What's New in Blackboard 9.1 SP 11

Design and Style, New Features, Enhanced Features, Resolved Issues

A Quick Peek at What’s New

Watch the BlackboardTV overview video (2:09) at
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sfQ4uFeJRDs&feature

Browsers

Blackboard updated their browser support for
Mac (10.6, 10.7, 10.8) and
Windows (XP, Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8)
to include:

- **Chrome** (Latest versions)
- **Firefox** (Latest versions)
- **Safari** (Latest version for your operating system)
  - Note: We recommend the newest version of Safari for Windows (for any version of Windows).

- Windows Only
- **Internet Explorer** (Latest version for your operating system)
  Although Blackboard lists this browser, we do not recommend it.
If you use it, you may experience issues that can be remedied by using another browser.

See the Blackboard Supported Browsers for SP 11 page at
http://preview.tinyurl.com/o688smw

NOTE: Older operating systems and browsers may not support all Blackboard tools and features.
Opening Welcome
The first time you enter Blackboard 9.1 SP11, you will see the Welcome window.

Click **Close** to continue.

The red numeral next to your *User Name* indicates how many new messages and updates are available for you.
Global Navigation Menu (My Blackboard)

Open the Global Navigation Menu by clicking the Action Link contextual menu next to your name.

This is the entry to My Blackboard and gives one-click access to your Courses, Settings, and Help.

My Blackboard is the navigation panel that connects to the new tools, courses, and settings.

Posts
Posts are gathered from course blogs, journals, wikis, and discussion boards. This link lets you view and optionally respond to those posts. You can still read and respond to all posts in each Bb class.

Updates
The Updates page is the notification area. It includes information about due dates, tests, or available grades.

My Grades
Students can check grades and view feedback from their instructors.

Retention Center (Instructor Only)
The Instructor’s tool for helping students. The instructor sets rules to identify students who need additional assistance for improvement.

Calendar
The new calendar displays all items with course due dates. The Bb calendar can be connected to external calendars such as Google or Outlook.
Calendar events can be color-coded. Add events by clicking on a date. Bb course items with due dates are added automatically. Instructors can move events by dragging and dropping, which also updates the associated item.
New Content Editor (replaces the Text Box Editor)

The new editor has tools to format text as in a word processing application. It has resolved the pasting from Microsoft Word and other word processing applications issue because it cleans the hidden codes.

1. Content Information

   * Name
   
      New Content Editor

   Color of Name
   
      Black

Text

Photosynthesis is the process of converting light energy to chemical energy and storing it in the bonds of sugar. This process occurs in plants and some algae (Kingdom Protista). Plants need only light energy, CO₂, and H₂O to make sugar. The process of photosynthesis takes place in the chloroplasts, specifically using chlorophyll, the green pigment involved in photosynthesis.

Photosynthesis takes place primarily in plant leaves, and little to none occurs in stems, etc. The parts of a typical leaf include the upper


NOTE: If the Paste action does not respond, click the HTML button, paste text in the pop-up window text box, and click the Update button. Format the text in the Content Editor.
The new content editor includes a new mathML equation editor.
**Video Everywhere**

Record video from the new *Content Editor*. Record from your webcam and upload the video directly to YouTube.

A Google account registered on YouTube is required.
Click the *Recorder* button and select *Record*.
Give permission to access your camera and microphone.

Click *Record from Webcam*.
Upload the video to YouTube. It is processed and stored there, not in Blackboard.

You can keep your video “unlisted” so only users with the link can access it. Unlisted videos do not appear in YouTube search results.

In YouTube, you can Browse your video library and edit the properties of the video. Click the *Edit* button to make changes.
Delete a single question from a test and regrade the test minus the deleted question by clicking the Action Link (chevron) on the question and select **Delete and Regrade** on the contextual menu.

Delete multiple questions by placing checks in the boxes and click **Delete and Regrade**.

Adjusting point values will also regrade the test based on the new point values. After altering values, click **Update and Regrade**.
Grade Center - View Grade History

Each column in the Grade Center now has a View Grade History selection that allows you to track any grade changes you have made to that item.
**Item Analysis**

Instructors can perform an analysis of test questions in assessments and use the tool to evaluate why students performed as they did. The instructor can identify, diagnose, and fix issues with test even after the test is available.

Sample Item Analysis page.
The *Test Summary* displays Possible Points, Possible Questions, In Progress Attempts, Completed Attempts, Average Score, Average Time, Discrimination, and Difficulty.

*Filter Questions* lets you filter the table by Question Type, Discriminations Category, and Difficulty Category.

View question details for a single question by clicking the question field.
**Blackboard Analytics for Learn**

A new set of course analytics are available for the Instructor in the *Control Panel > Evaluation > Course Analytics*.

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**Course at a Glance** - compares the student activity in the course with other active Blackboard courses in the same department and displays a student activity summary.

**Activity and Grade Scatter Plot** – plots the distribution of student course activity against their grades in the course.

**Activity Matrix** – displays a visual representation of student activity in the course by week on a matrix using decile indicators.

**Course Submission Summary** – displays a summary of student total submissions for the course referenced by date of the last submission, days since the last submission, and the type of the last submission.

**Analytics for Students**

In addition, students see a report link on the *Tools & Communication* page.

**Activity Compared to Others** – comparing the student’s activity in the course to other students in the course.

This report provides summary information about the student as compared to other students enrolled in the course. It can help students see how much they have used the course compared to their peers and lets them see their total Grade Center score as compared to their peers.
Sample student activity report.
**Blackboard Inline Grading**

You can view, comment, and grade student-submitted assignment files without leaving the Grade Assignment page. When you view a document submitted in an assignment, that document is converted to a format that is viewable inside the web browser. Supported document types that can be converted are Word (DOC, DOCX), PowerPoint (PPT, PPTX), Excel (XLS, XLSX), and PDF (PDF). The converted document is displayed in a viewer on the Grade Assignment page. Formatting and embedded images of the original document are preserved in the conversion.

Assignment submissions created with the content editor are not compatible with inline grading. Submissions of this type show in the window, but annotation is not available.
A. Review and comment directly in the document.
B. From the inline viewer toolbar you can zoom the contents of the document in or out, open the annotation tools menu to comment in the document, download the document and move from page to page.
C. Grade the submission from the inline grading sidebar. From here you can view the assignment details, the grading rubric and each attempt. You can type an overall grade and grades for each attempt as well as provide feedback to your students without leaving the page.
**Inline Annotations**
Files that have been uploaded and converted for display in the inline viewer can be annotated directly within the browser.

Click **Comment** in the inline viewer toolbar to expand the annotation tools. Select an annotation tool and comment, edit, highlight and draw in the document. Right-click on an annotation to remove it.

All these tools and features and much more await you in Blackboard 9.1 SP11.

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