



Blackboard 9.1

What's New – Video tutorials from Blackboard

Course Files provides central file storage for a course. Instructors can link to any of these items when creating content for the course. When an instructor changes an item, all links to the item in the course reflect those changes.

[Tour the Course Files Feature](#)

Journals are a self-reflective tool for students. Only the student and the Instructor are able to Comment on individual Journal Entries. However, Journals can be made public by the Instructor to allow other enrolled users to read the entries.

[Creating a Journal](#)

[Commenting on a Journal Entry](#)

Blogs are an open communications tool for students to share their thoughts. (The term “blog” is a contraction of “web log.”)

[Creating a Blog](#)

[Creating and Editing Blog Entries](#)

[Commenting on a Blog Entry](#)

Wikis are used to create a collaborative space within the course where all students can view, contribute, and edit content. Wikis are different than blogs and journals because multiple participants can edit the same page(s) in the wiki. The Wiki maintains an ongoing log of all participation and a history of each page.

[Creating a Wiki](#)

The **Groups** tool allows more focused small group discussion among a smaller number of participants, helping to reduce some of the concerns in using the public (whole-class) Discussion Board. This option is useful for team projects requiring private communication, as the group’s work is visible only to members of that group. (For example, a faculty member teaching a management class used small groups for competing teams developing business plans.)

[Creating a Group](#)

[Creating Group Sets](#)