



## What's New in *Blackboard Learn™*

Upgrading to Release 9.1



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## Agenda

### Objectives:

- ✓ Provide an overview of what is in the new release and the resources available to help you learn more and start planning your upgrade to release 9.1

### Next Steps:

- Introduction
- Upgrade Steps
- New Features in Release 9.1
- Building Content (Demos)
- Web Resources

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## Introduction

### What is Blackboard Learn Release 9.1?

- ✓ Blackboard Learn is the premier platform for delivering learning content, engaging learners, and measuring their performance.
- ✓ Blackboard Learn solutions are available for K-12, higher education, and professional education.
- ✓ Release 9.1 represents the major release of "Project NG" vision.
- ✓ If you are using Blackboard Learning System 7.3 or earlier, you will need to perform an upgrade of your existing Blackboard Learning System instance to Release 8 before moving to Release 9.

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### Basic Edition

An entry-level version of Blackboard Learn that includes a subset of the features available with the Course delivery capabilities.

### Enterprise Edition

The standard version of Blackboard Learn. This term is used to differentiate it from the Basic Edition. Other capabilities are licensed separately.



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## 5 Upgrade Steps



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## 1 Getting Familiar with Release 9.1

Explore the new capabilities in Release 9.1:

- ✓ Visit the upgrade Center
- ✓ Explore the screenshot gallery
- ✓ Watch Webinars
- ✓ Watch videos of Client Perspectives
- ✓ Get a Preview Account
- ✓ Read Documents

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## 2 Upgrade Options

What you need to prepare for upgrade in order to ensure that you make the correct decision?

- ✓ Choose your upgrade path
  - In-place upgrade
  - Fresh Install with Archive /Restore
  - Fresh Install with Data Migration
- ✓ Start with Release 9.1 Upgrade Kit
- ✓ Learn about the services to effectively manage the upgrade
- ✓ Build a Plan

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## 3 Building a Plan

- ✓ Get Basic Information about your system
  - From what version will be upgrading?
  - Do you have a test environment?
  - When do you plan on having your upgrade completed?
- ✓ Make the Plan and choose your upgrade approach

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## 4 Test and Pilot

- ✓ Start your upgrade planning process
- ✓ Open a Support Ticket to assist you in the upgrade process.
- ✓ Establish a test environment (recommended)
  - Resolve issues related to the upgrade process
- ✓ Running the Pilot program (identify challenges)
- ✓ Explore resources to help during the piloting process.
- ✓ After all satisfactory test, be ready to Go Live.

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## 5 Go Live

- ✓ After all test passed, turn knowledge into a successful production.
- ✓ Production environment – Go Live
- ✓ Enlisting Blackboard Support, Consulting and Solutions Engineers

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## New Features in Blackboard Learn 9.1

Blackboard Learn Release 9.1 includes several innovations that are grouped in the following categories:

- ✓ Blackboard Content Integration
- ✓ Building Content
- ✓ Course Files
- ✓ Course/Organization Role Customization
- ✓ Grade Center
- ✓ Learning Modules
- ✓ Lesson Plans
- ✓ Mashups
- ✓ Test, Surveys, and Question Pools
- ✓ Textbooks
- ✓ Web Services and Building Blocks
- ✓ Wikis

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LIVE DEMOS



## Web Resources

- Visit the Upgrade Center  
[www.blackboard.com/sites/upgradecenter](http://www.blackboard.com/sites/upgradecenter)
- Visit the On Demand Learning Center  
<http://ondemand.blackboard.com/>
- Sign Up for a Preview Account  
<http://behind.blackboard.com/s/>
- Register for an upcoming webinars  
[www.blackboard.com/webinars](http://www.blackboard.com/webinars)

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# Thank you!

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