WHAT’S NEW IN BLACKBOARD 9.1

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blackboard version 9.1

- Go-live date for VCCS on May 12, 2012.
- New features, better functionality, and fixed bugs with service packs.
- Fostering student engagement.
- Supporting teaching efficiency.
- Delivering open and extensible learning.
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UPDATED FEATURES
Course Files

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- Upload multiple files.
- Use files in multiple locations in a course or other courses.
- When changes made in My Files, all links to the item reflect those changes.
Collaboration Tools

- **Wikis**
  - Active collaboration around course content and group projects (Group Wikis).

- **Blackboard Collaborate**
  - Interactive learning experience that constantly involves students and instructor.
**Definition:**
Online collaboration tool that allows documents to be created and edited by multiple users within a course.
Blackboard Collaborate

What is Blackboard Collaborate:

- A Web conferencing tool.
- A building block within Blackboard.

Function:
Online office hours, virtual classroom, and group communication.
What is Blackboard Collaborate?
New Menu
New Content Types

This is the example of a new content type in Bb 9.1.

On May 12, 2012 the VCCS Blackboard learning management system will be upgraded to version 9.1 with the latest Service Pack. With B features focused on fostering student engagement, supporting teaching efficacy, and delivering open and extensible learning. In this do enhancements and new tools that will be available to faculty and students after the latest Blackboard upgrade: Course File Management, Types, Assessment and Evaluation Tools, and Grade Center Enhancements.

Course File Management (Instructor can manage course files at the course level)

When an instructor attached a file to a course content item in previous versions of Blackboard Learn, that file would be placed in a “hidden server where it was invisible to the instructor. Blackboard Learn 9.1 provides a course files area that allows instructors to view and manage content. Instead of attached files being stored in a “hidden” file system, files attached from the local computer are uploaded automatically. Instructors are able to upload large amounts of content to their course at once and use it in multiple areas of the course.
New Content Types

Instructor can add a textbook to a course:
- Manually add textbook information to the course.
- Locate textbook in an external source.
**Mashups**

- Embed content from outside services without ever leaving the Blackboard Learn interface.
  - YouTube: Videos
  - Flickr: Photos
  - SlideShare: Presentations
MASHUPS

Flickr Photos

Technology

User: justiniverson
Added: 12/12/11 Taken: 11/24/11 Last Updated: 12/12/11
Tags: technology
License: All Rights Reserved
Mashups

SlideShare Files

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User: rgardner  Added: 7/20/11
Number of Favorites: 0  Number of Comments: 0
Number of Views: 83  Number of Downloads: 0
Tags: vle blackboard
Mashups

YouTube Videos

Understanding Asthma (Asthma #1)

Duration: (3:11)
User: illumistream - Added: 11/28/07
ASSessment & EValuation TOOLS

- Rubrics
- Timed Assessment
- Test Question Numbering
- Copy Test, Survey, and Pools
- Question Finder
- Link to Questions
- Question Sets
Create a rubric to provide guidelines for grading an item.
Associate the Rubric to a grading assessment item or column and view the rubric while assigning a grade.
**Timed Assessment**

- Make the timed assessment auto-submit or
- Allow student to work beyond the allotted time.
- Under the “Edit the Test Options”
**Test Question Numbering**

1. **Either/Or: Either/Or: Add the question text...**  
   **Points:** 10
   **Question:** Either/Or: Add the question text and point value, then indicate the correct answer. Provide feedback for user responses. Options are yes/no, agree/disagree, true/false, right/wrong.
   **Example:** NaCl is common table salt.
   **Answer:**
   - Right
   - Wrong
   **Correct Feedback:** Yes Feedback
   **Incorrect Feedback:** No Feedback

2. **Essay: Essay: Add the question text, point value...**  
   **Points:** 10
   **Question:** Essay: Add the question text, point value, and an example of a correct answer. Remember, Blackboard will not automatically grade this question -- you must view the quiz attempt to assign points for it.
Copy Test, Survey, and Pools

- Copy test, survey, and pools directly from the list page.
- Faster way to create similar test compared to the import feature.
A new interface to locate questions. Create tests, surveys, and pools through questions finder repository. Search questions by question attributes, e.g., questions type, category, topic, or level of difficulty.
Choose to link or copy questions from Question Finder (See the image).
**Question Sets**

- A collection of questions retrieved from selected tests and pools.
- Randomly select a set number of questions to appear on a test.
Grade Center Enhancements

- Grade Center Location
- Needs Grading Page
- Anonymous Grading
- Grade by Question Attempt
- Grade Blogs, Journals, and Wikis
- Text Editor Options for Quick Comment
- Grading Color Codes
Grade Center Location

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Blackboard 9.1
**Needs Grading Page**

- Easy access to attempts are ready for grading.
- Filter function to grade most urgent assessment item.
Anonymous Grading

In this grading system, student identity is concealed until the grade for the attempt has been submitted. This allows for a fair and unbiased assessment of the students' performance.
Grade By Question Attempt

- Grade single question for all students as opposed to grade all questions for a student.
- More efficiency in the grading process.
## Grade By Question Attempt

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2 students answered this question.
Grade Blogs, Journals, and Wikis

Grade individual and group Blogs, Journals, and Wikis.

![Image of a wiki page with instructions and participation grading options.](Image)
Text Editor Options for Quick Comment

Here is the example of using Text Editor in Quick Comment.
**Grading Color Codes**

Here is a table showing the grades of different students:

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Summary

- Conversion on May 12, 2012.
- Training sessions and documentation will be provided starting in April 2012.
- Faculty can access Blackboard 9.1 by logging into: http://explore.vccs.edu
  - Same login name and password as your current Blackboard account.
  - If you want a Blackboard 9.1 sandbox course shell, please send your request to: DLearning@virginiawestern.edu