Blackboard Learn April 2014 Release – What’s New?

Student Preview
The new Student Preview feature provides the capability for an Instructor to see the course exactly how a student would see it.

Note: This is now a Blackboard feature. We will not need to use the third-party building block. The NEW Blackboard student preview is more easily accessible.

Anonymous & Delegated Grading of Assignments

- Anonymous Grading: A more useful, robust option and best practice than previously implemented by the “Hide User Names” capability.

- Delegated Grading: Instructors in any courses in which grading is a shared responsibility among teaching assistants or other graders, can delegate assignment grading to specific users. Teaching Assistants or others serving as delegated graders will only see the specific assignment attempts for which they have been designated to grade within existing Learn workflows and interfaces such as the Needs Grading page.

Anonymous
Assignments

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SafeAssign Seamless Integration

- Learn Assignment SafeAssign Integration: SafeAssign is integrated into regular Learn assignments

- SafeAssign Originality Report Improvements: In addition to improving the design and visual aesthetic of the SafeAssign Originality Report, several new features are introduced to the SafeAssign service (group submissions, multiple attachments, multiple submissions, etc.) as part of integrating the SafeAssign service into the Learn Assignment workflow.

Significant Figures in Calculated Formula Test Questions
Automatic grading of quantitative questions has been improved to include calculation to significant figures. Instructors can select the number of decimals or significant figures for the correct answers generated by the system. In addition, Blackboard has improved existing support for scientific/exponential notation.

Single User Participation Report
The improved Single User Participation Report provides data for a single student with a count of the student’s academic contribution within a course. This report provides data necessary to substantiate a student’s academic contribution within a single course.

Better terminology used for hiding grade columns

Course Creation Wizard is no longer available to Instructors
Due to a recent security vulnerability, this module is now only available to System Administrator roles. Instructors will need to submit a request for a ‘sandbox’ or ‘development course’ by filling out a Qualtrics form: Blackboard Sandbox Course Request Form

Enter/Exit Student Preview
1. Note: The Student Preview button is located next to the Edit Mode button in the April 2014 upgrade.

2. Click the Student Preview button once to enter student preview mode.

3. When student preview mode is on, the user will see the following notification banner in the course.

4. To return to Instructor view, Click Exit Preview.

5. When a user leaves Student Preview, they have the option to keep the same preview student and the record of activities performed in the student.
Login: https://pfw.blackboard.com
Or this information and the preview student can be deleted when they exit.

Exit Student Preview
You are leaving student preview. Using student preview created a preview user in your course with all of your activity as that user. This user and the related data may impact the course experience for you and your students. What would you like to do?

Delete the preview user and all data (Recommended)
If you are finished previewing the course as a student, delete the data and remove the preview user from your course.

Keep the preview user and all data
If you are temporarily leaving the student preview to complete your task in your real account, keep the preview user and data. You can delete the user and data by returning to student preview and changing these settings.

Remember this choice and do not ask me again
This can be changed in Student Preview Settings, located in the Student Preview Control Panel.

6. Click Continue to exit Student Preview.

Enable Anonymous Grading of Assignments
1. Create or Edit an Assignment.
2. Expand Grading Options.
3. In the Grading Options section, select the check box for Enable Anonymous Grading.
4. Note: Student names can be set to show again on a specific date or after all submissions have been grades.
5. Click Submit.

Enable Delegated Grading of Assignments
1. Create or Edit an Assignment.
2. Expand Grading Options.
3. In the Grading Options section, select the check box for Enable Delegated Grading.
4. To view users who are eligible to grade, click the action button for available grader options.
5. Choose which graders you wish to view.
6. For each delegated grader, click the action link button to select their grading responsibilities.
7. If the grader is to have review access to other grader’s scores, feedback, and notes, check this option.

Help Desk: helpdesk@pfw.edu
8. **Note:** Only instructors can review all grades and feedback made by graders, and determines the final grades. User with this role will display this icon when looking at delegated graders.

9. Click **Submit**.

**Enable SafeAssign Options for Assignments**

**Note:** SafeAssign is no longer a separate assignment type. All assignments can use SafeAssign.