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Hi everyone in the GD course,

This is our final lesson and final week. I know many of you are "playing catchup" so I am going to feature one fascinating topic that you can read through and enjoy when time allows. There is no new big project to write so hopefully you can "end strong" and finish up all the items from the last week or two by Friday of this week when we officially end.

Only Required Work of the Week

In our final week, I would like you to go through our WIKI one more time at tinyurl.com/sconlineGD and

- a) see if you can fill in several of the vocab words that have not yet been described
- b) read through the Columbus Day projects and partner writeups; please add comments with your name, creating a nice fabric of connections amongst you



Team 1 - Jo and Connor (FL and TX)

Team 2 - Lisa and Wynnette (TX and FL)

Looked into a few google apps and found them intriguing -- favorite was Lucidchart, a tool for drawing flowcharts.

Team 3 - Bob and Terri (TX and WA and TN)

The app we chose to explore is *Presentation Remote*, which allows your iphone to be a remote that controls the viewing of your Google Presentation.



EXCERPTS

Bob: Work as teams of 2 to learn more about the two stories of Creation in

Genesis 1 & Genesis 2. Produce the equivalent of a Venn diagram using

as many technological innovations as you like.

Connor: Another thing I've actually done is I've linked a Google Doc to each of my

class periods' class web pages, during our *A Midsummer Night's Dream* unit, and I've instructed them to add to the page any literary terms, plot notes, Shakespeare notes, etc (this functions as a sort of Wiki page, like

this one!) It's worked very well so far.

Jo: Since my students do not have access to GD, I will be making up a quiz to

see how much my daughter knows about Florida history.

_isa: I will be using the Google Forms to create an online guiz for my students. I

will have students refer to a url on my website and complete the guiz.

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Terri: Using a combination of google spreadsheet and flippity.net, create a set of

vocabulary flashcards (set of terms to be determined: vocab lists per week,

vocab from books assigned in class...)

Wynnette: I plan on giving my students a vocab quiz using the GD Survey Form next

week. This will expand my students exposure to GD.



New Topic of the Week (Optional)

This innovative "add-on" to GD was created in the summer of 2012 and is called **Doctopus**. It allows you to take a Google Doc and distribute it to all your students creating an organization within a spreadsheet with several unique features:

- * you can set a deadline for your students and then automatically "lock" the document at a certain time so that no more entries can be made
- * you can create several levels of the same document (for examples Level A for more capable students and Level B for weaker students) and easily stay organized on a spreadsheet

I have created a 16 minute video which takes you through this very neat add-on and have "done a simulation" with all of you for this week: http://youtu.be/brTFRdGj83c

I believe several of you will use it and love it and say it is one of the most valuable things you learned in the course!



Doctopus: A helper script for managing Google Docs projects with students

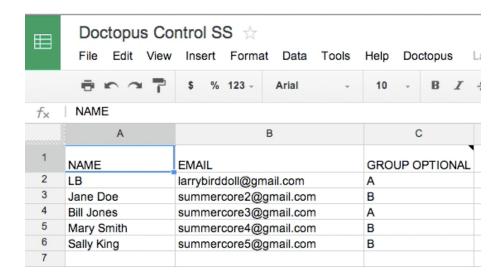
Features

- Manages a single assignment for your class from one spreadsheet.
- Use your class roster to create and manage pre-shared student copies
 of a master Doc of any type (document, presentation, spreadsheet, PDF,
 etc.), or a folder of Documents in four handy sharing configurations:
 - Project groups Great for jigsaws! Allows for different starter docs by student group.
 - Individual Differentiated Allows for different starter docs per individual by level.
 - Individual All the same
 - Whole class
- Automatically grant view-only or comment-only privileges to the rest of the class to facilitate peer review protocols.
- Pre-organizes assignments into a folder of your choosing.
- Can copy and distribute whole folders full of Documents to students (with subfolders and files up to one level down)

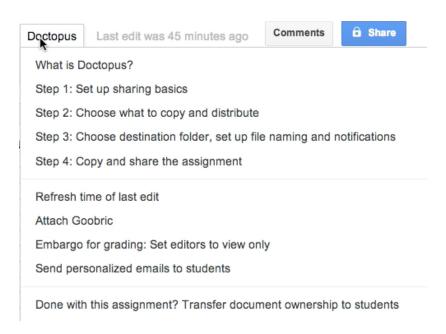


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It all begins with what I call a Doctopus Control Spreadsheet that you created in which you create these 3 columns. Notice that in this simulation, I am putting LB and Bill Jones at Level A and so they will get a different worksheet from Jane, Mary and Sally at Level B.



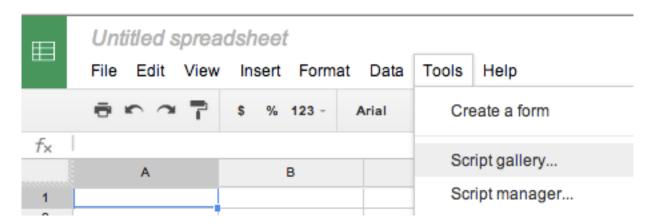
Then you work through the 4 steps of Doctopus under the Doctopus menu that you now have. You get Doctopus once you install which I will show you on the next page.





Installing Doctopus (after you start creating your CONTROL SPREADSHEET)

First go under the TOOLS menu to the choice directly under CREATE A FORM. You will see SCRIPT GALLERY and that is how you get DOCTOPUS.



Once you choose SCRIPT GALLERY, you either navigate or just type in Doctopus and get this screen where you install the latest version (not the North Korean one).

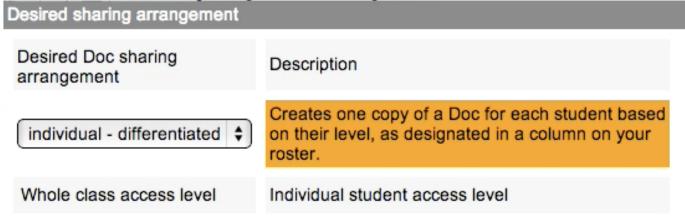
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Okay, so back to Step 1 of usage where you specify whether all of your students get the same worksheet or if you have several different levels. Look at the button below that says INDIVIDUAL - DIFFERENTIATED.

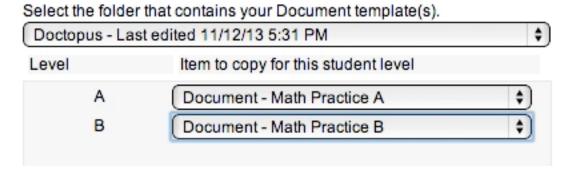
Step 1: Set up sharing basics

Doctopus uses a student list with Google email addresses to create, manage, and streamline rubric-based grading of a class assignment.



In Step 2, you have the chance to specify WHICH DOCUMENT for Level A and WHICH DOCUMENT for Level B.

Step 2: Choose which documents to copy and distribute



Also, unlike Kaizena, your students do NOT need to install Doctopus. You install it and it works for you and they know nothing about it!

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Here is Step 3 where Doctopus asks you WHAT FOLDER you want all the GD files to be in. Please remember that if you have 33 students, you will be creating 33 files each with a unique name. What I have done below is specified that all of my files are to be called Math Practice and then the **\$name** notation means that Sally's file name will be Math Practice Jane Doe.

Step 3: Choose destination folder, set up file naming and notifications

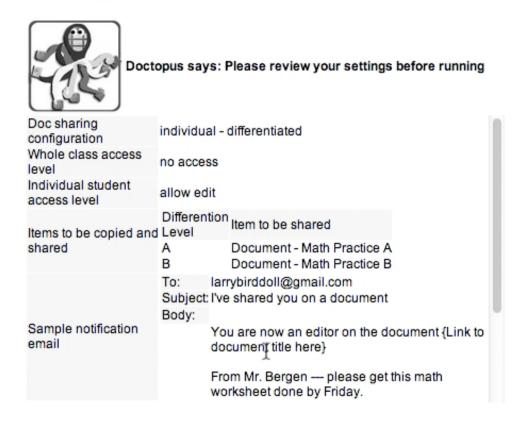
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OR	Create folder named Doctopus Assignment for 11/13/13			
Use these variables to substitute spreadsheet values into any of the fields below. Variables must be separated from other text with spaces. \$name \$email \$groupOptional				
How do you want the file(s) named.				
Math Practice Sname				
Notify document EDITORS immediately upon sharing and re-sharing.				
Recipient email address(es).				
Semail				
Email subject				
I've shared you on a document				
Include a	a note			
From Mr. Bergen please get this math worksheet done by Friday.				

So Doctopus keeps track of all of the student files and gives you links on one organized spreadsheet to all the student files. With a few choices, you can impose a deadline for your students and change their access so if they miss the deadline, they can no longer type onto their individual worksheet.



Here is Step 4 where Doctopus summarizes what you have specified in the first 3 steps and says to you "are you ready to do it?"

Step 4: Copy and share docs



Here is my Doctopus Folder after this is all done. Please note that the computer created 5 of the files below (all except Doctopus Control SS and Math Practice A and Math Practice B.

My Drive ▶ Doctopus				
	TITLE	OWNER		
	■ Doctopus Control SS	me		
	Math Practice Sally King Shared	me		
	Math Practice Mary Smith Shared	me		
	Math Practice Bill Jones Shared	me		
	Math Practice Jane Doe Shared	me		
	Math Practice LB Shared	me		
	Math Practice B	me		
	Math Practice A	me		

Google Docs & Drive



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Be well everyone and hope you stay in touch. Teaching you and getting to know all of you has been a real joy. I wish you the best of success with your computer usage and your careers. Even though our 30 minute phone sessions/teaching sessions end this Friday 11/22, if I can help you at some point in the next 33 years by email or a 5 minute phone call, I would be glad to! Be well, everyone! Steve

