Creating New Labs

Complexity Level - Beginner
This is a beginner topic. Little to no advanced knowledge is required.

Overview
This document shows unit administrators or web committee members how to create labs on their Drupal web sites.

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Labs
If your department has labs, you may find this content type useful. A lab is simply a title with some text in the About this Lab section. Images can be embedded within the body of the page or one can also have a main image. Depending on your unit, research areas can also be linked.

Step 1: Create New Lab
First click on 'Content.'

Then 'Add content'

Then click on 'Labs'
Step 2: Fill in Basic Required Relevant Information

The minimum this page needs to have is Title and About this Lab. See below.

Step 3: Fill in Optional Fields

There are also optional fields you might want to use. Please see below for an explanation for all of the optional fields for labs.

Lab Summary

When you add a lab, it will be shown on a page listing all of the labs. That page will show a truncated version of the text in the About this Lab section as a summary. If you would prefer to write your own summary, click "Edit Summary" to create that summary. See below:
Upload Image

You can also upload an image for the lab. Click on Browse to select an image from your computer.

Once you have uploaded the image, add a description in the 'Alternative Text'. Click on 'Crop Image' to change how the image will appear on the website.

The "Crop 3:2 Spotlight" is how it will appear if it shows up in spotlights. This cropping is particularly handy to avoid having important parts of the image cut out. You will simply scroll over the lighter area and move it to the area you would like to display.
Adding Lab Site

You can also add a link to the Lab site(s) related to the lab, if one is available.

For this example, I am linking to an external sample lab site.

Associate Research Areas

If you have research areas defined, you can link to research area(s) associated with the lab:

This field will autopopulate as you type and you can choose from the existing pages:

When selected, the research area looks like this:

Step 3: Save

After you have saved the page, you will see the visual page. In this example, we linked to an external lab site and a research area, but this is optional. Here is how it will look.

Also see Adding Images to Content for assistance adding an image to a lab.