



Blackboard

Group Journals are Visible to all Enrolled Students in the Course

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Issue Description: When a group is created and the journal tool is enabled, visibility is set to group when viewed by the instructor however all enrolled students in the course who are not members of the group can view and comment on journal entries.

Steps to Replicate:

1. Create a course
2. Create and enroll 2 student accounts in to the course
3. Create a group, enable the journals tool and add student1
4. Click on course **tools > journals** - Visibility appears a group.
5. Log in as student1 and create a journal entry
6. Log in as student2 and click on **tools > journals**

Observed Result:

Student2 can view the group journal and post comments even though they are not a member of the group. Visibility also appears as Public to the student.

Expected Result:

The group journal should not appear to the student as they are not a member of that group. At the minimum they should not be able to view the contents.

Resolution/Workaround: If the instructor edits the journal and unchecks "Permit Members to View Journals" then only group members can view the group journal

Target Release: Future Reference

Patch Available: No

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