The NILE Suite 2014

The Northampton Integrated Learning Environment (NILE) is more than just a VLE. In fact, NILE comprises a suite of different core technologies that can fulfil a number of pedagogical requirements. Knowing which technology to use and for which purpose is not always a straightforward decision. This document is a way of categorising these core technologies and their associated functionality into 5 key groupings based around the different purposes that tutors may have. Underneath the column headings are the main links to the UKPSF. There may well be other categories that are relevant but these are the primary ones.

When you have had a look at the grouping that is relevant to the task in hand, you may find that there are options you have never considered using before, or that you are not sure how to use a particular tool. If so, please click on the NILE Help Tab to access our training guides and resources. You can also contact your dedicated Learning Technologist, or sign up for a relevant training session with the LearnTech team. Details of these are available on our blog.

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| **Content**K1 / K4 / A2 | **Collaboration**A2 / K2 / K3 | **Assessment**A3 / K2 / V1 | **Information**A4 | **Management**K5 / K6 / V3 |
| **Consider: Accessibility (V1 / V2) and adherence to the foundation, participation or collaboration criteria that underpin the NILE Quality Framework** |
| **Content Folders and Files, Learning Units:** a module of integrated content and activities with an optional sequential flow and built-in navigation**ASPIRE Reading Lists****Mash-Ups:** link videos, images and presentations from the web with ease. Kaltura, Flickr, Slideshare, YouTube**Kaltura Media Centre**: for uploading of media content (including student uploads). Functions like an internal YouTube**Panopto:** Lecture Recording capability, Live streaming**Authoring Software**: Xerte, Articulate (Storyline and Studio)**Box of Broadcasts****Publisher Content:** Vital Source, Pearsons, Epigeum**SCORM****WIKI:** a central space for students to create content collaboratively**URLs and Weblinks:** a link to a website on the internet**CAIeRO Storyboard:** using Popplet.com | **Groups:** Groups of students (+/- tutors) can collaboration on work (file exchange, email, discussion board, blog, wiki and journal. Works with the following tools (and may be used for assessment – see the assessment column): **Discussion Boards**: Public area for the learners to have threaded discussions on themes in the course (can be graded)**Blogs:** individual or course blogs to discuss themes where a statement is made and comments are stored chronologically**WIKIS:** A central space for students to create content collaboratively**Journals**: private between lecturers and student for journaling and reflecting. However, can be set to be viewed by others**Send email**: individual group members or tutors can send emails to group members, individuals or the whole cohort**Adaptive Release:** Personalise learning paths by releasing content or activities according to date, grade, or group membership criteria**WizIQ**: synchronous collaboration with up to 50 people in an online virtual classroom**Social Networking:** Blackboard Spaces, Facebook, Twitter**Social Bookmarking:** Pinterest, Delicious, Flipboard**Google Docs:** includes wordprocessing, presentation and spreadsheets etc**E-Portfolio Tools** (may be used for collaboration): PebblePad, MyPAD (from front page of NILE)**Moot.It:** online discussion board / blog / announcement combination | **Groups & Group Assessments****Turnitin (Assignment submission):** Anti-plagiarism tool, used for marking. Can now accept different submission types although not all can be marked through Turnitin**Assignment:** Group or individual assignments for students to complete**Collaborative Assessment Tools:** Graded WIKI, Graded Discussion Boards, Graded Blogs**Individual Tools:** Graded Journal**Tests:** Sets of questions that are graded to measure student performance. 17 different question types. Tests & Pools, Mobile Friendly Tests**Grade Everything:** Manual Columns in the Grade Centre, Calculated Columns, Grade Anything (Turnitin)**Self & Peer Assessment:** Questions and criteria set up by the tutor for students to first complete and then to assess their peers according to set criteria. Includes Peermark in Turnitin**Criteria and Feedback:** Blackboard Rubrics, Turnitin rubrics (advise for qualitative use only)**Assessment Management:** Grade Centre**PebblePad:** supported for students in Health | **Announcements:** Provides students with information**Send Email:** individual group members or tutors can send emails to group members, individuals or the whole cohort**Contacts:** Tutor details and other useful contact information**Calendar:** Remind students about core deadlines.Currentlyonly auto-populates from NILE assignments, not Turnitin**Tasks:** A list of items students should complete with 3 options to show progress**Roster**: a class list (register)**iNorthampton:** a campus app for the University, available from Google Play and The App Store. Includes access to NILE**Organisations:** Welcome Sites, Subject Resources, Activities**Add Box**: boxes are items that include content, links or tools that can be added to personalise a page. Accessible from the home page.**News / RSS Feeds / Twitter****NILE Survey:** used to gather data from students but are not marked and so do not evaluate student performance**External Survey:** IncludingBristol Online Surveys & Evasys)**Microsites:** MyPAD**Google Docs:** includes wordprocessing, presentation and spreadsheets etc | **Enrolment:** Use theGroups and Users tool to manage who is enrolled on your module**Groups:** Create groups for students to have a collaborative work space**Grade Centre:** The area to access student assessments papers, manage marks and for the moderation process**Grades & Feedback:** Student route to accessing their grades and feedback**Adaptive Release:** Personalise learning paths by releasing content or activities according to date, grade, or group membership criteria**Site Reports:** provide information about site usage and activity**Retention Centre:** an easy way for staff to discover which students are at risk and to monitor progress via rules**Performance Dashboard:** provides an up-to-date report on the activity for all students**Bb Stats:** used to provide raw data for module statistics and reports generated within NILE**Google Analytics:** used by Learning Technologists to gather statistical information on NILE use**Calendar:** Remind students about core deadlines.Currentlyonly auto-populates from NILE assignments, not Turnitin |