

Blackboardlearn⁺

Release 9.1

*Understanding the Change from Vista 8
Information for Administrators*



Blackboard

Publication Date: June 29, 2011

Revision 0

Worldwide Headquarters	International Headquarters
Blackboard Inc.	Blackboard International B.V.
650 Massachusetts Avenue NW Sixth Floor Washington, DC 20001-3796	Paleisstraat 1-5 1012RB Amsterdam The Netherlands
+1 800 424 9299 toll free US & Canada	
+1 202 463 4860 telephone	+31 (0) 20 788 2450 (NL) telephone
+1 202 463 4863 facsimile	+31 (0) 20 788 2451 (NL) facsimile
www.blackboard.com	www.blackboard.com

Copyright © 1997-2011. Blackboard, the Blackboard logo, BbWorld, Blackboard Learn, Blackboard Transact, Blackboard Connect, the Blackboard Outcomes System, Behind the Blackboard, and Connect-ED are trademarks or registered trademarks of Blackboard Inc. or its subsidiaries in the United States and other countries. U.S. Patent Numbers: 6,988,138; 7,493,396; 6,816,878.

Other product and company names mentioned herein may be the trademarks of their respective owners.

No part of the contents of this manual may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means without the written permission of the publisher, Blackboard Inc.

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 Administrators](#) and the [Understanding the Change from Vista 8](#) document.

Vista 8 Term	Blackboard Learn Term	Feature Changes
Announcements	Announcements	Gained: Post Announcements directly to Login page Lost: Announcements cannot be targeted to specific users No support for pop-up messages as Announcements
Banners	Banners	Lost: Cannot use Banners in Test design
	Branding and Customization	Gained: Login Page Customizations Navigation and Content Color and Design Customization Translations Lost: Automatic Storage of Media Files Used when Customizing the login or Gateway Pages Customizable Logout and Error Pages
Breadcrumbs (Footprints)	Breadcrumbs	Change: Used to determine the location of items within Courses, not the path a user took to a specific page
Calendar	Course Calendar	Gained: Duration of Activity displayed Lost: Integration with Course Item creation Bulk Deletion Recurring Events Printable Agendas All Day Events Importing Course Dates
Chat/Whiteboard	Collaboration	Gained: Breakout Sessions Chat Room Availability Web Page Sharing Lost: Maximum Number of Participants setting Goal Association Use of Aliases by Participants Use of External Images Slide Shows Whiteboard Magnification

Vista 8 Term	Blackboard Learn Term	Feature Changes
		Undo Changes Session Descriptions
	Course/ Organization Role Customization	Administrators can now create custom Course/Organization Roles based on the standard Course/Organization Roles that ship with Blackboard Learn. Standard and custom roles can be made available to specific Courses and with special privileges. Custom roles inherit their parent role privileges by default, but these privileges can be changed.
Discussions	Discussion Board	Gained: Forum Moderation User Role Management Hidden Threads Reply with Quote Forum and Thread Subscriptions New Post Notifications Post and Thread Tagging Viewing Drafts in Thread Context Copying Forum within a Course Disabling File Attachments Lost: Separate Anonymous Users Custom Peer Review Rating Scales Discussion Categories Custom Grading Schemas Portfolio Artifacts Setting Release Criteria from Forum Forwarding Messages to Mail Moving Individual Posts Between Threads Quickly View Own Posts and Replies to Own Posts
Help	Help	Embedded and Optional Help
Mail	Email and 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
Manage Course	Customization	Gained: Inline Add, Edit, and Drag and Drop Dividers and Sub-Headers Multiple Course Menu Displays

Vista 8 Term	Blackboard Learn Term	Feature Changes
		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
Move	Copy Course Materials	Gained: Create Course Shell Course Menu Customization Lost: Select Course Tool Availability
My Settings	My Places	Gained: One-Click Access to Commonly Used Links and Preferences Customizable List of Commonly Accessed Links Quick Access to Personal Settings Links Personal Avatar Image Manage Notification Settings
	Notifications	The Notifications subsystem can be customized on several different levels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • User-level personalization of Notifications • System-wide settings, including general availability of Notifications • Default Notifications settings that affect newly created Courses and Organizations
SCORM	SCORM	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. Gained: SCORM Grades are Integrated with the Grade Center

Vista 8 Term	Blackboard Learn Term	Feature Changes
Selective Release	Adaptive Release	Gained: Set Release Criteria from All Items Content Notifications Lost: Holistic View of Release Criteria License Availability And/ Or Operations
Tools (Manage Course)	Course Creation Wizard	Gained: Create Course Shell Course Menu Customization Lost: Select Course Tool Availability
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.