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The table in this document maps the terminology used in Vista 8 to the terminology used in Blackboard Learn. To locate details about specific features and functions, use the Table of Contents and the search function in [Blackboard Learn Help for Instructors](#). Additional information is available in the *Understanding the Change from Vista 8* document. Please contact your System Administrator for access to this document.

Vista 8 Term	Blackboard Learn Term	Feature Changes
Announcements	Announcements	Gained: Force Notification Login Page Announcements Notifications Multiple Display Options Lost: Target via Roles Pop-Ups
Assessments	Tests, Surveys, and Question Pools	Gained: Random Blocks Additional Question Types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calculated Formula • Calculated Numeric • Either / Or • File Response • Hot Spot • Multiple Answer • Opinion Scale / Likert • Ordering • Quiz Bowl Level of Difficulty Manager Keyword association with Questions No Separate Question Titles Lost: Prevent Students from Answering Additional Questions after Time Expires Automatic Re-grading of Assessments when the Correct Answer is Updated Select the Time Period between Test Attempts IP Address Mask Submission Message Options for Releasing Scores Options for Displaying Results to Students Fewer Options in Calculated Questions Short Answer Question Functions Fewer Options for Essay Questions Create Calendar Entry from Test Associate Goals with Tests

Vista 8 Term	Blackboard Learn Term	Feature Changes
		Email Results to a Specific Email Address Percentage Value for Fill in the Blank Questions Percentage Value for Multiple Answer in Jumbled Sentence Questions Statistics Analysis
Assignments	Assignments	Gained: Multiple Attempts Additional Attempts Submission History Lost: Cut-off Date Iterations Grade Settings Assignment Dropbox Rubrics Associating Goals Publishing Assignments
Banners	Banners	Lost: Cannot use Banners in Test design
	Blogs	Separate link from the Tool Area
Breadcrumbs (Footprints)	Breadcrumbs	Change: Used to determine the location of items within Courses, not the path a user took to a specific page.
Build/Teach/ Student Tabs	Edit On/Off	Edit Off is used to view the Course as it appears to Students. Edit On is used to access all of the controls to build and manage a Course.
Calendar	Course Calendar	Gained: Duration of Activity displayed Lost: Integration with Course Item creation Bulk Deletion Recurring Events Flexible Creation of Events Flexible View Filtering Printable Agendas All Day Events Importing Course Dates

Vista 8 Term	Blackboard Learn Term	Feature Changes
Chat/Whiteboard	Collaboration	Gained: Breakout Sessions Chat Room Availability Web Page Sharing Lost: Setting for Maximum Number of Participants Associate Goals Aliases Using External Images in Whiteboard Slide Shows Whiteboard Magnification Undo Changes to Whiteboard Session Descriptions
Discussions	Discussion Board	Gained: Moderated Forum Capacity Forum User Role Management Unavailable or Hidden Threads Reply with Quote Subscriptions to Forums and Threads Notifications of New Posting Activity Post and Thread Tagging Viewing Drafts in Thread Context Copying a Forum within a Course Disabling the Use of File Attachments Separation of Blogs, Journals, and Discussions Performance Dashboard Integration Lost: Separate Anonymous Users Custom Peer Review Rating Scales Discussion Categories Custom Grading Schemas Portfolio Artifacts Setting Release Criteria Directly on a Forum Forwarding Messages to Mail Moving Individual Posts between Threads Quickly View Own Posts and Replies to Own Posts
Grade Book	Grade Center	Gained: Anonymous Grading Smart Views Simplified Interface for Calculated Columns Grade Exemptions

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		Printable Reports Inline Edit of Grades Multiple Representation of Grades Sophisticated Grade Tracking Grading Periods Flexibility for Downloading Grades and Working Offline Flexibility for Uploading Offline Grades Custom Grading Schemas Improved Column Management Quicker Access to Grade and Column Information SCORM Grades Integrated into Main Grade Center View Lost: Modify from Content Items Grade Assignments and Tests Grade Release Settings Management from Content Items Grading Form Customize Alignment and Decimal Display Selection List Column View by Student
Group Manager	Course Groups	Gained: Student Created Groups Quick Access to Groups Group Module Page File Exchange Tool Blogs and Journals Tasks Notifications
Help	Help	Embedded and Optional Help
HTML Creator	Text Box Editor	Data in text boxes will be brought over as plain text or as HTML depending on the settings.
	Journals	Separate link from the Tool Area
Learning Modules	Learning Module	Gained: Forced Navigation Path Drag and Drop Reordering of Content Sequential Navigation of Content Lost: Header and Footer Goals Edit All Content Titles at Once View All Links to a Specific Content Item

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	Lesson Plans	The Lesson Plan feature enables Instructors and Course designers to create a structured unit plan with distinct and customizable sections that provide a means of documenting information such as description, learning level, delivery instructions, and so on. Lesson Plans also include content designed for an individual unit using any type of content or tool enabled in the Course.
Mail	Messages	Gained: Mark Individual Messages as Read/ Unread Send Email to External Addresses Lost: Save Message Drafts Storage of Deleted Messages Display Messages Based on Read Status View Profiles of Recipients Directly from Mail Auto-Refresh Page
	Mashups	The new Mashup integrations with popular services allow Instructors and Students to discover, select, and embed content from those services without ever leaving the Blackboard Learn interface.
Manage Course	Course Customization	Gained: Inline Add, Edit, and Drag and Drop Dividers and Sub-Headers Multiple Course Menu Displays Module Pages Notifications Lost: Customized Content Area Student Demo Account
Manage Files	Course Files	Gained: Drag and Drop File Upload Flexible Permissions 360° View Viewing Images as Thumbnails Lost: Editing HTML Content Template Manager
Media Library	Glossary	Lost: Links to Images Display a Picture in Addition to the Item Links to Glossary Terms in Content Pages Collections Students Cannot Create Glossary Entries Adaptive Release of Glossary Terms

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Move	Copy Course Materials	<p>A number of different Course Copy options are available to meet the institutions needs for copying Course content. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy into a New Course allows the Administrator to include enrollment information and specific Course materials. • Copy into an Existing Course allows the Administrator to include enrollment information and specific Course materials. • Create an Exact Course Copy automatically includes users and all Course materials.
My Grades	My Grades	<p>Gained:</p> <p>Direct Access to Assignment and Test Submission Data</p> <p>Status of Assignment and Test Submissions</p> <p>Detailed Information about All Gradable Items</p> <p>Rubrics for Completing Assignments</p> <p>Lost:</p> <p>Save Grades to Portfolio</p> <p>My Grades Channel</p>
My Settings	My Places	<p>Gained:</p> <p>One-Click Access to Commonly Used Links and Preferences</p> <p>Customizable List of Commonly Accessed Links</p> <p>Manage Notification Settings</p> <p>Quick Access to Personal Settings Links</p> <p>Personal Avatar Image</p> <p>Manage Notification Settings</p>
	Notifications	<p>Notifications recognizes the fact that Instructors desire to use more than just Blackboard to deliver their Course information to reach Students and will use email to guide Students back into Blackboard Learn to view or act upon the Notification.</p>
SCORM	SCORM	<p>SCORM content that was in the Manage Files area in Vista 8 will appear in Course Files. However, when a new SCORM package is attached to the Course from the local computer, it will not automatically appear in Course Files.</p> <p>Gained:</p> <p>SCORM Grades are Integrated with the Grade Center</p>
Selective Release	Adaptive Release	<p>Gained:</p> <p>Set Release Criteria from All Items</p> <p>Content Notifications</p> <p>Lost:</p> <p>Holistic View of Release Criteria</p> <p>License Availability</p> <p>And/ Or Operations</p>

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Tools (Manage Course)	Course Creation Wizard	Gained: Create Course Shell Course Menu Customization Lost: Select Course Tool Availability
Tracking	Tracking Reports	Gained: Total Number of Courses and Users Number of Active Courses and Users Page Hits Group Usage Statistics Lost: Detailed Student Tool Usage Statistics User Session Length Course Entry and Exit Page Tracking Report on Usage at Learning Context Levels
Web Links	External Links	Gained: Add Files with URL Add External Links to Course Lost: Associating Goals Student Creation of External Links
Yellow moving bars	Drag and Drop	Gained: Inline Drag and Drop Reordering of Content in Learning Modules Drag and Drop File Upload within Course Files Grade Center Column Management
Service Pack 1		Blackboard Learn 9.1 Service Pack 1 (SP1) includes enhancements and innovations that are grouped in the following categories: Course Delivery, Community Engagement, Content Management, Outcomes Assessment, and System Administration.
Service Pack 3		Blackboard Learn 9.1 Service Pack 3 (SP3) includes enhancements and innovations that are grouped in the following categories: Course Delivery, Community Engagement, and System Administration.
Service Pack 5		Blackboard Learn 9.1 Service Pack 5 (SP5) includes significant bug fixes, corrections and improvements for the Course Files Move Utility and Security fixes.
Service Pack 6		Blackboard Learn Service Pack 6 (SP6) includes enhancements and innovations that are grouped in the following categories: Course Delivery, Content Management, Community Engagement, Outcomes Assessment, Partner Integration, and System Administration.