

# COURSE CUSTOMIZATION

WebCT Vista allows designers to customize the look of a section or template by:

- selecting course colors.
- modifying icon sets.
- adjusting the layout of pages.

## The Customization Interface

Designers can access the Course Customization menu from either the Basic or Power Views.

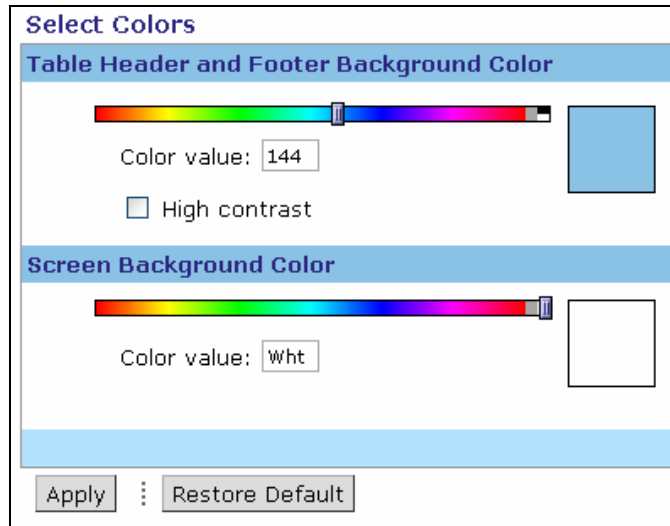
The screenshot displays the WebCT Vista interface. At the top, there is a 'Course Toolbar' with icons for Announcements, Mail, Assessments, File Manager, and More Tools. Below this is a 'Course Customization' section with icons for Calendar, My Grades, Assignments, Chat and Whiteboard, and Discussions. The main content area shows a 'Home Page' with a header area, four article links (art\_1.html, art\_2.html, art\_3.html, art\_4.html), and a footer area. A sidebar on the left contains 'Add to Home Page' options like Assessments, Assignments, Chat and Whiteboard, Content File, Discussions, Learning Module, Media Library Collection, Organizer Page, Syllabus, URL, and More Tools. At the bottom of the sidebar, there are links for Tool Overview, Course Customization, and Selective Release Map.

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled 'Course Customization' with a close button (X). The dialog contains a section titled 'Select what you would like to customize:' with three buttons: 'Course Colors', 'Icons Sets', and 'Page Layouts'. Below this section, there is a link for 'Selective Release Map'.

## Course Colors

⇒ To select colors:

1. From the Course Customization menu, click **Course Colors**.



The screenshot shows a 'Select Colors' dialog box. It has a title bar 'Select Colors' and two sections. The first section is 'Table Header and Footer Background Color' with a color slider, a 'Color value' input field containing '144', a 'High contrast' checkbox, and a color preview box. The second section is 'Screen Background Color' with a color slider, a 'Color value' input field containing 'Whit', and a color preview box. At the bottom are 'Apply' and 'Restore Default' buttons.

2. To change the background colors of headers/footers and the background color of the screen, move the slider.
3. Click **Apply**.

## Modifying Icon Sets

You can replace the default images, change the way icons appear (image, text, or both), or select a new icon set from pre-defined icons.

⇒ To modify icon sets:

1. From the Course Customization menu, click **Icon Sets**.
2. If you want to use the existing icon set but replace an individual icon, under Current Icons Used for this Course, click the icon and select Replace Icon. The File Browser appears.
3. Select the icon file.
4. If you want to change the way that the icon appears, under Labeling, select whether you want image with text, image only, or text only.
5. If you want to use a different icon set, under Change Icon Set for this Course, select the style of icons that you want to use:
6. Click **Apply**. The icon styles are updated.

# Modifying Page Layouts

You can re-arrange icons on the Home Page or organizer pages.

⇒ To modify page layouts:

1. From the *Course Customization* menu, click **Page Layouts**. This Modify Layout screen appears.

Drop-down menu of organizer pages

Go to ▼

Page Layout

Settings for Organizer: Home Page

Click the icons below to see the actions you can perform.

art 1.html ▼

art 2.html ▼

art 3.html ▼

art 4.html ▼

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Choose a background image:

Browse...  Tile the image

Remove Background

Number of columns:

4 ▼

Use these settings for all organizers

Apply

2. From the drop-down menu of organizer pages, select the organizer that you want to modify and click the **Go** icon.
3. Make the desired changes to the page layouts:
  - to move the position of an icon, click the icon and from the menu, select Move Left or Move Right.
  - to change the image associated with an individual icon, click the icon. Browse and select the graphic file you want displayed for the particular link. This overrides the default icon for the component type.
  - to add a background image, under Choose a Background image, click **Browse** and choose a file to be used as the background. To repeat the image over the entire screen, select *Tile the Image*.
  - to change the number of columns of icons, from the drop-down menu, select the number of columns for the page.

- to apply the settings to the Home Page and all organizer pages, select *Use these settings for all organizers*.

**Warning:** This will override settings that you have previously applied to organizer pages.

4. Click **Apply**.