

QuickList of Significant Changes in Blackboard Learn

1. OPENING PAGE: HOME PAGE vs. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. The default opening page for all **new** Blackboard courses is the Home Page. The Home Page does have a link to Announcements.
- b. Courses copied from previous versions will open with the Announcements page and will retain the same structure as in the old system.

2. EDITING CONTROLS

- a. Edit Mode On/Off Button
- b. Control Panel-
 - i. Note the arrows to expand and collapse the Control Panel items
 - ii. Does not open a new window.
 - iii. Side arrows will display the list in the Content Area
 - iv. Many functions that were previously accessed through the Control Panel are now accessed through the Buttons with the Edit Mode On

3. BUTTONS– The default buttons are changed.

- a. Announcements buttons are no longer a default
- b. The Entry Point is the Home Page
- c. Create buttons in the course listing
- d. Modify buttons with the arrows in the button (Edit Mode On)

4. GRADE CENTER

- a. Accessed through Evaluation in the Control Panel
- b. New location for Downloading is on right-Work Offline

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS – When your course is set to unavailable, Announcements will only appear when you have the Edit mode ON

6. ASSIGNMENT TOOL If student's attachments are not getting submitted when students are submit assignments, students MUST click the attach button after they've browsed for their file. If they don't click the attach button, the assignment will be submitted without the attachment. Please make your students aware of this new process in Blackboard.

- a. Note that the assignments feature now allows multiple submissions for the same assessment. The Digital Dropbox is no longer available.
- b. Assignments can also be created for groups in addition to individuals.
- c. DISCUSSION BOARD – Reordering forums doesn't work; alphabetize them with numbers instead.

7. ODD TEXT FORMATTING FROM VTBE (Virtual Text Box Editor)

- a. Some odd text formatting and splitting of words in items when content is pasted from another source. Some formatting done in the VTBE doesn't work properly after pasting content.
- b. Blackboard recommends not pasting directly from Word documents or web sites. First paste into Notepad then copy and paste into Blackboard and let Blackboard handle the formatting. Alternatively, documents can be linked from Blackboard.

8. ITEM TITLES NOT CHANGING COLOR

- a. This is a know issue of the title of items not changing if you select a color.

9. PUBLISHER TEST BANK SOFTWARE

- a. If you use a Publisher's software to create test banks and upload to Blackboard, check with your publisher to see if their product works with version 9. Older versions of ExamView may not work. Contact your publisher with your concerns.
- b. Workaround for Exam View created tests not importing properly into Blackboard Learn.
 - i. Export from newer version or
 - ii. Export in Web CT format instead.

10. ERRORS ON COPIED TESTS.

- a. Occurs when you attempt to Modify Test Options on a deployed test that is in a copied course
 - i. Cause-test activation calendar
 - ii. Solution-delete the deployed test and redeploy

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