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Voting

The **Voting Activity** allows teachers to provide learners with a list of options to "Vote" on. It is similar to the [Q&A Activity](#) in that Voting shows first one screen with all the available voting options, then a screen showing the individual learner's selection, then a screen showing "progressive" voting results (i.e., a non-editable screen where learners can see results from themselves and other learners over time). Finally, there is Summary Screen of group results.


	<p>Animated Tutorial This animation explains how to create and use the Voting Activity</p>
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Voting Activity Authoring

| [Basic Tab](#) | [Advanced Tab](#) | [Instructions](#) | [Conditions](#) |

All properties sheets contain three tabs:

- The **Basic** tab controls the content of the activity.
- The **Advanced** tab controls how the activity behaves.
- The **Instructions** tab allows authors to comment on the activity itself.

 The Voting activity has no conditions tab. For more on configuring the Voting tool with Branching, see the [conditions section](#) below..

Basic tab for the Voting Activity

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There are two features on the basic tab common to all activities:

- **Title:** All Activities have a web page title which is presented at the top of the activity page when displayed in the Learning Environment. This is *NOT* the same title as the Title that can be set using the [Properties Inspector](#).
- **Instructions:** All Activities have a text area that is presented beneath the title. This is where the main activity text to be displayed to learners is entered. The text can be formatted using the Rich-Text Editor. Image, Video, Audio and URL content can also be displayed in the Instructions area.

Specific Features for the Voting Activity

- **Nominations**

Nominations define the voting choices presented to Learners.

- To Create a new nomination click **+Create Nomination**.
- To Edit an existing nomination click the **Pencil**.
- You can change the order in which nominations appear using the **Green Arrows**.
- To Delete an existing nomination, use the **Red Cross**.

Advanced tab for the Voting Activity

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- **Lock when finished:** Enabling this option in *Voting* means that once Learners have selected their nominations and Click Next Activity, their Vote is final.
Learners can still view the Voting Activity by using the Progress bar.
If this option is disabled, Learners will be able to change their votes by opening the voting activity through the progress bar, until the sequence is stopped by a monitor.
- **Add Notebook...** : This option is available on all Activities. Enabling this option creates a Notebook as part of the Activity, which Learner's can use to reflect on the activity just completed. The reflections are personal (ie: not shared with other learners).

Advanced Features Specific to the Voting Activity

- **Allow Text Entry:** When enabled, this option allows learners to Create and Select their own nomination. Other learners cannot choose this nomination, but can create their own entry to choose.
If disabled, Learners may only nominate from the choices specified in the authoring environment.
- **Max Votes:** specifies the maximum number of votes an individual learner may cast.
- **Min Votes:** specifies the minimum number of votes an individual learner may cast.
- **Display Overall Results:** When this feature is enabled, the activity will allow the Learners to see the accumulated marks for the activity once they have voted.
 - **Note:** the results will only be as current as to time when the learner submitted their vote. To see the final results, learners should return to the activity via the progress bar once all learners have voted.
Alternatively, a [synchronise gate](#) can be placed after the Voting to make sure that all learners have voted before the sequence progresses.

Instructions Tab

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The **Instructions** tab contains the same features for all Activities.

It allows the Author to create specific instructions for the activity, as well as upload files that may be useful for running the activity (ie: support documents, etc.). It is a resource that can be used by teachers who are running the sequence for their learners. (In the Monitoring Environment, the Instructions for an Activity can be viewed by double clicking the activity on the *Sequence* tab and then selecting the *Instructions* tab.

The instructions can be retrieved by other authors who open the activity, or by monitors running the sequence.

There are two types of Instruction possible, Offline and Online, depending on the mode that the teacher wishes to run the activity. The feature is useful for teachers who are sharing sequences with their colleagues as it provides an area where the Author can describe any learning objectives and/or the specific purpose of the activity.

Branching Conditions Specific to the Voting Activity

The Voting activity has no conditions tab. All Branching behaviour is configured in the Properties Inspector for each connected Tool-Based Branching.

When a [Branching activity](#) is based on the Outputs from a Voting activity, the sequence author can choose to stream Learners along a branch

based on their nomination choice.


Example:

- *Learners who select 'Nomination One' are streamed along Branch A.*
- *Learners who select 'Nomination Two' are streamed along Branch B.*

Please see [Authoring Tool Based Branching](#) for details on how to set this up.

Monitoring Voting

Summary Screen

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The **Summary Tab** for *Voting Activities* allows Monitors to view statistics about Learner participation in the activity, and also analyse the responses of Learners to the Voting questions.

At the top of the tab is the *Group Selection* drop down menu. If the Voting activity is modified by a Grouping Object, this menu allows the monitor to view the different result sets for each group, or the collated results from each group. If the Activity is running in whole class mode, there will only be one option available in this menu.

The Summary screen also shows the total number of Learners who have access to the sequence as well as the number of learners who have completed this particular activity.

The last tab section displays all of the voting questions and the accompanying nominations. For each nomination, LAMS shows a percentage of the total votes. The Monitor can also choose to view the results in Bar or Pie chart form, by clicking "*View Bar Chart*" and "*View Pie Chart*" respectively.

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In the Authoring Environment, Authors can use the **Instructions Space** to attach support files for a specific activity, or leave comments for other Monitors about how a given activity should be run.

These comments and files can be viewed from here - the **Instructions Tab**.

Edit Activity

Clicking the **Edit Activity** button opens a new screen identical to the '_Basic'_tab in the authoring environment. In the current version of LAMS (2.0.4), Editing can only be performed on activities that students have not yet reached.

Unlike **Live Edit**, this form of Editing can only modify the content of an activity, as opposed to the structure of a sequence.

Statistics

The **Voting Summary** screen presents a simplified version of the statistics on the Summary page.
