

# Comparing Blackboard Campus Edition (CE) 8 & Blackboard Learn 9.1

CE/Vista	Bb Learn 9.1	Feature Enhancements and Losses
Announcements	Announcements	<p><b>Enhancements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Default is to display to all roles</li> <li>- Link to another file or tool in the course</li> <li>- Email notifications is available</li> </ul> <p><b>Lost:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pop-ups</li> <li>- Targeted roles.</li> </ul>
Assessments	Tests, Surveys, and Pools	<p><b>Enhancements -15</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- More options for types of questions including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calculated Formula</li> <li>• Calculated Numeric</li> <li>• Either/Or</li> <li>• File Response</li> <li>• Fill in Multiple Blanks</li> <li>• Hot Spot</li> <li>• Multiple Answers</li> <li>• Opinion Scale/Likert</li> <li>• Ordering</li> <li>• Quiz Bowl</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Jumbled type questions – partial credit option available</li> <li>- Matching type questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• options for answer identifiers</li> <li>• option to show answers in random order</li> <li>• visual editor available for each question and answer</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Multiple Choice type questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arabic or Roman numerals or upper or lower case letters available for answer options</li> <li>• Visual Editor available for every answer item</li> </ul> </li> <li>- True/False type questions – can select answer display orientation</li> <li>- Instructions written at the beginning of test creation</li> <li>- Mark keywords in individual questions</li> <li>- Mark levels of difficulty</li> <li>- Visual editor available for every answer item in Multiple Choice questions.</li> </ul> <p><b>Lost – 14</b></p> <p><b>- Types of questions and functions including:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calculated questions – fewer functions</li> <li>• Combination type</li> <li>• Essay (paragraph) – no pre-filled answer field</li> <li>• Fill in the Blank - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ no option for case sensitivity</li> <li>◦ cannot select answer box width</li> <li>◦ cannot select schemes of contains, equals, or regular expression</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Multiple Answer – limit to only 20 possible answers</li> <li>• Short Answer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ cannot indicate case sensitive</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	Self and Peer Assessment	<b>Enhancements:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Separate tool</li> </ul>
Assessment Manager	Grading Center – Tests	Review of tests/surveys are performed through the <b>Grading Center</b> and can be filtered by tests/surveys
Assignments	Assignments	<b>Enhancements:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Specify number of attempts</li> <li>– Additional attempts allowed for specific student</li> <li>– Multiple submissions – each allowed to be tracked &amp; graded</li> <li>– Submission history</li> <li>– Set date/time availability (beginning/ending)</li> </ul> <b>Lost:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Artifacts</li> <li>– Attachments – multiple</li> <li>– Calendar indication of assignments</li> <li>– Cut-off dates</li> <li>(Check Enhancements – Dates availability should cover this option)</li> <li>– Goals</li> <li>– Grade Settings</li> <li>– Grading forms</li> <li>– Iterations – taking back and resubmission of work</li> <li>(Check Enhancements – Specify number of attempts should cover this option)</li> <li>– Non-gradable submission</li> <li>– Publishing</li> </ul>
Assignment Dropbox	Grading Center – Assignments	Review of assignments are performed through the <b>Grading Center</b> and can be filtered by assignments
Banners	Banners	<p>banner sizes must be 480 x 80 pixels</p> <b>Enhancement:</b> Banner placeholder from a screen real estate prospective
Breadcrumbs (Footprints)	Breadcrumbs	navigation terminology
Browser Check	dropped	no comparable tool provided
Build/Teach/Student View tabs	Edit On/Off	<b>Enhancement:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– No need for switching to view all available tools</li> </ul>
Calendar	Course Calendar	<b>Enhancement:</b>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visual view of scheduling conflicts</li> <li>- Quicker navigation from date to date</li> <li>- Year View</li> </ul> <p><b>Lost:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All day events</li> <li>- Flexible Creation of Events</li> <li>- Flexible Filtering</li> <li>- Importing Dates</li> <li>- Integration with course activities</li> <li>- Multiple entry deletions</li> <li>- Printable view</li> <li>- Recurring events</li> <li>- Students cannot add entries</li> </ul>	
Chat/Whiteboard	Collaboration	<p><b>Enhancements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Breakout sessions</li> <li>- Set Availability</li> <li>- Web page sharing</li> </ul> <p><b>Lost:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Aliases</li> <li>- External images</li> <li>- Goals</li> <li>- Limit number of users</li> <li>- Magnify whiteboard</li> <li>- Session descriptions</li> <li>- Slide show</li> <li>- Undo</li> </ul>	
Course Content	Content Area	<p>Structure includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Create Item</li> <li>- Build</li> <li>- Evaluate (create)</li> <li>- Collaborate (link to)</li> </ul> <p><b>Enhancements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under Build: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Module Page</li> <li>• Offline Content</li> <li>• Scholar Stream</li> <li>• Scholar Bookmark</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Under Evaluate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self &amp; Peer Assessment</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Under Collaborate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Virtual Classroom</li> <li>• Group</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Structure includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Build Content</li> <li>- Create Assessment</li> <li>- Add Interactive Tool</li> <li>- Assign Textbook</li> </ul> <p><b>Enhancements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under Build Content <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Audio</li> <li>◦ Image</li> <li>◦ Video</li> <li>◦ Lesson Plan</li> </ul> </li> <li>• New Page <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Tool Area</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mashups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Flickr Photo</li> <li>◦ SlideShare Presentation</li> <li>◦ YouTube Video</li> <li>◦ Scholar Stream</li> <li>◦ Scholar Bookmark</li> <li>◦ NBC Content</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>- Add Interactive Tool <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wiki</li> <li>• Echo Content</li> <li>• iTunes U Link</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Assign Textbook</li> <li>- Upload multiple files and folders</li> </ul>
Course Tools	Course Menu	<p><b>Enhancements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Customizable</li> <li>- Link to anything, item, page, tool, etc.</li> <li>- Subheaders</li> </ul>	

		- Divider
create file	item file blank page	<b>Enhancements:</b> - color the title of the item - attach file - more options (file & blank page)
Designer Tools	Control Panel	under Course Management bottom left frame
Discussions	Discussion Board	<p>Note new terminology: CE/Vista 8 – Discussions &gt; Topics &gt; Reply Bb Learn 9 – Discussions &gt; Forums &gt; Threads &gt; Reply Blogs and Journals separate tools (see below)</p> <p><b>Enhancements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Breakout sessions</li> <li>- Copy a forum</li> <li>- Disabling the ability to attach a file</li> <li>- Email subscription to new posts</li> <li>- Grade by forum or by thread (Grading location is different in forum and thread, one will need to understand the new terminology see above and be aware of what is being graded.)</li> <li>- Hide Threads</li> <li>- Individual role assignment available (manager, moderator, grader, participant, reader)</li> <li>- Moderated forums</li> <li>- Notifications of New Posts</li> <li>- Tagging</li> <li>- View drafts in thread context</li> <li>- Web page sharing</li> </ul> <p><b>Lost:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Anonymous posts are anonymous</li> <li>- Artifacts</li> <li>- Categories</li> <li>- Custom peerrating</li> <li>- Forwarding to email</li> <li>- Moving posts between threads</li> <li>- Quickly viewing own postings and replies to own posts.</li> <li>- Setting release criteria to a forum</li> </ul> <p><b>Enhancements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grade entries within the tool or in the Grading Center</li> <li>- Grade individuals and/or groups</li> <li>- Group grades can be recorded for all group members or for each member of the group</li> <li>- Feedback to students</li> <li>- Grading notes</li> <li>- Students can view their grades and feedback with the tool or under My Grades</li> <li>- Anonymous Grading is available</li> </ul>
	Blogs	<b>Enhancements:</b> - Entry indexing - Grade entries within the tool or in the Grading Center - Grade individuals and/or groups - Group grades can be recorded for all group members or for each member of the group - Feedback to students - Grading notes - Students can view their grades and feedback with the tool or under My Grades

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Anonymous Grading is available</li> </ul> <p><b>Lost:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Artifacts</li> <li>- Categories</li> <li>- Copy &amp; move posts</li> <li>- Lock topic</li> <li>- Move posts to another topic</li> <li>- Peer rating</li> <li>- Printable view</li> </ul>
	Journals	<p><b>Enhancements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Entry indexing</li> <li>- Grade entries within the tool or in the Grading Center</li> <li>- Grade individuals and/or groups</li> <li>- Group grades can be recorded for all group members or for each member of the group</li> <li>- Feedback to students</li> <li>- Grading notes</li> <li>- Students can view their grades and feedback with the tool or under My Grades</li> <li>- Anonymous Grading is available</li> </ul> <p><b>Lost:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Artifacts</li> <li>- Categories</li> <li>- Copy &amp; move posts</li> <li>- Lock topic</li> <li>- Move posts to another topic</li> <li>- Peer rating</li> <li>- Printable view</li> </ul>
E-packs		Will migrate to Bb Learn 9
File Manager	Content Collection	<p><b>Enhancements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Course folder</li> <li>- Thumbnail view for image files</li> <li>- Recycle Bins For Content System licenses:</li> <li>- User folder</li> <li>- All courses folder</li> <li>- Organizations Content access</li> <li>- Institution Content access</li> </ul> <p><b>Lost:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cannot edit files (workaround is to copy the file and paste into the HTML Object editor)</li> <li>- Cannot sort files by type</li> </ul>
footer	dropped	However, when migrated become an item
Goals	dropped	need Outcomes
Grade Book	Grading Center	<p>Will require minor retraining</p> <p><b>Enhancements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Exemptions</li> <li>- Flexible management</li> <li>- Inline edits</li> <li>- Multiple grade views</li> <li>- Printable reports</li> <li>- SCROM integration</li> <li>- Simplified calculations</li> <li>- Tracking</li> </ul> <p><b>Lost:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Alignment</li> <li>- Decimal display</li> <li>- Grade from specific tool</li> </ul>
		<p><b>Enhancements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- "Smart Views" sub directory sorting of Needs Grading, Tests, Assignments, Discussion Boards, Blogs, and Journals</li> <li>- Anonymous Grading</li> <li>- Rubrics can be created and associated with a specific column. The rubric can be viewed as a guide in grading but is not interactive.</li> <li>- Update interface for calculated columns</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grading forms</li> <li>- Student view</li> </ul>	
Group Manager	Groups	<b>Enhancements:</b> Blogs – no grade or gradable, listing possible points Journals – no grade or gradable, listing possible points Wikis – no grade or gradable, listing possible points – File exchange – Students can create their own groups and settings – Tasks	
<i>header</i>	dropped	However, when migrated become an item	
Help	Help	<b>Enhancements:</b> - Link to Blackboard Support - Direct contact to System Administration - Tutorials  <b>Lost:</b> - Direct documents to specific tools	
<i>hide / show</i>	Permit Users to View the Content Item	provides the flexibility to view/no view specific content	
HMTL Creator	Visual Editor	<b>Enhancements:</b> – Can be set to be automatically open when launching any tool using it – Media Bar added – link to Media files (ie Flash)  <b>Lost:</b> - Window expansion available in 9.1	<b>Enhancements:</b> - typing area can be expanded by click/drag the bottom gray box. – Spell Check works in Name (title) boxes
Icons (customized)	Icons (pre determined)	<b>Lost:</b> – Icons for the course page display are pre-determine and not customizable NOTE: Customized icons can be added to posted files, pages, and items by using the Visual Editor	
Instructor Tools (see Designer Tools)	Control Panel	under Course Management bottom left frame	
Learning Modules	Learning Modules under Content	Will require retraining  <b>Enhancements:</b> – Drag & drop – Forced navigation path  <b>Lost:</b> – Goals – Page links availability - Table of contents available in 9.1 – Title editing all at once – View all links to a specific content item	<b>Enhancements:</b> – moved to Content – Table of Contents – options for hierarchy display – sub folders
Local Content	dropped	<b>Lost:</b>	

		tool no longer available
Mail	Email	<p><b>Enhancements:</b> Ability to mark individual messages as Read/Un-read</p> <p><b>Lost:</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Auto refresh</li> <li>- Drafts</li> <li>- Folders (In/Sent/Drafts/Deleted)</li> <li>- Unread filter</li> <li>- View profiles of recipients</li> </ul> </p>
	Messages	Allows for communication with course members within the course only
Manage Course	Customization	<p><b>Enhancements:</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- specific what is the entry point into the course:</li> <li>• HomePage</li> <li>• Content</li> <li>• Discussions</li> <li>• Groups</li> <li>• Tools</li> <li>• Help</li> </ul> </p> <p>- specific what notifications appear on the Home Page</p>
Media Library	Glossary	<p><b>Lost:</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adaptive release (selective release)</li> <li>- Collections other than a glossary</li> <li>- HTML creator (Visual Editor)</li> <li>- Images</li> <li>- Links to content</li> <li>- Student created entries</li> </ul> </p>
move	copy	To move an item from one location in a course to another location in the course requires making a copy of the item and then the copy is saved to the new location. There is an option to delete the item from the first location or keep it.
My Files	Content Collection	<p><b>Enhancements:</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- User content</li> <li>- Organization content</li> <li>- Institution content</li> <li>- Multiple folders with content can be uploaded</li> <li>- Multiple files can be uploaded</li> </ul> </p>
My Grades	My Grades	<p><b>Enhancements:</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- view all submissions from all tools, status, &amp; dates due</li> </ul> </p> <p><b>Lost:</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Artifacts</li> <li>- Notification of new grades</li> </ul> </p>
My Progress	dropped	no comparable tool provided
My Settings	My Places	<p><b>Enhancements:</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CD Rom Windows/Mac</li> <li>- Control what information is revealed</li> <li>- Customizable list creation</li> <li>- Display links: My Courses, My Organizations</li> <li>- Education level</li> <li>- Mailing address, city, state/province, zip, country</li> <li>- Telephone #s home, work, fax, mobile</li> <li>- Web link</li> </ul> </p> <p><b>Lost:</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Academic Major</li> <li>- Areas of Interest</li> </ul> </p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Extra-Curricular Activities</li> <li>- Name prefix/suffix</li> <li>- Other Name</li> </ul>
new icons	Notifications	available on course Home Page
Notes	Textpad	<p>available under Modules</p> <p><b>Lost:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- cannot create more than one text</li> </ul>
PowerLinks	Building Blocks	Most if not all tools using PowerLinks will also use Building Blocks
Repository	Content Collections	<p><b>Enhancements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Organization content</li> <li>- Institution content</li> </ul>
Roster	Roster	list of course participants
SCORM	Content Package (SCORM)	Sharable Content Object Reference Model
Search	dropped	no comparable tool provided
Selective Release	Adaptive Release	<p>Adaptive Release available only on Enterprise licenses</p> <p><b>Enhancements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- feature in each tool, not a separate tool</li> <li>- students are notified of release</li> </ul> <p><b>Lost:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- criteria based on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o before</li> <li>o after</li> <li>o blank</li> <li>o note blank</li> <li>o starts with</li> <li>o ends with</li> <li>o contains</li> <li>o - and/or</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<i>show / hide</i>	Permit Users to View the Content Item	provides the flexibility to view/no view specific content
Student View	dropped	Tests, Surveys, Assignments, etc. can be completed by the instructor with Edit either On or Off but the results will not be recorded in the <b>Grade Center</b> .
Syllabus	Syllabus	use the Syllabus builder or link to a separate files
Templates	dropped	<p><b>Lost:</b></p> <p>There is no hierarchy. Only courses, no templates/sections. An instructor can build a course and that course can be copied to a new course.</p>
Tools (Manage Course)	Tool Availability (Style)	<p><b>Enhancements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Each tool allows for adjustable access depending on role</li> <li>- Available – tool is available throughout the course and open to all users having a role permitting use of the tool.</li> <li>- Visible to Guests or Observers – tool is visible (read-only), but not usable to Guests or Observers, when they are permitted into the course.</li> <li>- Available in Content Areas – instructor can place a link to the tool in one or more Content Areas.</li> </ul>



Tracking	Review Status	<p><b>Enhancements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Groups</li> </ul> <p><b>Lost:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessment started/finished &amp; time spent</li> <li>- Discussion messages read &amp; post</li> <li>- Email read &amp; post</li> <li>- Number of artifacts made</li> <li>- Number of calendar entries viewed and added</li> <li>- Session length &amp; activated</li> <li>- Time spent in each tool</li> </ul>
Web Links	URL	<p><b>Enhancements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Link to specific file in course files</li> </ul> <p><b>Lost:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Categories</li> <li>- Goal</li> <li>- Student created link</li> </ul>
Whiteboard (see Chat)	Collaboration	(see Chat)
Who's Online	dropped	no comparable tool provided
Wizard – Design	dropped	no comparable tool provided
Yellow moving bars	Drag & Drop	click on area to move and drag it to desired location