Tutor and his skills

Find out what a tutor has to do and what skills he needs for his task.

3. What to do if...?

Take a look at a regular day in a tutor's life: What are the principles he employs, what challenges does he need to master?

4. Social aspects

Find out what members a learning group usually consists of and how tutors may deal with intercultural aspects and different types of learners.

5. Application of communicational tools

Tips on how to use e-mail, chat and forums to give support to your participants.

6. Things that need to be done!

Find out the essential daily organisational tasks constitute of a tutor, and how to make these tasks easier for you.

What is a Virtual Community?

Virtual communities use various means of communication for the exchange between their members: mailing lists, newsgroups, chat channels and forums. Some virtual meeting places are public. Other spaces are protected: One has to become a member of a community, get a password, and only then may enter communication.

Learners as an online community

Virtual communities are built on the bases of various original points of interest. While one may be interested in computer-aided problem solving and discussion of the most recent software-updates, others may offer help with related problems, and yet others might found a forum for exchange of research findings in a certain line of study at university level.

During internet-based learning, course participants (who usually don't even know each other at the start) are often grouped in virtual learning communities. Even if the course applies so-called **blended learning** which is a combination of face-to-face events and computer-aided training, the computer will not solely be used in the e-learning phases as a means of transportation of the relevant content. It rather serves as meeting point and means of communication for the learners.

The Tutor and his skills?

Virtual communities need a person who is in charge and who integrates: the community of the learners, the connection with the institution that provides the course, and the learning process.
During e-learning, this is the responsibility of **the tutor**. He needs to bridge the gap to the learners and fosters efficient and result-oriented learning

The tutor is	His tasks are
First resort Host Evaluator	communicational support
Trainer Coach Motivator	content-related individual support
Manager Group co-ordinator Organiser	organisational, social support

Qualifications and skills in detail

Content-related qualifications

- Know the contents
- Media competence
- Handling of everyday technological problems as a user

Social competence

- Knowledge of self-governed learning
- Learning strategies
- Stress and time management
- Group building processes

Communicational skills

- How to give feedback
- Asking the right questions
- Communicational practice
- Learning motivation

What does the daily work of a tutor look like, how does he act and react?

Feedback is one of the most essential tasks of the tutor: Through positive **motivation** and individual feedback, participants can often be kept from dropping out of the course early.

Leading and managing a learning group also means to make sure that there is communication among the participants, which will increase the level of information and foster a feeling of social sharing. Therefore, it is paramount that the tutor display competent **hosting** of the various communicational events.

The tutor ensures the smooth running of an e-learning course. This includes effective **management**. He will remind the participants of deadlines, counteract possible conflicts and take the appropriate consequences if a situation starts to get out of control

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Tools of the tutor In the DM course discussion (2010)

Click here to enter discussions

The screenshot shows a web-based discussion forum interface. Annotations with callout boxes highlight specific features:

- Click here to enter discussions:** Points to a link in the top left navigation bar.
- Different subjects and groups:** Points to a list of discussion topics on the left sidebar.
- Click here to open:** Points to a link within a discussion topic.
- Number of topics and posts:** Points to a table listing topics and their respective counts.
- Who was last to post a message?:** Points to a column in the table showing the last poster and time.

Topic	Author	Replies	Views	Last post
Module 1 Introduction to Statistical Terminology
Module 2 Introduction to Statistical Terminology
Module 3 Introduction to Statistical Terminology

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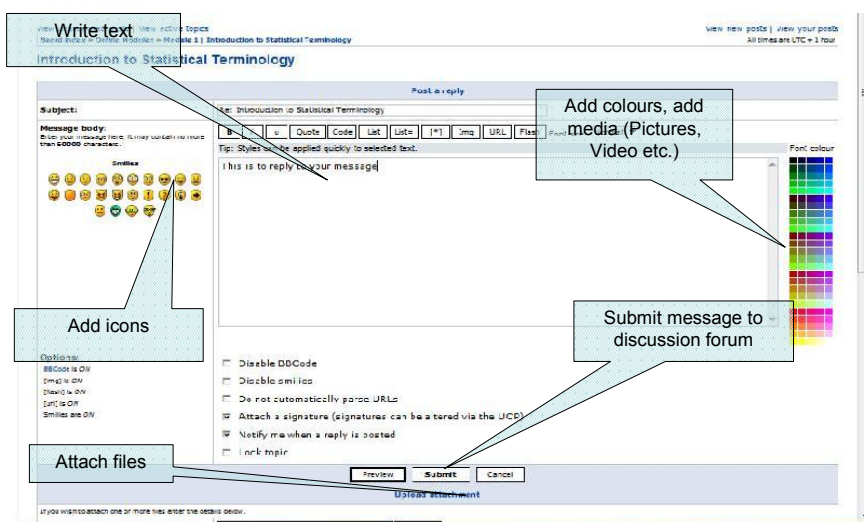
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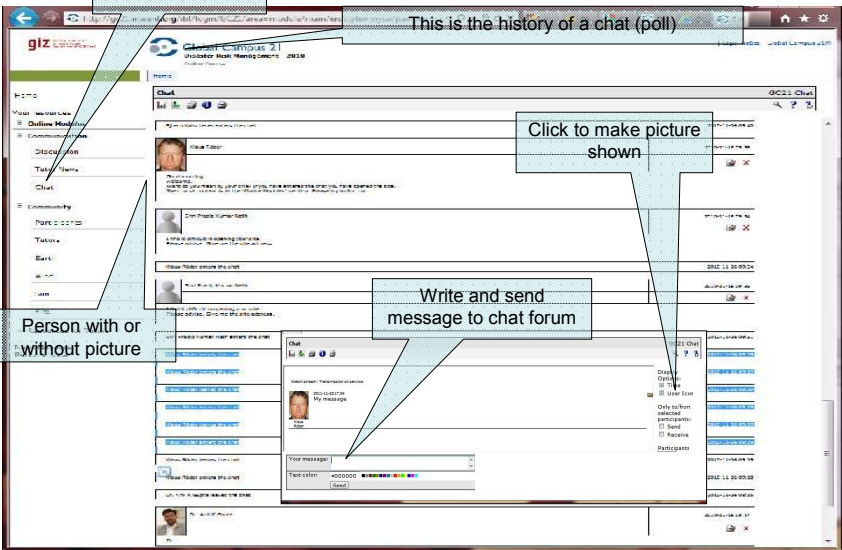
Click to enter Chat

Chats




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This is the history of a chat (poll)




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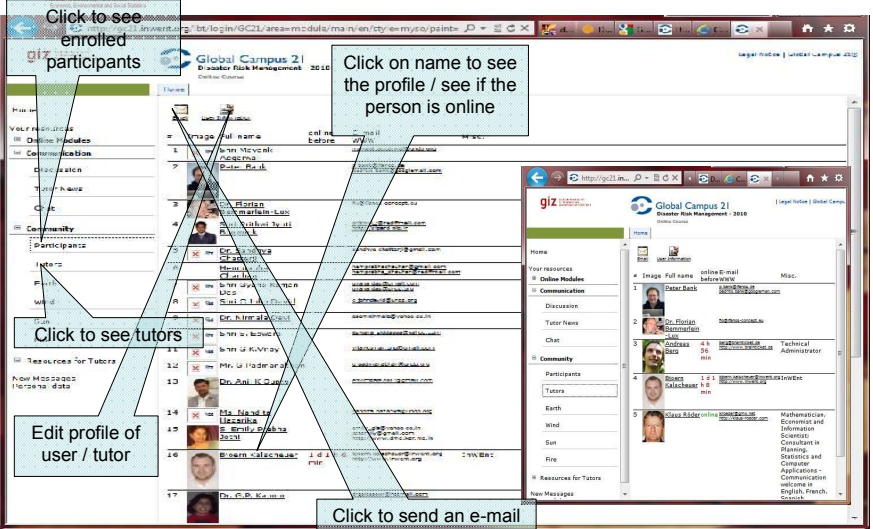
Click to see enrolled participants

Participants list and tutors list



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Click on name to see the profile / see if the person is online



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Sending e-mails

E-mail is addressed to everyone in the list. Select if you do not want to send it to all

Add subject

Write text / Submit

Submit or cancel

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Personal Data

Click on User Information to change personal data

Change password by select "Personal data on main screen"

Move down and click Edit to modify / then edit text, picture etc.

Click on any name to see profile submitted by owner

Click on groups to see group members

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Tutor News

giz Click on Tutor news to write (as a Tutor) or see (as a participant)

Click to write a new tutor message. This message will appear on the welcome screen. The message is written as an e-mail

Files can be attached and can be opened, saved etc. by any user

Sort messages, select by sender, date etc.

Edit or delete Tutor News

The screenshot shows the 'Tutor News' section of the Global Campus 21 platform. It includes a sidebar with navigation links like 'Home', 'Your resources', 'Online Modules', 'Communication', 'Community', and 'Personal data'. The main content area displays a list of messages from 'Klaus Röder' with details like subject, date, and attachments. Callouts provide instructions on how to interact with these messages, such as writing new ones, attaching files, and sorting the list.

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Don't worry, if this is all too much at the beginning.
 Skills and qualifications improve by training – Enjoy
 your role as a Tutor

Thank You for your Attention!