

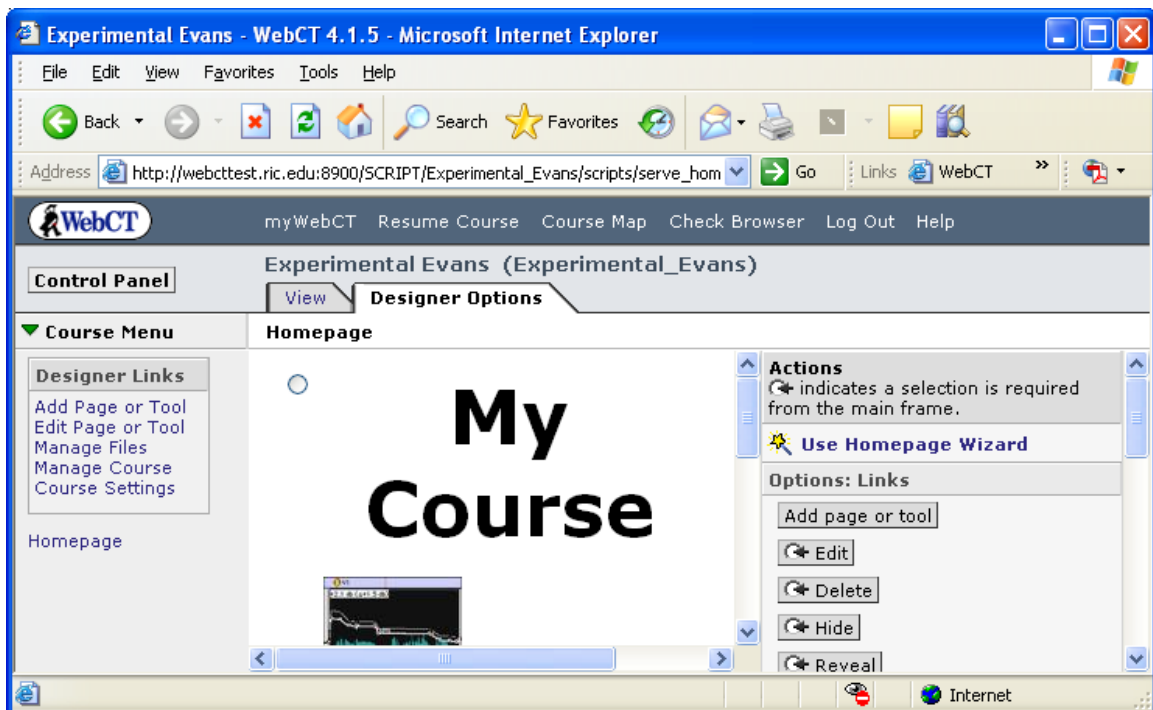
# Adding a Counter to a WebCT Page

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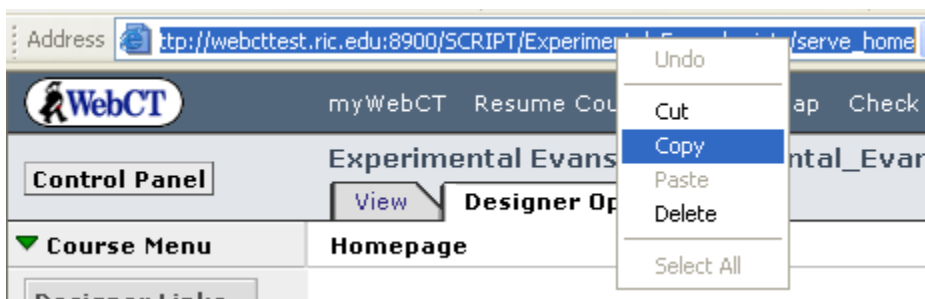
WebCT does not have a page counter function. However, you can access one of hundreds of free counter on the Internet. After a Google search, I chose <http://www.free-counter-plus.com/counter/signup/> because it was at the top of the list. Any of these counters should work fine, so you don't have to pick this one.

The one thing you need to sign up is the URL of the page to contain your counter.

Sign on to WebCT and bring up the page the counter is to be added to.



Copy the URL from the Address bar to the clipboard



Open the free counters site you chose and find the signup page

Address <http://www.free-counter-plus.com/counter/signup/> Go Links WebCT Google

**freecounter+**  
free-counter-plus.com

the web's only free hit counter...  
with statistics.

home  
why we're free  
sample stats  
advertise  
sample counter  
sign up  
contact

Free Counter Plus - The web's only totally free hit counter, including full site stats. In only minutes, you can download and install your own free counter and track your websites traffic and visitors.

Sign up for our free Web Counter

Please submit the following information:  
Your web address is used to track your stats, so make sure to enter the correct address.

Your Page Address (URL):

Start Counter at:

Please select counter style:  
To view your site's statistics just click the "stats" button on your counter - you will be automatically forwarded.

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Done Internet

Paste the URL you copied into the Your Page Address (URL) text box. With this counter you can determine the starting value by changing the 0 under Start Counter at to another value. When done, scroll down and click signup.

A page appears with the code to be copied into your WebCT page. It will look something like this

- home
- why we're free
- sample stats
- advertise
- sample counter
- sign up
- contact

**signup  
now**  
no email address required!

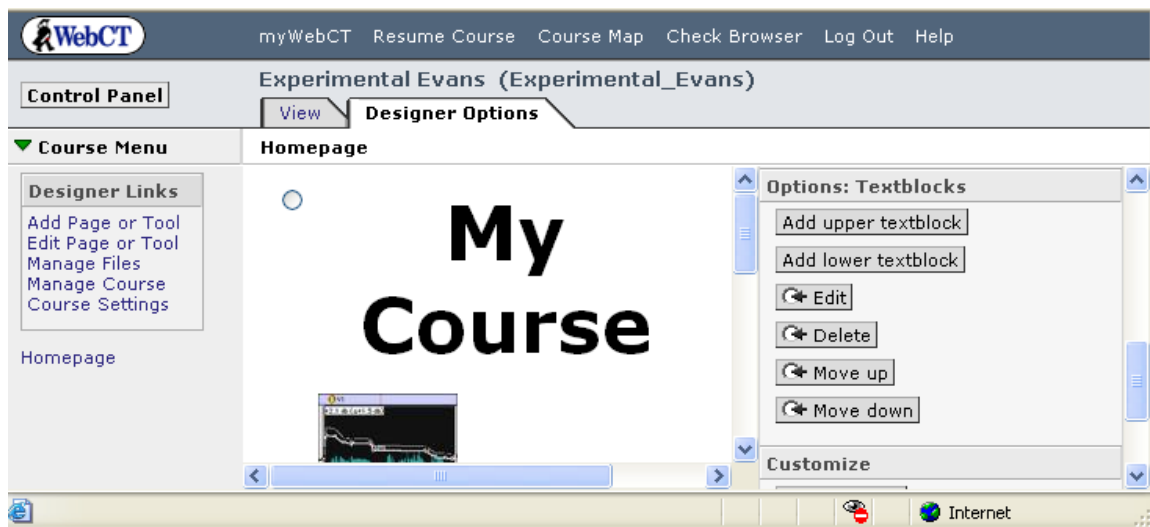
To install your counter, simply cut and paste the code below directly into your website's HTML code.

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<table width="83" border="0" cellspacing="0" cellpadding="0"><tr><td width="83" height="19"><a href="http://www.asseenontv.com/" target="_blank"></a></td></tr><tr><td height="13"><a href="http://www.free-counter-plus.com" target="_blank"></a><a href="http://www.free-counter-plus.com/counter/stats/stats.asp?id=51274" target="_blank"></a></td></tr></table><table width="83" border="0" cellspacing="0" cellpadding="0"><tr align="center"><td height="15" colspan="2"><font size="1" face="Arial"><a href="http://www.asseenontv.com/" target="_blank">As Seen On TV</a></font></td></tr></table>
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**Important:** It is crucial that the *Free Counter Plus* code be pasted directly into your HTML code. If you are using a graphical website editor (or WYSIWYG editor) , such as Microsoft Frontpage, Macromedia Dreamweaver or Adobe GoLive, please be sure to open the actual HTML code before pasting in the counter.

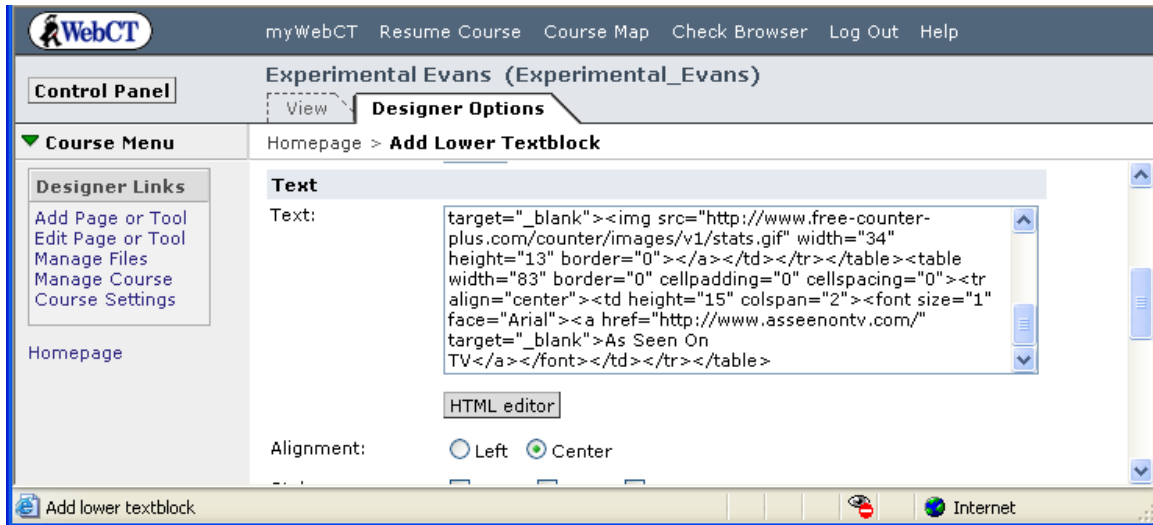
Next, close the free counter page and return to your WebCT page needing the counter.

Scroll to the bottom of the Action pane and locate the Options: Textblocks, and then click Add lower textblock.

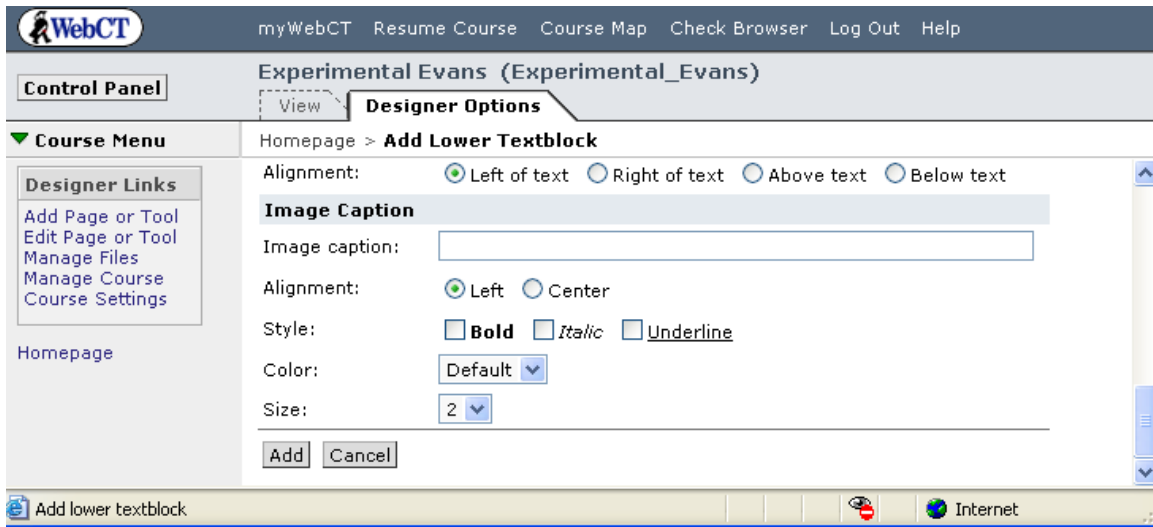


The "Add Lower Text/Image in Page" page opens.

Scroll down to the Text section and paste the code into the text box, then click the center radio button.



Scroll to the bottom of the page and click Add to place the counter on your page



Check it out. Every time the page is hit, the counter advances

The screenshot shows a WebCT interface for a course titled "Experimental Evans (Experimental\_Evans)". At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for "myWebCT", "Resume Course", "Course Map", "Check Browser", "Log Out", and "Help". Below this is a "Control Panel" with tabs for "View" and "Designer Options". A "Course Menu" on the left lists "Homepage". The main content area, also titled "Homepage", features an "Email" icon, the text "R Evans -- 9592", and a digital counter displaying "0000028" with "COUNTER" and "STATS" buttons below it. The counter is labeled "As Seen On TV". The browser's status bar at the bottom shows "View" and "Internet".

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I found a better free counter at [www.statcounter.com](http://www.statcounter.com). No ads; just your counter numbers. More statistics. You can hide it from view so only you can see the statistics, and more... Here is what it looks like on my college site at [www.ric.edu/revans](http://www.ric.edu/revans)

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