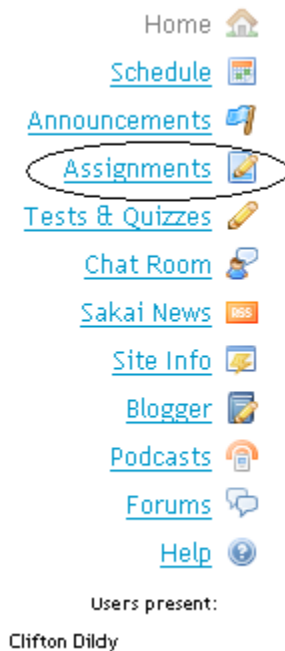


## Sakai: How to build Assignments

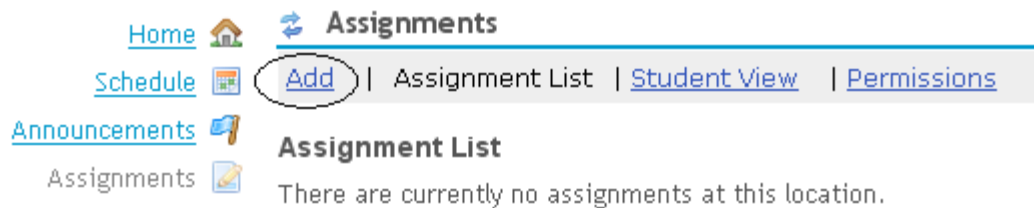
### CSC 462 Distributed Systems

#### Written Assignment #1 Example

1. Click the **Assignment** link on the left vertical menu system.



2. On the “Assignment List” page click the **Add** link.



3. Specify assignment title, due dates, submission method, and grading method.

*NOTE: If you wish to have your students complete the assignment online and be able to attach additional documents select **Inline and Attachment** as indicated in the photo below. Selecting **Inline Only** or **Attachment Only** will allow for inline online responses or attached document responses respectively. **Non-electronic** specifies that students will hand in assignments directly to professors.*

## Assignment

\* Title

\* Open Date

Students won't see this assignment until this open date.

\* Due Date

\* Accept Until

No assignments can be submitted after this close date.

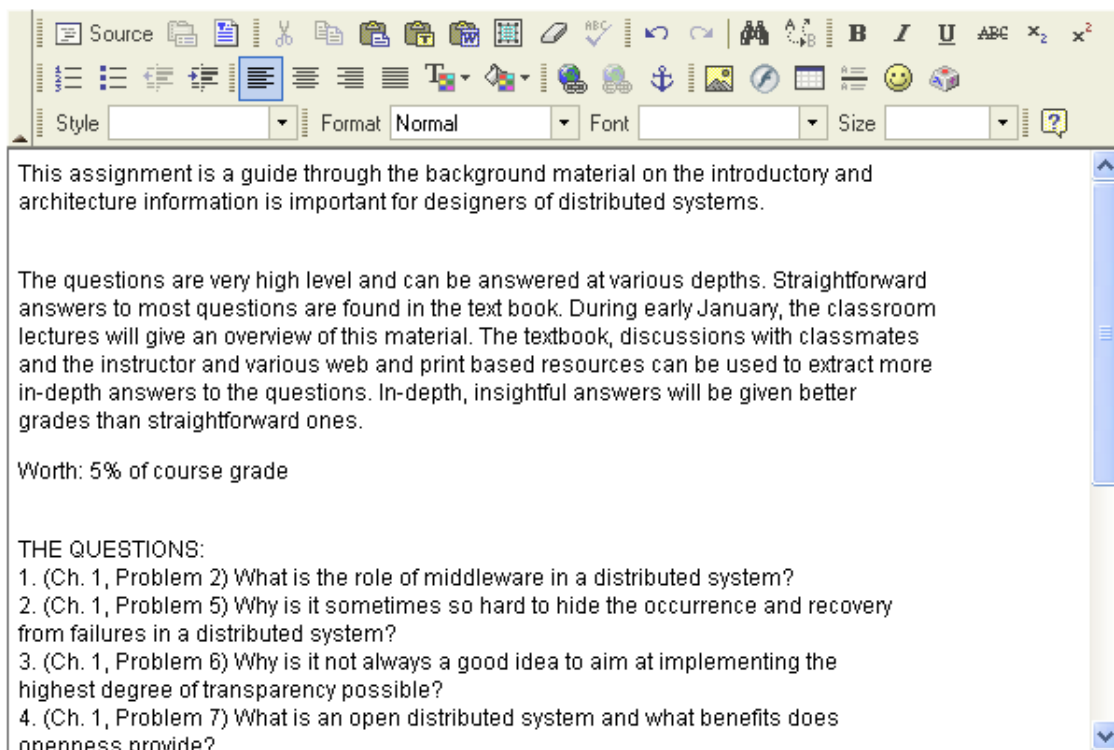
\* Student Submissions

\* Grade Scale

For points, enter maximum possible

- Place assignment instructions in the **Assignment Instructions** wysiwyg editor.

### Assignment Instructions



The screenshot shows a WYSIWYG editor interface. At the top, there is a toolbar with various icons for text formatting (bold, italic, underline), alignment, and other functions. Below the toolbar, the text area contains the following content:

This assignment is a guide through the background material on the introductory and architecture information is important for designers of distributed systems.

The questions are very high level and can be answered at various depths. Straightforward answers to most questions are found in the text book. During early January, the classroom lectures will give an overview of this material. The textbook, discussions with classmates and the instructor and various web and print based resources can be used to extract more in-depth answers to the questions. In-depth, insightful answers will be given better grades than straightforward ones.

Worth: 5% of course grade

THE QUESTIONS:

- (Ch. 1, Problem 2) What is the role of middleware in a distributed system?
- (Ch. 1, Problem 5) Why is it sometimes so hard to hide the occurrence and recovery from failures in a distributed system?
- (Ch. 1, Problem 6) Why is it not always a good idea to aim at implementing the highest degree of transparency possible?
- (Ch. 1, Problem 7) What is an open distributed system and what benefits does openness provide?

- Add due date to Schedule
- Add an announcement about the open date to Announcements
- Add honor pledge

- Specify if you would like to receive email notification regarding submissions and whether or not to attach further documentation.

**Submission Notification Email Options:**

- Do not send me notification emails for any student submissions
- Send me a notification email for each student submission
- Send me one email per day summarizing notifications for student submissions

**Attachments**

No attachments yet

Add Attachments

Post Preview Save Draft Cancel

6. Click **Post** and the assignment should be visible in the **Assignment List**.

<a href="#">Assignment title</a>	<a href="#">Status</a>	<a href="#">Open</a>	<a href="#">Due</a>	<a href="#">In / New</a>	<a href="#">Scale</a>	Remove?
<a href="#">Written Assignment #1</a> <a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Duplicate</a>   <a href="#">Grade</a>	Open	Jan 6, 2009 12:00 pm	Jan 16, 2009 1:00 pm	<a href="#">0/0</a>	0-22.0	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Assignments**

**The Student Experience**

Upon Logging into the system, going to the course site and selecting assignment from the left vertical menu the student will see the assignment in the **Assignment List**.

<a href="#">Assignment title</a>	<a href="#">Status</a>
<a href="#">Written Assignment #1</a>	Not Started

After clicking on the assignment they will be brought to the assignment page and greeted with the assignment instructions.

## **Assignments**

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### **Assignment - In progress**

Complete the form, then choose the appropriate button at the bottom.

<b>Title</b>	Written Assignment #1
<b>Due</b>	Jan 16, 2009 1:00 pm
<b>Status</b>	In progress
<b>Grade Scale</b>	Points (max 22.0)

### **Instructions**

This assignment is a guide through the background material on the introductory and architecture information is important for designers of distributed systems.

After reading through the instructions the student will be able to complete the assignment in the **Assignment Text** area.

## Submission

### Assignment Text

This assignment allows submissions using both the text box below and attached documents. Type your comments in the box below and use the Add Attachments button to include other documents. Save frequently while working.

The student can choose to copy the assignment questions and answer them one at a time below. Here is an example of what that will look like.

## Submission

### Assignment Text

This assignment allows submissions using both the text box below and attached documents. Type your other documents. Save frequently while working.

1. (Ch. 1, Problem 2) What is the role of middleware in a distributed system?

Lorem Ipsum is simply dummy text of the printing and typesetting industry. Lorem Ipsum has been the industry's standard dummy text ever since the 1500s, when an unknown printer took a galley of type and scrambled it to make a type specimen book. It has survived not only five centuries, but also the leap into electronic typesetting, remaining essentially unchanged. It was popularised in the 1960s with the release of Letraset sheets containing Lorem Ipsum passages, and more recently with desktop publishing software like Aldus PageMaker including versions of Lorem Ipsum.

2. (Ch. 1, Problem 5) Why is it sometimes so hard to hide the occurrence and recovery from failures in a distributed system?

Lorem Ipsum is simply dummy text of the printing and typesetting industry. Lorem Ipsum has been the industry's standard dummy text ever since the 1500s, when an unknown printer took a galley of type and scrambled it to make a type specimen book. It has survived not only five centuries, but also the leap into electronic typesetting, remaining essentially unchanged. It was popularised in the 1960s with

If the students are allowed to attach additional material an attachment option will be available.

### Attachments

No attachments yet

Add Attachments

Honor Pledge: I have neither given nor received aid on this assignment.   
(You must respond to submit your assignment.)

Submit

Preview

Save Draft

Cancel


Once the student clicks the **Submit** button the assignment will be sent to the Instructor.

## Grading Assignments

1. In the **Assignment List** click the **Grade** link.

<a href="#">Assignment title</a>	<a href="#">Status</a>
<a href="#">Written Assignment #1</a> <a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Duplicate</a>   <a href="#">Grade</a>	Open

2. Select the student you wish to grade.

<a href="#">Student</a> 	<a href="#">Submitted</a>
<a href="#">Dildy, Clifton(clifton)</a>	
<a href="#">jaschenb(jaschenb)</a>	
<a href="#">Student, Typical(astudent)</a>	Jan 8, 2009 2:44 pm
<a href="#">Taylor, Robert(rgtaylor)</a>	

3. On this page you can add direct comments in the student's assignment in the **Submitted Text** section by placing comments in double curly braces, e.g. {{very interesting idea}} or you can put all your comments into the **Instructor Comments** below as shown in the example image.

3. (Ch. 1, Problem 6) Why is it not always a good idea to aim at implementing the highest degree of transparency possible?

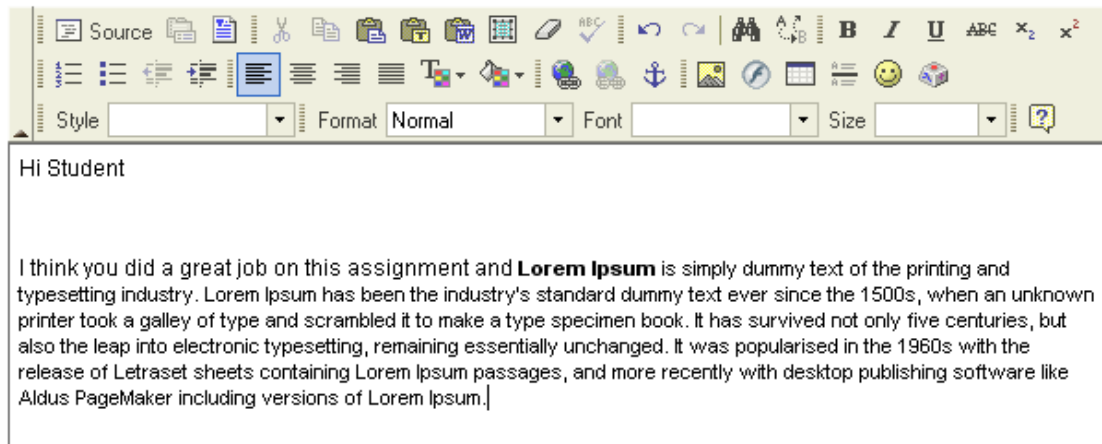
{{Why did you not answer this question}}

#### Submitted Attachments

No attachments submitted

#### Instructor Comments

Use the box below to enter additional summary comments about this submission



The screenshot shows a rich text editor with a toolbar at the top containing various icons for text formatting, alignment, and insertion. Below the toolbar, there are dropdown menus for 'Style', 'Format' (set to 'Normal'), 'Font', and 'Size'. The main text area contains the following content:

Hi Student

I think you did a great job on this assignment and **Lorem Ipsum** is simply dummy text of the printing and typesetting industry. Lorem Ipsum has been the industry's standard dummy text ever since the 1500s, when an unknown printer took a galley of type and scrambled it to make a type specimen book. It has survived not only five centuries, but also the leap into electronic typesetting, remaining essentially unchanged. It was popularised in the 1960s with the release of Letraset sheets containing Lorem Ipsum passages, and more recently with desktop publishing software like Aldus PageMaker including versions of Lorem Ipsum.

4. You can specify additional information and attach it for the student as well as specify a grade below. Click **Save** to save the grade and instructor comments in the system.

#### Attachments to Return with Grade

No attachments yet

[Add Attachments](#)

Grade:  (out of 22.0)

Allow Resubmission

[Save](#)

[Return Assignment to Student](#)

[Preview](#)

[Cancel](#)

5. Sakai will return you to the grading page for the assignment. To release the grades to the students after assignments have been graded click the **Release Grades** link.



Submissions for "Written Assignment #1"

View [All Sections/Groups](#)

[Download All](#) | [Release Grades](#) | [Upload All](#)

Assign this grade to all participants without a grade:

Viewing

<a href="#">Student</a>	<a href="#">Submitted</a>	<a href="#">Status</a>	<a href="#">Grade</a>
<a href="#">Dildy, Clifton(clifton)</a>		No Submission	
<a href="#">jaschenb(jaschenb)</a>		No Submission	
<a href="#">Student, Typical(astudent)</a>	Jan 8, 2009 2:44 pm	Graded	19.0