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The BBCL\_software Google Group

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**1. Specifications.**

**1.1 Objectives.**

The BBCL\_software Google Group is a web forum for discussing the LQGraph, MultCSync, ResNet, and Surrogacy software packages developed by the Biodiversity and Biocultural Conservation Laboratory at the University of Texas. The forum is primarily intended to answer users' questions about the software and to support the Latin American Biodiversity Database ([www.consnet.org/biodiversity](http://www.consnet.org/biodiversity)) and the Disease Vector Database ([www.diseasevectors.org](http://www.diseasevectors.org)). Users can also report bugs and request new software features via the Google Group. Like an e-mail list, any user can submit questions. Unlike e-mail lists, the Google Group does not generate frequent e-mails. The Google Group also allows users to search old postings easily.

**2. Accessing the Google Group.**

2.1 The BBCL\_software Google Group is accessed via the Google Groups website: [groups.google.com](http://groups.google.com) (Figure 1).

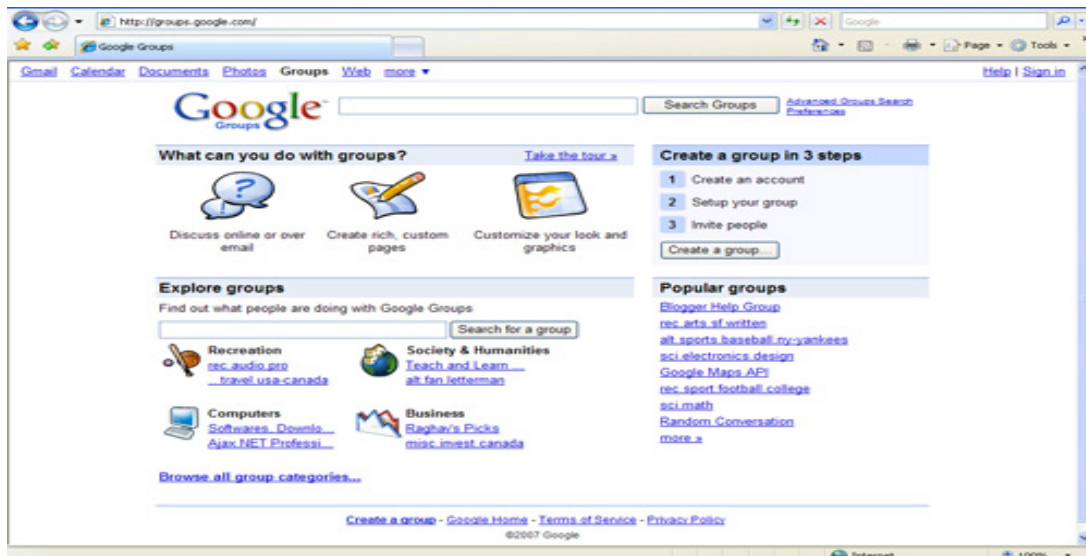


Figure 1. The Google Groups Website.

2.2 Users must register for a free Google account. If the user has a gmail account, then he or she already has a Google account. Otherwise, an account can be created by clicking the “Sign in” link in the upper right corner of the website (Figure 1) and then clicking “Create an account now” under “Don’t have a Google account?”

2.3 After registering, the BBCL\_software group can be accessed via the “Sign in” link. On the next page, the user enters his or her e-mail address and password.

2.4 After signing in, the user can access the BBCL\_software Group by typing “BBCL\_software” next to “Search for a group”. (Alternatively, the Group can be accessed at the URL: [http://groups.google.com/group/bbcl\\_software](http://groups.google.com/group/bbcl_software))

2.5 Next, to view the “Welcome message” for the Group, the user should click “BBCL” under “All groups>Lookup: `BBCL\_software””. On the next page, click “Welcome message” under “Discussions”. (Note: if the user has visited the Google Group before via Internet Explorer, the screen after “Search for a group” will say “Groups that match BBCL\_software” instead of “All groups> Lookup: `BBCL\_software””.)

2.6 New questions can be uploaded via Discussions>new post.

### **3. Maintenance and Modifications.**

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**4. Address:** [http://groups.google.com/group/bbcl\\_software](http://groups.google.com/group/bbcl_software).