





About TU's Bb 8.5 installation

Bb Suite

- Learn
- Community
- Content
- Outcomes

WebDrive

Building Blocks

- Campus Pack
- Wimba
- SafeAssign
- Sign-Up List
- TUcapture





About TU's Bb 8.5 installation

- Courses = 20,684
- Organizations = 908
- Instructors = 5,316





About TU's Bb 8.5 installation

- 6 VM application servers
- F5 load balancer
- SQL 2005 server
- 2 TB SAN





Why upgrade?

- More "Web 2.0y"
- Positive feedback during beta
- Improved features





Blackboard 9.1 Release Timeline

January

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Pilot courses
Advisory group

April

Load test
"Coming Soon" tab
Hands-on training

May 16

Bb9.1 live

May 17

Summer I Begins

March

Bb9 awareness
Bb 9 demos
Virtualized app servers
Bb9.1 released

May 15

Grades due Began upgrade





more pretty. less clicky.

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Types of training

- 2-hour hands-on
- 30-minute demonstrations
- One-on-one
- On-your-own
 - 2-minute video clip
 - Tutorials and documentation



Blackboard

Bb9: What's New

BbDrive

Outcomes

Course Tools

System Admin

AutoMatt

CTS Tools

Scholar

Training

Bb9: The New Blackboard - A Get-Ready Hands-On Class

May 24 2:00-3:30 PM

TECH Center room 109

June 8 1:30-3:00 PM

TECH Center room 109

June 24 1:30-3:00 PM

TECH Center room 109

July 14 1:30-3:00 PM

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Register online at

http://seminars.temple.edu

Online Tutorials & Webinars

Basic Topics

- The Course Environment
- Add an Item to a Content Area
- E Creating Announcements
- E Create Assignments
- Edit Course Menu
- Getting Started with Assignments

Grade Center

- Cetting Started
- Adding Columns & Grades

Advanced Topics

- Getting Started with Building a Test
- 🔁 Getting Started with Groups
- 🖭 Creating Groups & Adding

Students



Blackboard 9: What's New

Printable Version

System Wide Improvements

New Interface Design

In addition to a new look, advanced user functionality, such as drag and drop, inline editing, and consolidated page layouts result in fewer clicks to navigate through the system and complete tasks.

Edit Mode

Edit Mode gives instructors access to menus and buttons used to make changes to Blackboard courses. It toggles on and off. When it is off, instructors see a course as students see the course, and the course cannot be edited. Edit Mode is available in some areas of Blackboard version 8, but it is much more prominent in version 9.

Inline Confirmations





Demos and training

- 3 Thing You Need to Know
 - Edit Mode
 - Drag & Drop
 - Contextual Menus





Change of plans

- Big plans early on
- Decided to be more systematic
 - Upgrade application servers to VM on 8.5 (Spring Break)
 - Upgrade to 9.1(Between Spring and Summer 1)
 - Move to new hardware (Later)





Upgrade path

- 1. Take Bb offline
- 2. Backup
 - a) SQL
 - b) Stop content synch
- 3. Upgrade to Campus Pack 4

- 4. Upgrade to 9.1
 - a) Upgrade Bb03
 - a) Install 8.6
 - b) Install 9.1
 - c) Configure
 - d) Test
 - b) Upgrade Bb04, 05 ...
- 5. Test & configure
- 6. Go live





What happened on Monday?

- Quieter than expected
- Some surprises

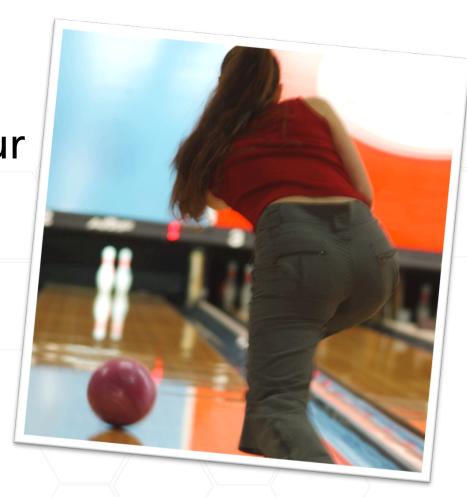




... and on Friday?

Bowling / Happy Hour

- Our team
- Pilot testers
- Hardware team







What's next?

- Upgrade to SP3 (planned)
- Upgrade Wimba (planned)
- Move to new hardware (planned)
 - App servers
 - -SAN
 - DB server (SQL 2008)



