

Social Settings

Blackboard Web Community Manager

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This guide covers all available features and functionality. Features included in your contract may vary.

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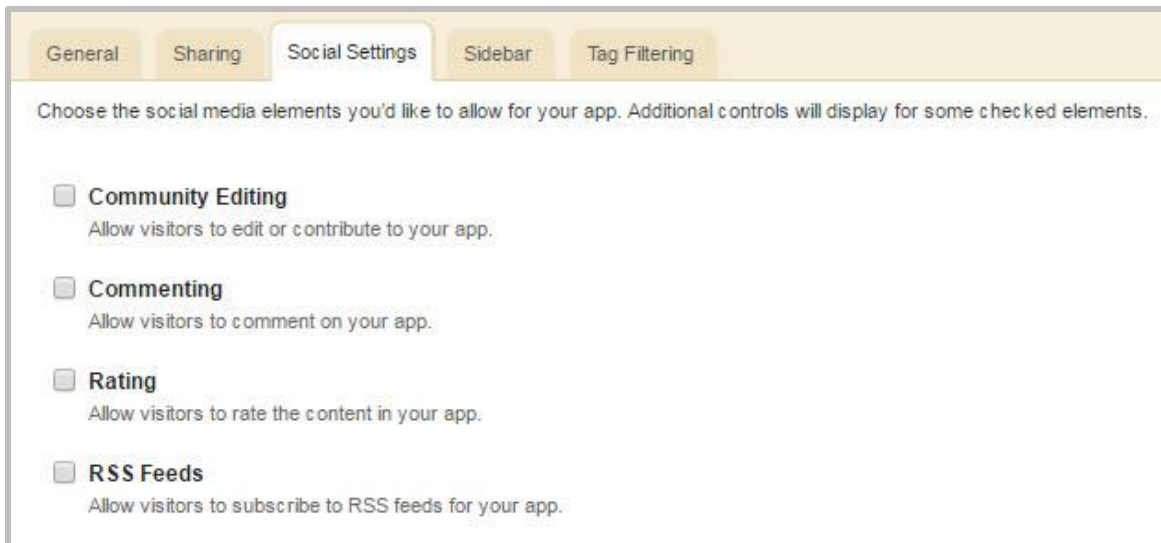
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Introduction

If you have *Social Media Framework*, you may be able to add social media elements to specific apps. Whether you can add a particular element depends on which settings and elements your Site Administrator has enabled.

In the App Options window, use the settings on the **Social Settings** tab to apply social media elements to your app.



The screenshot shows the 'Social Settings' tab in the App Options window. The tab is highlighted in yellow. Below the tab, there is a heading: 'Choose the social media elements you'd like to allow for your app. Additional controls will display for some checked elements.' Below this heading, there are four settings, each with a checkbox and a description:

- Community Editing**
Allow visitors to edit or contribute to your app.
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Social Media Elements

The Social Media elements that are available in Web Community Manager are commenting, rating, RSS feeds, community editing and tagging.

To see which elements are available in each app, see [Availability of Social Media Elements](#).

Commenting

Commenting allows visitors to add their comments about your app. Visitors can also reply to comments left by other visitors and reply to comments.

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Choose the social media elements you'd like to allow for your app. Additional controls will display for some checked elements.

- Community Editing**
Allow visitors to edit or contribute to your app.
- Commenting**
Allow visitors to comment on your app.
 - Require Approval (Recommended)**
 - Allow visitors to change names and email addresses
- Show newest comments at the bottom
- Show newest comments at the top
- Rating**
Allow visitors to rate the content in your app.
- RSS Feeds**
Allow visitors to subscribe to RSS feeds for your app.

When you activate the **Commenting** check box, two additional check boxes, two radio buttons and the **Commenting Rights** tab display.

We recommend that you select the **Require Approval** check box. With this activated, you must approve all visitor comments before they display on your website.

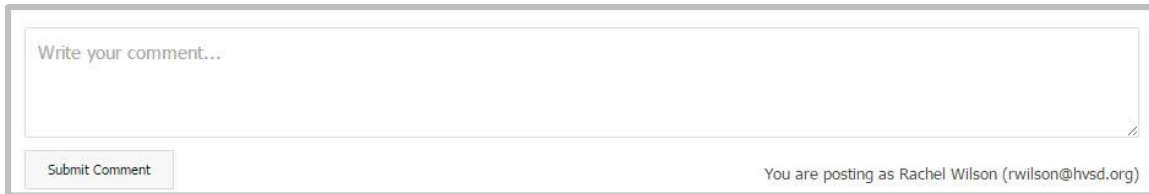
If a visitor posts a comment and is not signed in, the name associated with the post is *Anonymous*.

Write your comment...

Submit Comment

You are posting as Anonymous

If a visitor posts a comment and is signed into your website, the name and email address of the visitor is pulled from the visitor's user account.



Write your comment...

Submit Comment

You are posting as Rachel Wilson (rwilson@hvdsd.org)

However, if you select the **Allow visitors to change names and email addresses** check box, visitors who are signed in to your website may modify their posting name and email address.



Write your comment...

Submit Comment

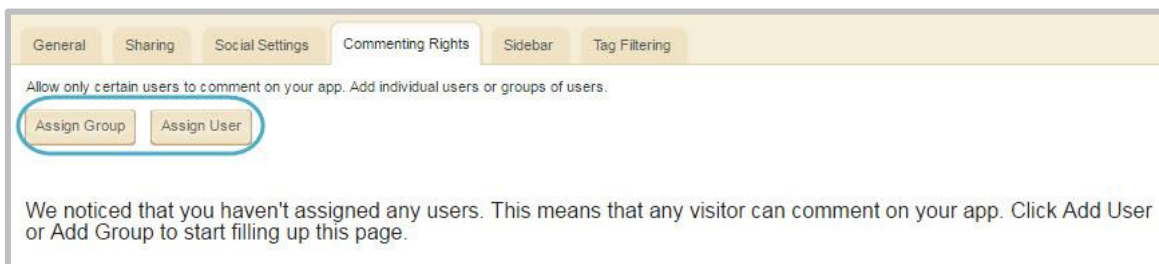
You are posting as: Eric Sparks

Email (Is not posted): esparks@hvdsd.org

Note that the email address associated with a post never displays on the end-user website.

You may also choose to have newest comments post at the top of the list within your app by selecting the **Show newest comments at the top** radio button. By default, the **Show newest comments at the bottom** radio button is selected.

When you have enabled **Commenting** for your app, the **Commenting Rights** tab displays. By default, all visitors to your website may comment on your app. If you would like to limit who may comment, click **Assign Group** or **Assign User** and [select specific users and groups](#).



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Allow only certain users to comment on your app. Add individual users or groups of users.

Assign Group Assign User

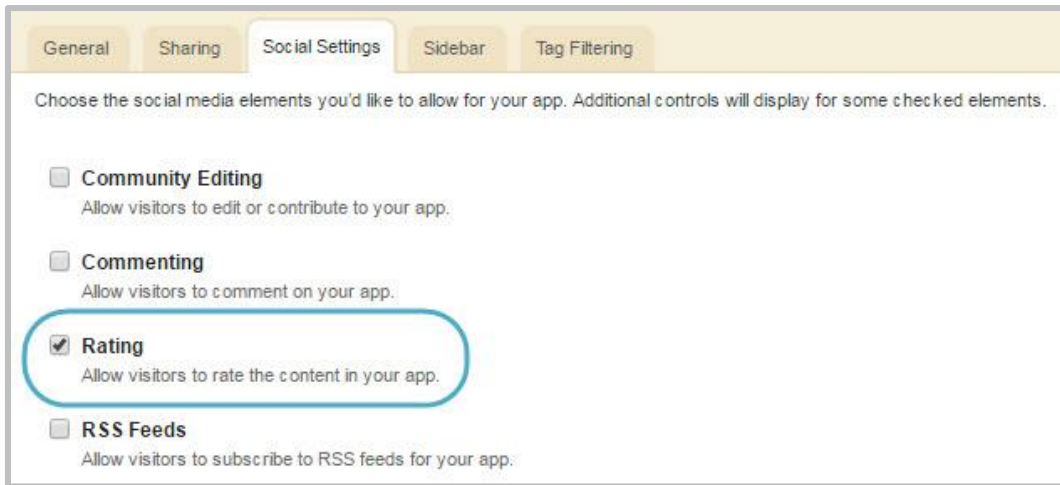
We noticed that you haven't assigned any users. This means that any visitor can comment on your app. Click Add User or Add Group to start filling up this page.

Here are some additional resources on commenting.

- [Enable Commenting Rights for an App](#)
- [Moderate Visitor Comments on an App](#)
- [Remove Visitor Comments](#)

Rating

Rating allows visitors to rate the articles in your app. The rating system consists of a series of five stars that display for each article in your library.

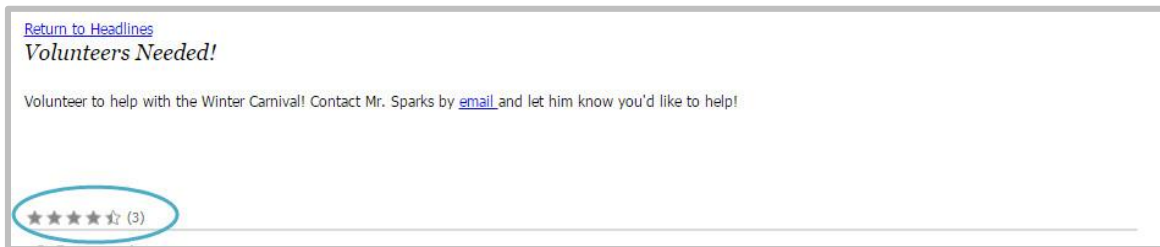


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You click on a star to rate the app. Note that you can specify half values by mousing over the first half of a star. Once rated, the stars display the average rating on the end-user website and you see the number of times the app was rated.

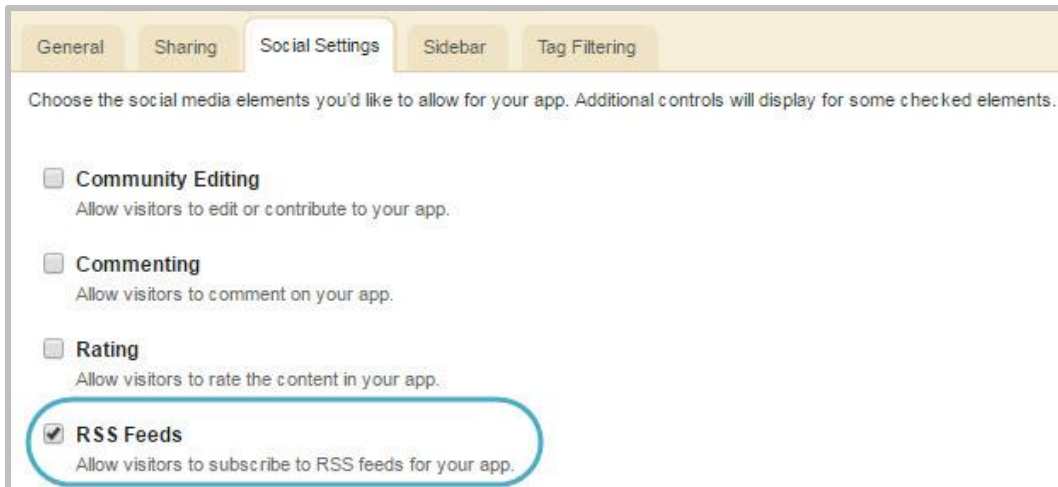


Here are some additional resources on rating.

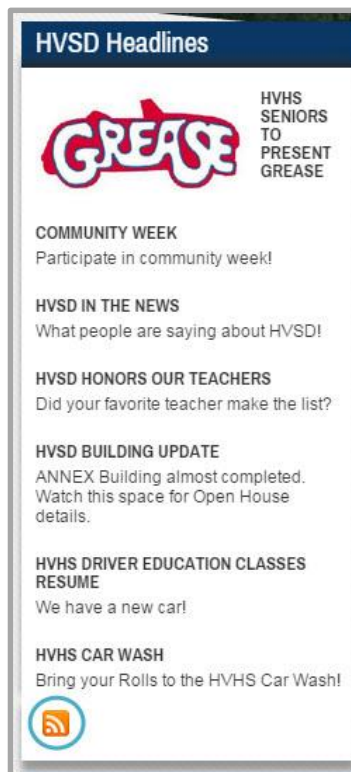
- [Enable Visitor Rating](#)

RSS Feeds

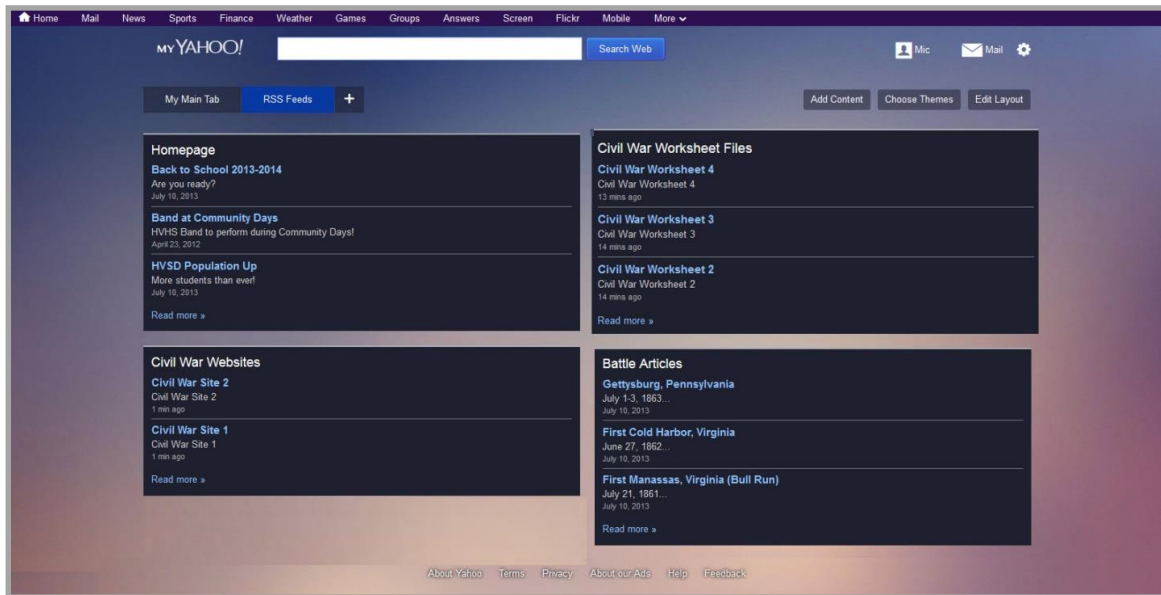
Really Simple Syndication (RSS) Feeds enables visitors to subscribe to your app. With the RSS option activated, an RSS Feed icon displays on your website for your app.



When visitors click this icon, a dialog window displays. It contains information about RSS feeds and instructions on how to subscribe.



Once a visitor subscribes, the RSS reader, also known as an aggregator, periodically checks for and downloads updates made to the app.

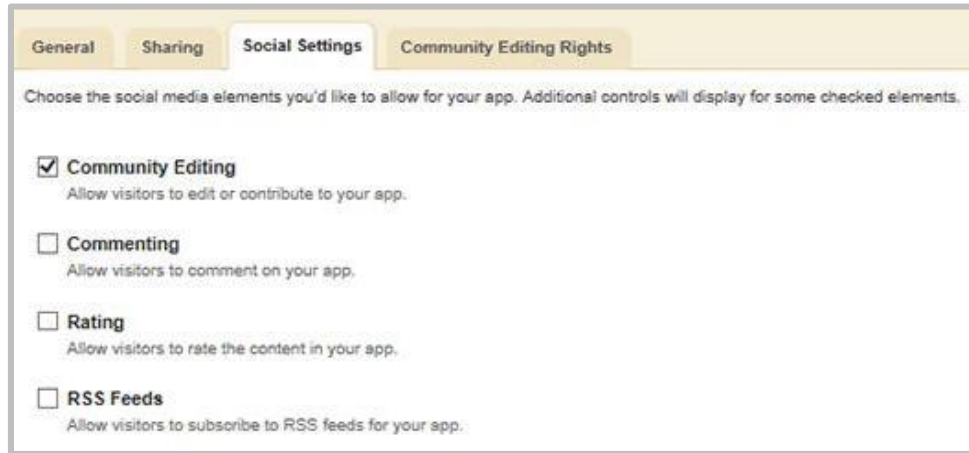


Here are some additional resources on RSS Feeds.

- [RSS Subscription and Feeds](#)
- [Enable RSS Feeds](#)

Community Editing

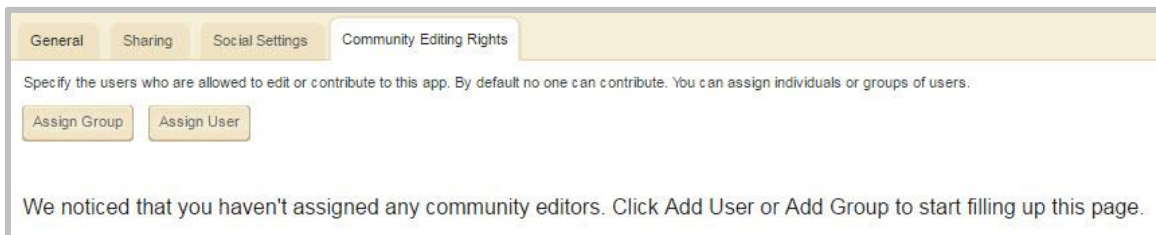
Community editing allows selected registered users the ability to add content to that app from the end user website.



The screenshot shows the 'Social Settings' tab selected in the Blackboard Web Community Manager interface. Below the tab navigation, there is a heading: 'Choose the social media elements you'd like to allow for your app. Additional controls will display for some checked elements.' Below this heading, there are four options, each with a checkbox and a description:

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When you turn on Community Editing the **Community Editing Rights** tab displays. Click the tab and [select the groups or users](#) you wish to have the ability to add content to the app. Until you add users or groups, no one can add content.

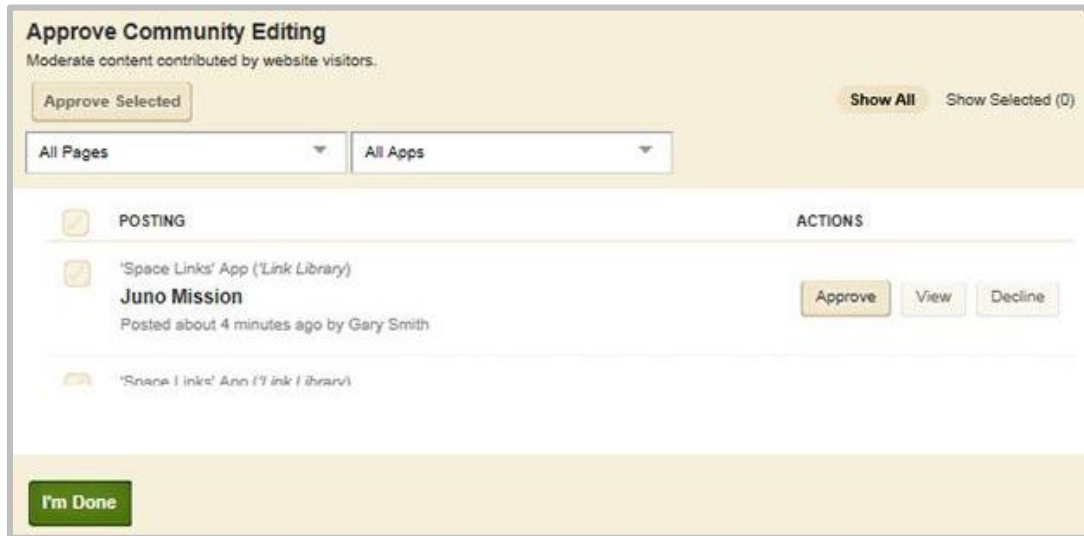


The screenshot shows the 'Community Editing Rights' tab selected in the Blackboard Web Community Manager interface. Below the tab navigation, there is a heading: 'Specify the users who are allowed to edit or contribute to this app. By default no one can contribute. You can assign individuals or groups of users.' Below this heading, there are two buttons: 'Assign Group' and 'Assign User'.

We noticed that you haven't assigned any community editors. Click Add User or Add Group to start filling up this page.

Community Editing content added is in the format of the app. For example, content added to a Link Library App is a link. Content added to an Alumni Directory is an alumnus post.

Community Editing content will not display until you approve it. To approve the content, navigate to the workspace containing the app and click the **Tools** tab. Use Approve Community Editing to approve or decline the posting. Once approved, it becomes a record within the app in Site Manager.

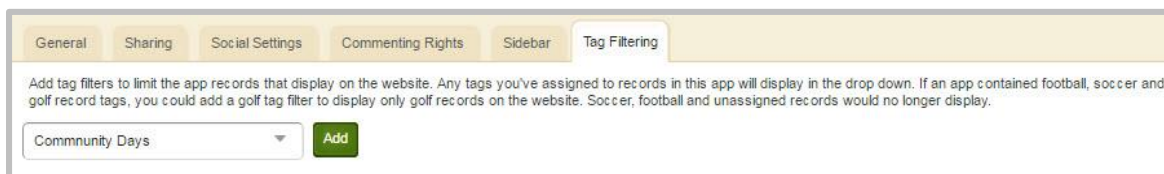


Here are some additional resources on Community Editing.

- [Enable Community Editing Rights on an App](#)
- [Moderate Community Editing on an App](#)
- [Remove Community Editing Content](#)

Tagging

Tagging allows you to filter which app records display on the end user website. If you choose, you can display the tags by which you filtered an app as clickable links on the end user website or simply display the filtered records without displaying the tags.



Here are some additional resources on tagging.

- [Tagging Guide](#)
- [Tagging Tutorial](#)