

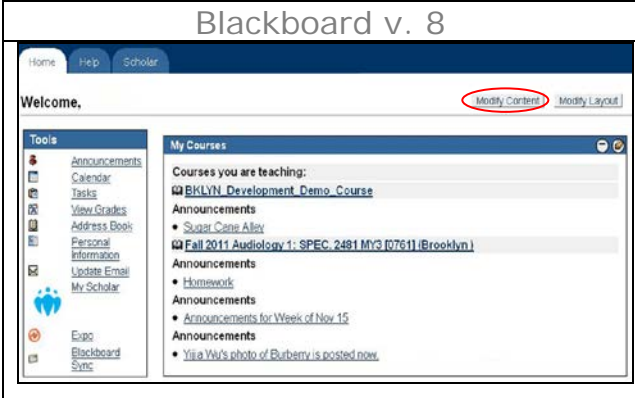
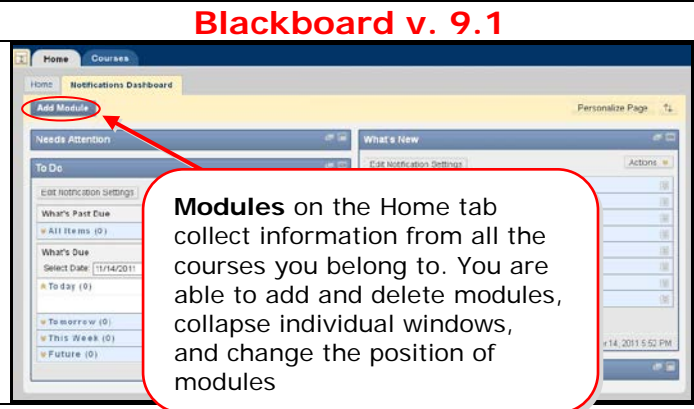
What's New in Blackboard Version 9.1?

A Quick Reference Guide to What's New and What's Different


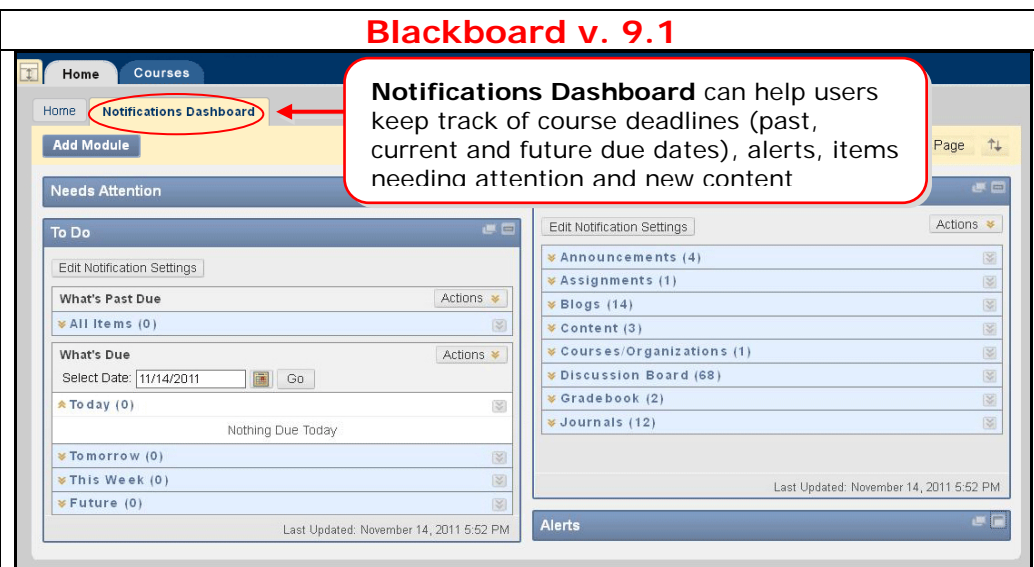
Overall, the Blackboard v. 9.1 interface is similar to the interface of Blackboard v. 8.0. However, there are some notable differences such as the new *Notifications Dashboard*, flexible options for displaying items, and the relocated, rearranged and upgraded Control Panel.

BLACKBOARD HOME PAGE

Add/Remove Modules


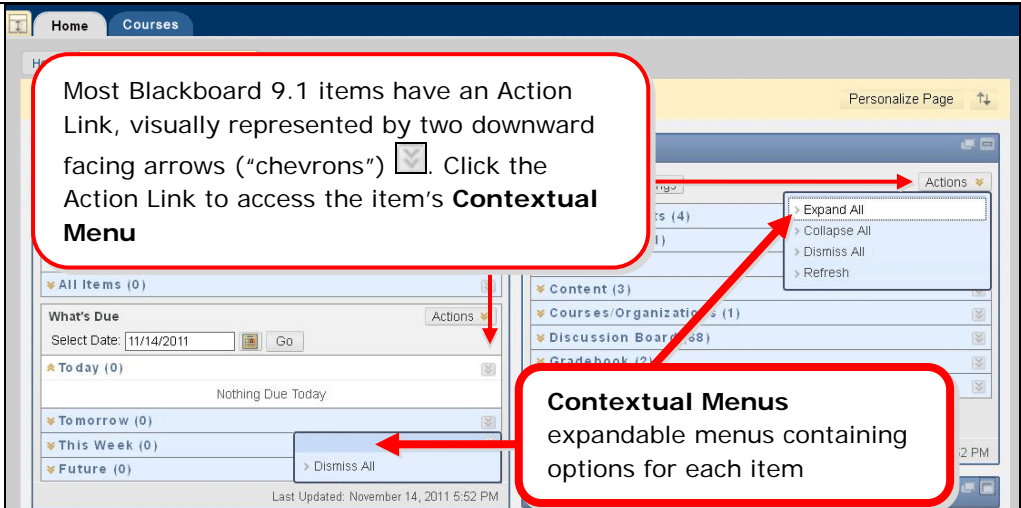
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New Notifications Dashboard

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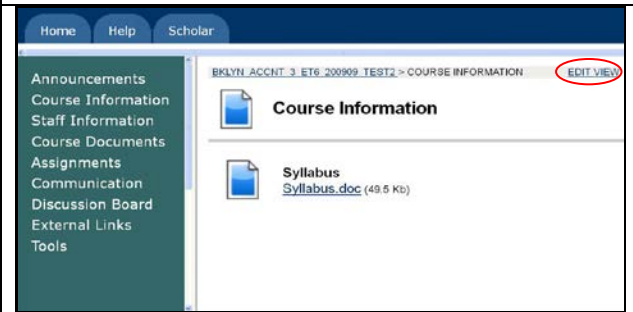
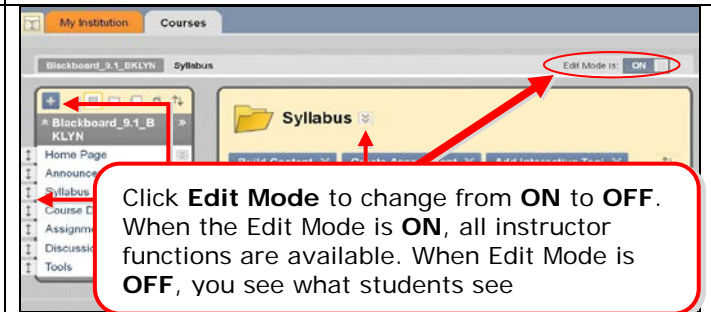
Modules **Contextual Menus**- are available to assist users dismiss, open, expand or collapse alerts. Users should always refresh to ensure current information is displayed.

Blackboard v. 8	Blackboard v. 9.1
	 <p data-bbox="500 373 1084 562">Most Blackboard 9.1 items have an Action Link, visually represented by two downward facing arrows ("chevrons") <input type="checkbox"/>. Click the Action Link to access the item's Contextual Menu</p> <p data-bbox="980 680 1386 785">Contextual Menus expandable menus containing options for each item</p>

NAVIGATION & EDITING IN A COURSE


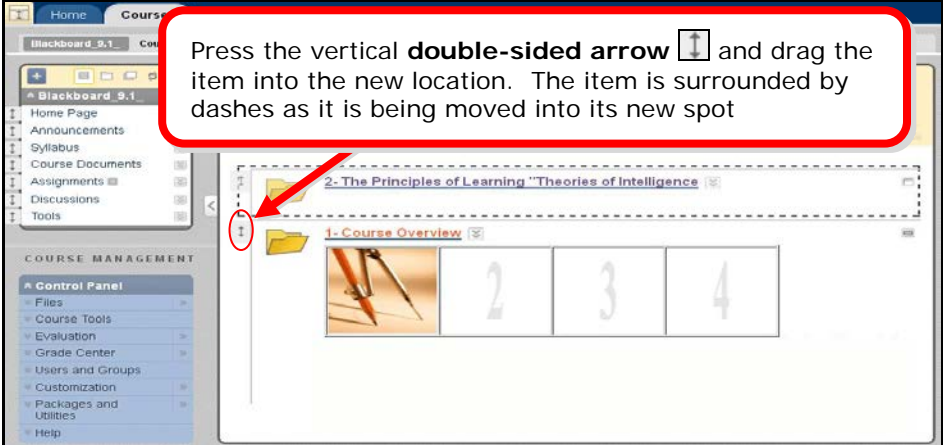



Edit Mode- this button lets instructors to manage their courses through the system.

Blackboard v. 8	Blackboard v. 9.1
	 <p data-bbox="873 1297 1458 1423">Click Edit Mode to change from ON to OFF. When the Edit Mode is ON, all instructor functions are available. When Edit Mode is OFF, you see what students see</p>

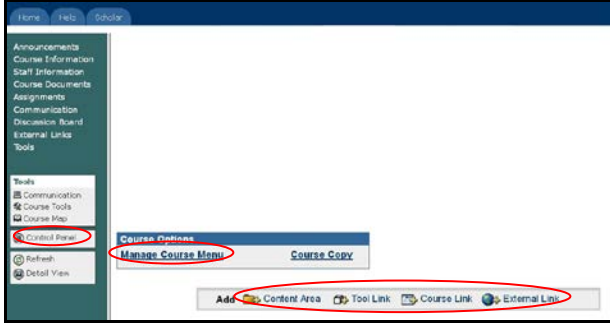
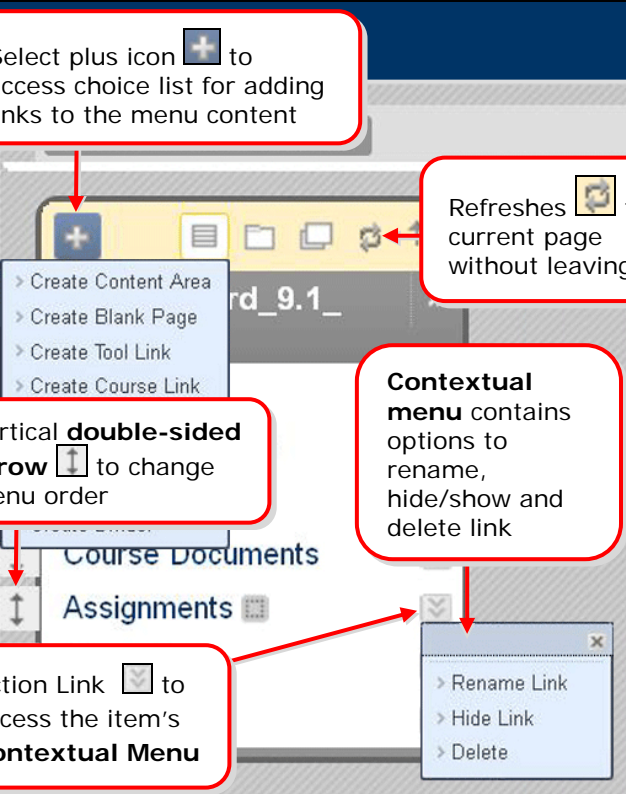






Drag-and-Drop- an easy-editing feature that allows for quick rearranging of content.

Blackboard v. 8	Blackboard v. 9.1
 <p>In Blackboard 8, this was achieved choosing a position from a choice list.</p>	 <p>Press the vertical double-sided arrow  and drag the item into the new location. The item is surrounded by dashes as it is being moved into its new spot</p>


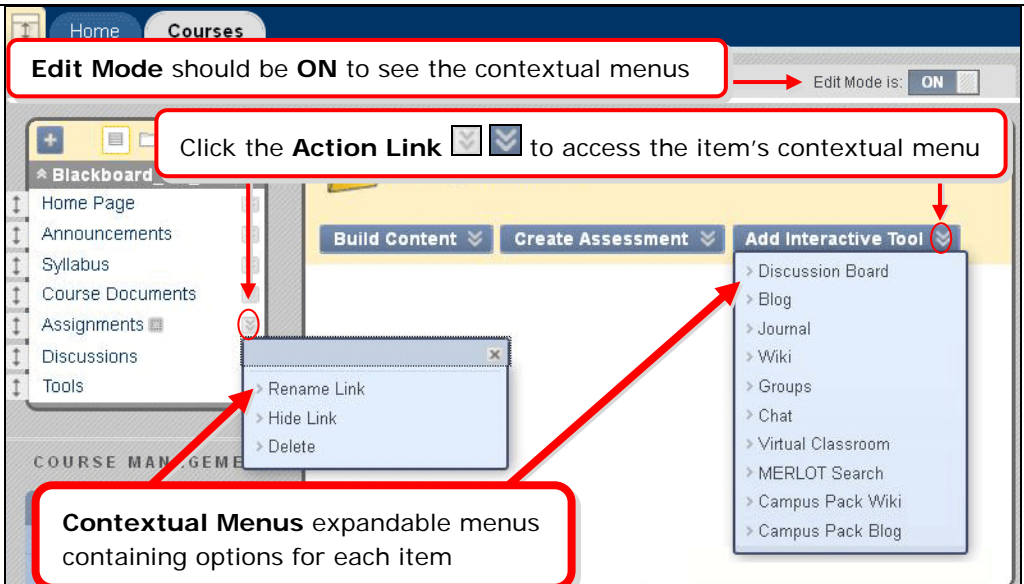
COURSE MENU

Overview- the Course Menu has been redesigned for easier management.

Blackboard v. 8	Blackboard v. 9.1
	 <p>Select plus icon  to access choice list for adding links to the menu content</p> <p>Refreshes  the current page without leaving it</p> <p>Vertical double-sided arrow  to change menu order</p> <p>Contextual menu contains options to rename, hide/show and delete link</p> <p>Action Link  to access the item's Contextual Menu</p>


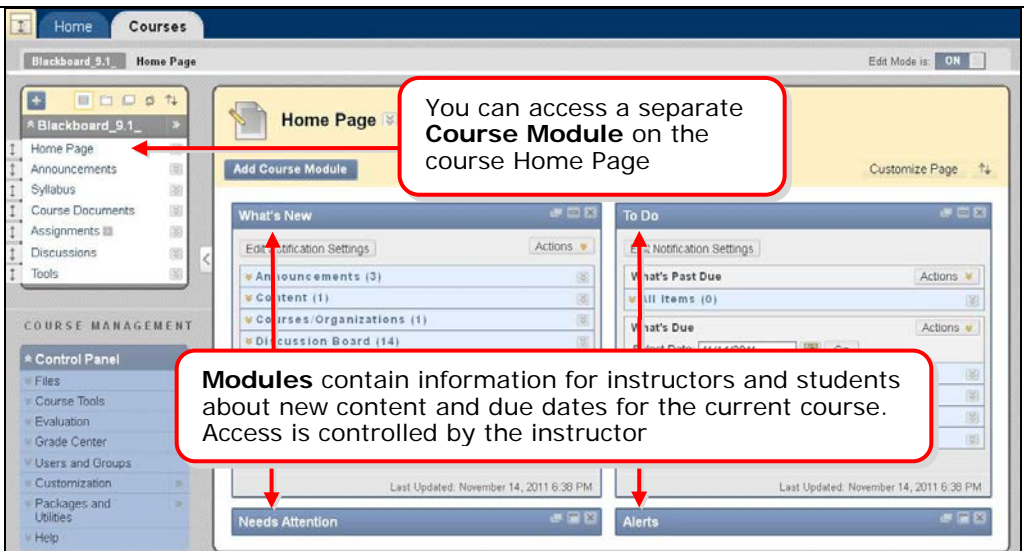


Course **Contextual Menus**- provide drop down menus to access all features from the Action Bars.

<p>Blackboard v. 8</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Blackboard v. 9.1</p>  <p>Edit Mode should be ON to see the contextual menus</p> <p>Click the Action Link to access the item's contextual menu</p> <p>Contextual Menu expandable menus containing options for each item</p>
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Course **Module Page**- a new page very similar to the Dashboard Notifications tab on the Blackboard Home page.

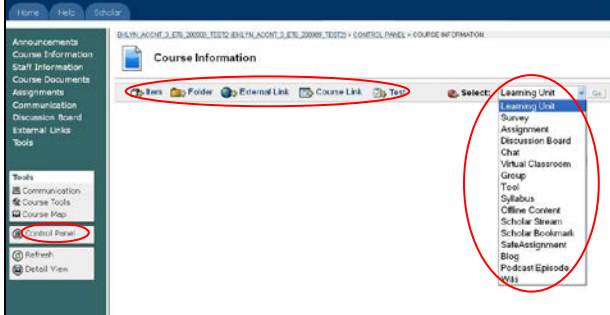
<p>Blackboard v. 8</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Blackboard v. 9.1</p>  <p>You can access a separate Course Module on the course Home Page</p> <p>Modules contain information for instructors and students about new content and due dates for the current course. Access is controlled by the instructor</p>
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Announcements / Customizing Announcements display order- instructors have the ability to re-order the display of announcements so the most important information will appear first.


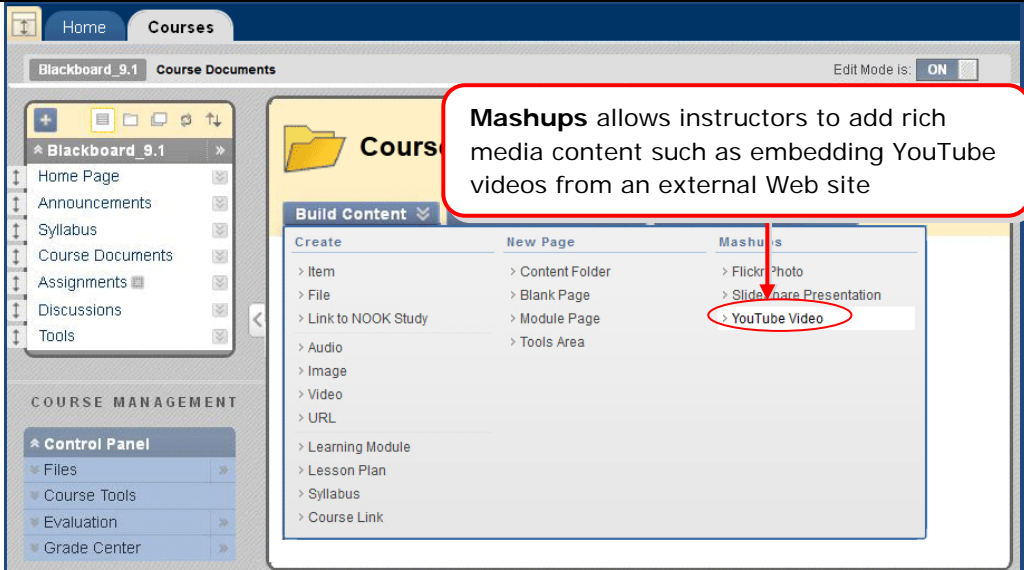
Blackboard v. 8	Blackboard v. 9.1
	<div data-bbox="883 302 1312 457"> <p>The Reordering tool  on the Action Bar can also be used to reorder</p> </div> <div data-bbox="553 590 1354 745"> <p>Press the vertical, double-sided arrow  and drag the announcement to the top of the list. The item is surrounded by dashes as it is being moved into its new spot</p> </div>

Adding Content- is still done in content areas using content types.

Blackboard v. 8	Blackboard v. 9.1
	<div data-bbox="938 1022 1398 1136"> <p>Content types are now organized under the Action Bars choice lists</p> </div> <div data-bbox="792 1352 1430 1451"> <p>Instructors have the capability to determine tool availability in their courses contextual menu</p> </div>


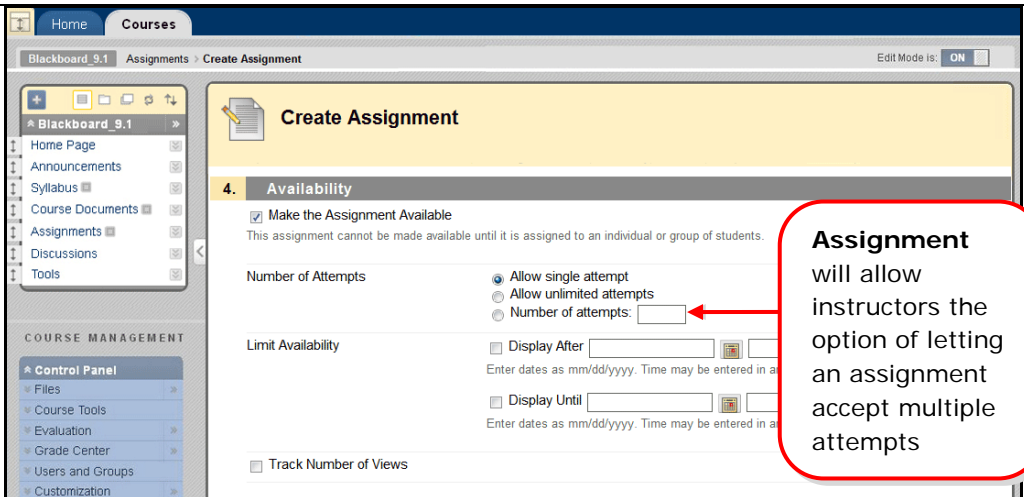


Mashups/ adding rich media content from an external Web site.

<p>Blackboard v. 8</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Blackboard v. 9.1</p>  <p>Mashups allows instructors to add rich media content such as embedding YouTube videos from an external Web site</p>
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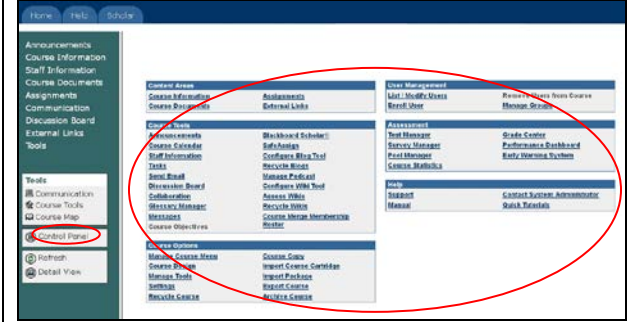
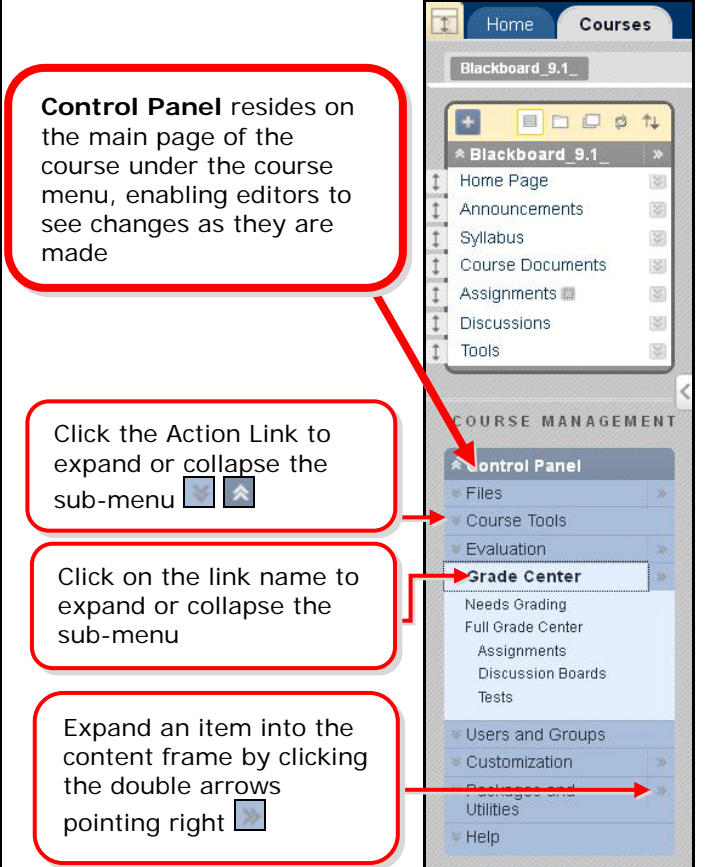
Assignment / Multiple Assignment Submission Attempts

<p>Blackboard v. 8</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Blackboard v. 9.1</p>  <p>Assignment will allow instructors the option of letting an assignment accept multiple attempts</p>
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CONTROL PANEL

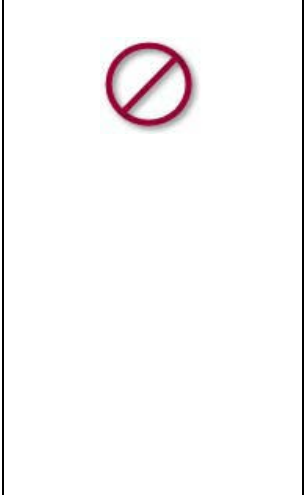
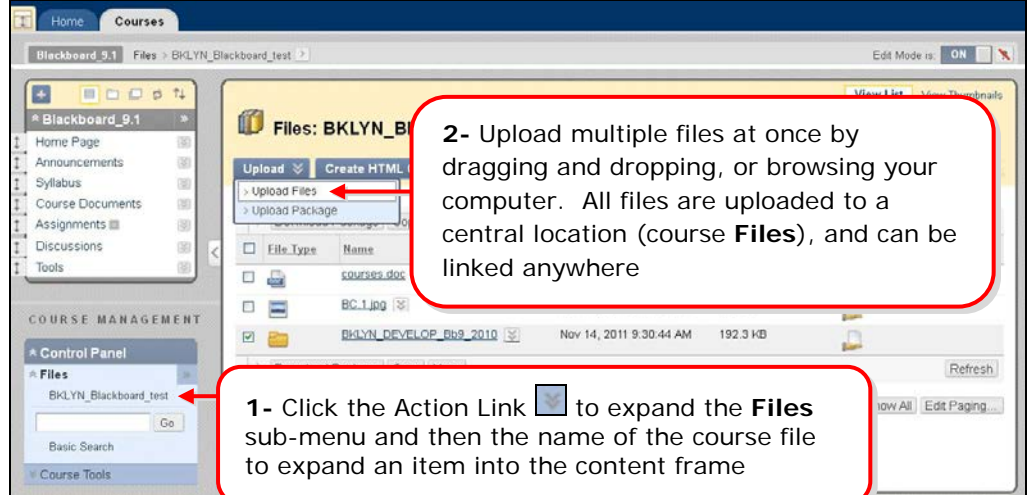
New Location

Overview- Control Panel functionality is still here although it has been retooled, relocated, rearranged and upgraded in a number of cases.

Blackboard v. 8	Blackboard v. 9.1
 <p>A screenshot of the Blackboard v. 8 interface. The 'Control Panel' link is circled in red in the left-hand navigation menu. The main content area shows a grid of various course management tools.</p>	<p>Control Panel resides on the main page of the course under the course menu, enabling editors to see changes as they are made</p> <p>Click the Action Link to expand or collapse the sub-menu</p> <p>Click on the link name to expand or collapse the sub-menu</p> <p>Expand an item into the content frame by clicking the double arrows pointing right</p>  <p>A screenshot of the Blackboard v. 9.1 interface. The 'Control Panel' is located in the 'COURSE MANAGEMENT' sub-menu. Red callouts point to the expand/collapse arrows on the 'Control Panel' link, the 'Grade Center' link, and the double arrow on the 'Files' sub-menu.</p>

New

Building Content / Uploading Multiple Files or Folders- you can upload files individually, multiple files at one time, or folders containing multiple files.

Blackboard v. 8	Blackboard v. 9.1
 <p>A red circle with a diagonal slash, indicating that the functionality shown in the adjacent screenshot is not available in Blackboard v. 8.</p>	<p>2- Upload multiple files at once by dragging and dropping, or browsing your computer. All files are uploaded to a central location (course Files), and can be linked anywhere</p> <p>1- Click the Action Link to expand the Files sub-menu and then the name of the course file to expand an item into the content frame</p>  <p>A screenshot of the Blackboard v. 9.1 'Files' page. Red callouts point to the 'Upload Files' button and the 'BKLYN_Blackboard_test' file name in the file list.</p>

New Location Course Tools

Blackboard v. 8

Blackboard v. 9.1

The same **Course Tools** are available in Control Panel with the addition of Tests, Surveys and Pools, moved from Assessment

New Test / Lockdown Timer option


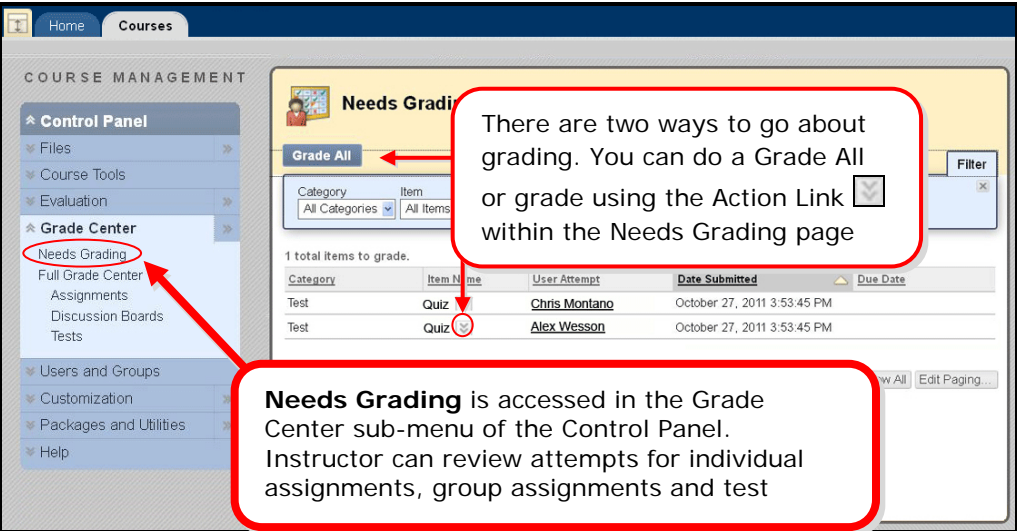
Blackboard v. 8

Blackboard v. 9.1

Test- you now have the option to have the test automatically end when the time limit has been reached

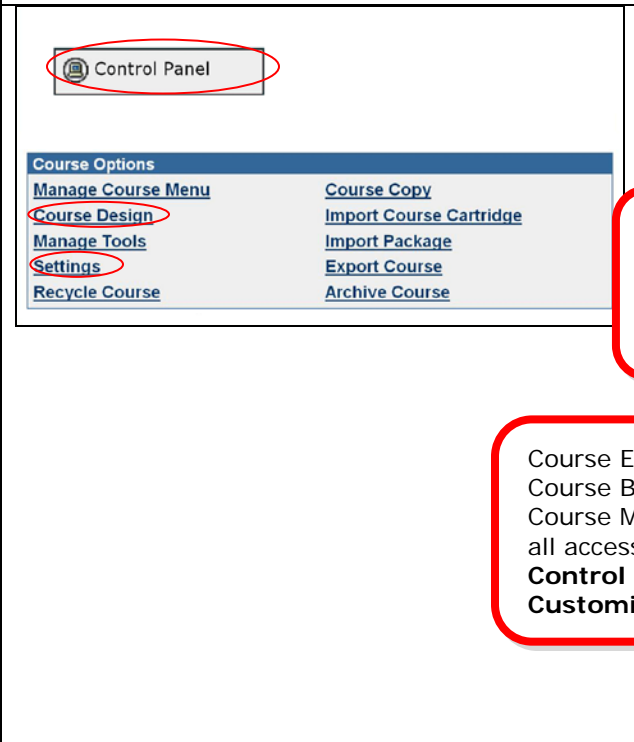
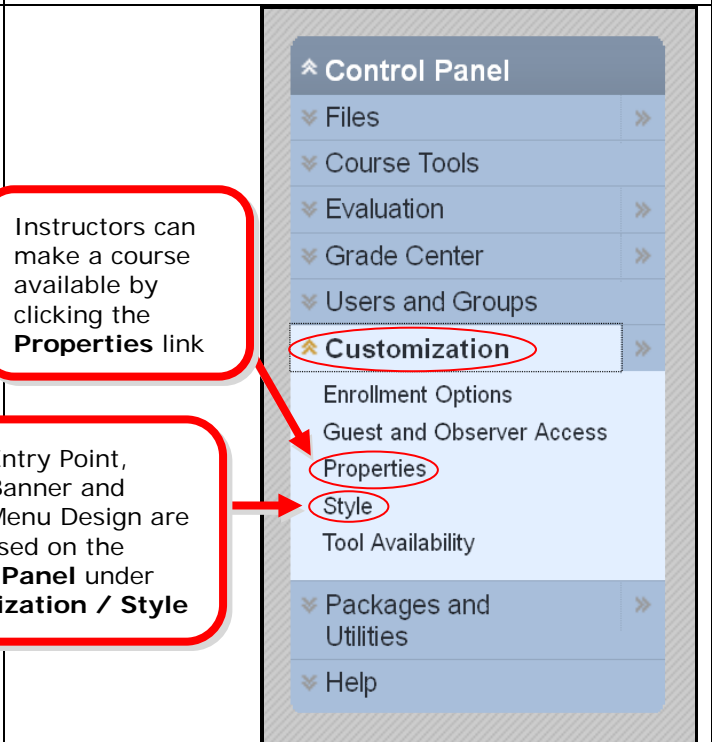


Grade Center / Needs Grading takes you to a screen for a collection of items you have not graded yet.


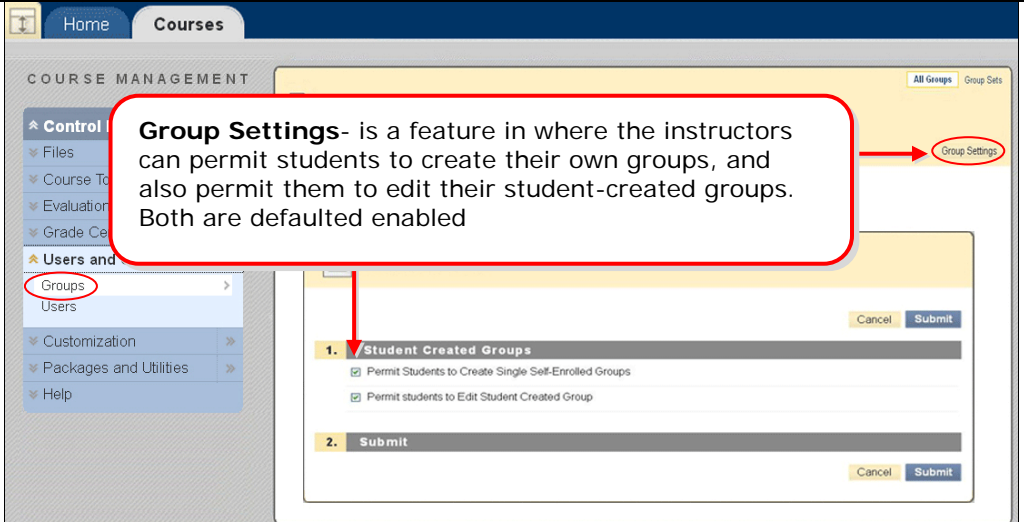
Blackboard v. 8	Blackboard v. 9.1
	 <p data-bbox="894 348 1360 527">There are two ways to go about grading. You can do a Grade All or grade using the Action Link within the Needs Grading page</p> <p data-bbox="675 621 1317 789">Needs Grading is accessed in the Grade Center sub-menu of the Control Panel. Instructor can review attempts for individual assignments, group assignments and test</p>




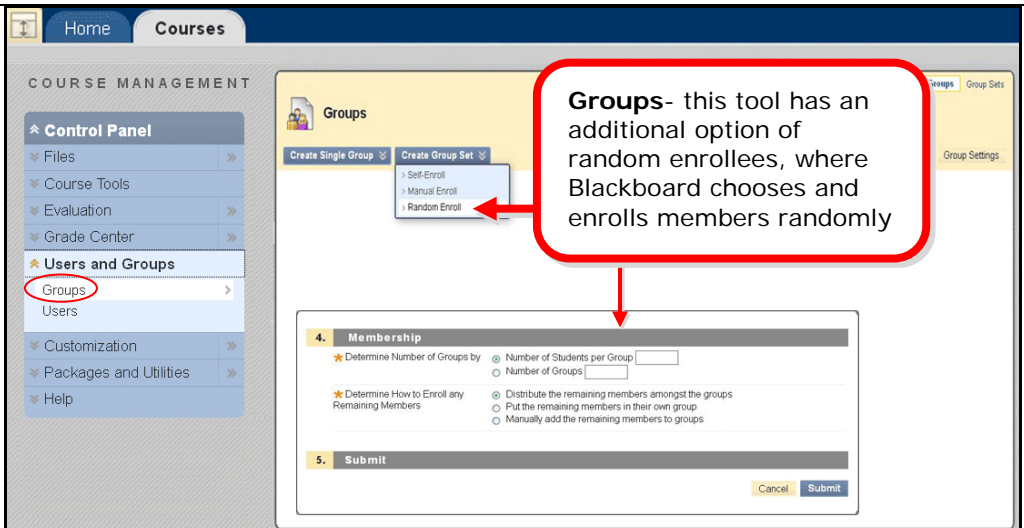
Customization/ Settings & Course Design

Blackboard v. 8	Blackboard v. 9.1
	 <p data-bbox="740 1157 1011 1346">Instructors can make a course available by clicking the Properties link</p> <p data-bbox="618 1388 987 1612">Course Entry Point, Course Banner and Course Menu Design are all accessed on the Control Panel under Customization / Style</p>

New Groups / Group Settings

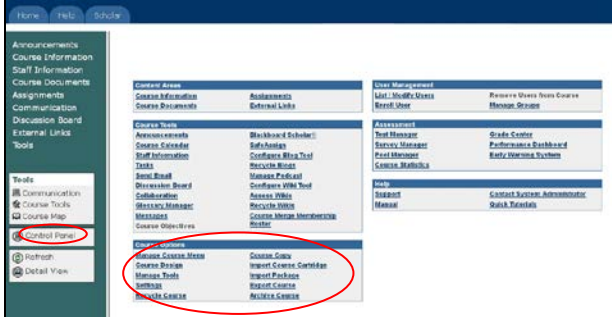

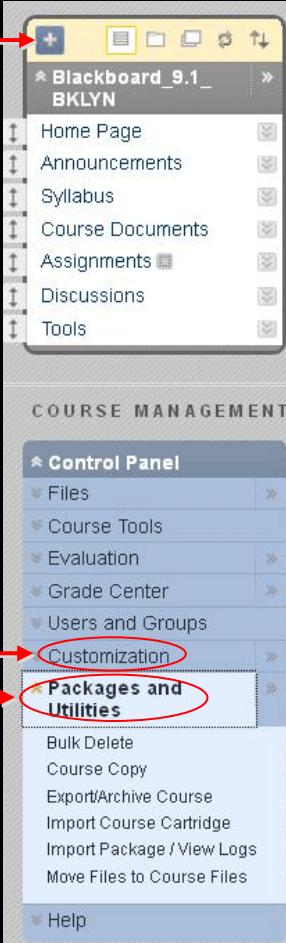
Blackboard v. 8 	<p style="text-align: right;">Blackboard v. 9.1</p>  <p>Group Settings- is a feature in where the instructors can permit students to create their own groups, and also permit them to edit their student-created groups. Both are defaulted enabled</p>
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New Groups / *Random Enroll*- is the quickest way to create multiple groups based on the instructor's criteria such as the number of students per group or number of groups.

Blackboard v. 8 	<p style="text-align: right;">Blackboard v. 9.1</p>  <p>Groups- this tool has an additional option of random enrollees, where Blackboard chooses and enrolls members randomly</p>
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New Location

Course Options- all of the tools within these sections function in the same manner with the addition of contextual menus rather than buttons.

Blackboard v. 8	Blackboard v. 9.1
	<p>Select plus icon  to access choice list for adding links to the menu content</p> 
	<p>COURSE OPTIONS has been divided into two new sections in the Control Panel: Customization and Utilities</p>



BLACKBOARD ON DEMAND MOVIES

1. [A TOUR OF BLACKBOARD V. 9.1 COURSE ENVIRONMENT](#)

- Edit Mode
- Course Menu
- Home Page

<http://ondemand.blackboard.com/r9/movies/9_Your_Course_Environment.htm>

2. [CUSTOMIZING COURSE MODULES ON COURSE HOME PAGE](#)

- Add Modules
- Arrange Modules
- Remove Modules

<http://ondemand.blackboard.com/r9/movies/Bb9_Course_Content_Customize_Modules.htm>

3. [EDITING THE COURSE MENU](#)

- Create a new content area

- Hide a content area
- Delete a content area
- Reorder content areas
- Customize course menu style

<http://ondemand.blackboard.com/r9/movies/Bb9_Course_Environment_Edit_Course_Menu.htm>

4. **CREATING COURSE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Create an Announcement
- Set Options
- Reorder announcements

<http://ondemand.blackboard.com/r9/movies/Bb9_Communications_Tools_Creating_Announcements.htm>

5. **ADDING CONTENT AREAS**

- Create a content area
- Create an item
- Select options

<http://www.blackboard.com/quicktutorials/Bb9_Course_Content_Add_Content%20Area_Item_with_audio.htm>

6. **UPLOADING ONE OR MORE FILES TO YOUR COURSE**

- Upload a single file
- Upload multiple files

<http://ondemand.blackboard.com/r91/movies/bb91_course_files_adding_files.htm>

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