

What's New in Blackboard Learn™

Upgrading to Release 9.1



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WHAT'S NEW IN BLACKBOARD LEARN, UPGRADING TO RELEASE 9.1

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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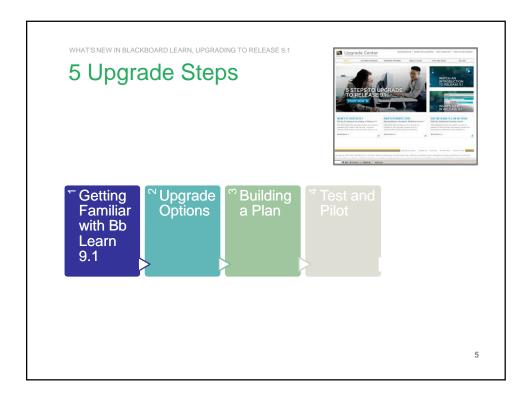
Basic Edition

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 form the Basic Edition. Other capabilities are licensed separately.





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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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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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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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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Go Live

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

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

☐ 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

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Thank you!

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