

OVERVIEW: WHAT'S NEW IN VERSION 7.1

DISCUSSION BOARD CHANGES

New forum listing page:

Discussion Board

To add a new forum

Find a forum containing specified text (and a specified date range)

Search After Apr 02 2007 Before Apr 02 2007

Display Order	Forum	Total Posts	Unread Posts	Total Participants	Grade				
1	Liberalism: historical comparison How does liberalism of the early nineteenth century compare to liberalism today? Is liberalism a "dirty word" in today's America? In your answer, include information from renowned historian Eric Foner, in his commentary titled "Common Origins, Different Paths" (from a panel discussion on "Liberalism and the Left"). It can be found at this web address: http://chnm.qmu.edu/rhr/fooner.htm .	6	2	2		<input type="button" value="Modify"/>	<input type="button" value="Manage"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>	<input type="button" value="Copy"/>
2	Columbus: Hero or Villain? As your text mentions, the historical interpretation of Christopher Columbus is being hotly debated in recent years, particularly with the onset of the 500th anniversary of	0	0	0		<input type="button" value="Modify"/>	<input type="button" value="Manage"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>	<input type="button" value="Copy"/>

Current counts

Click here to post scores

New thread/post listing page:

Thread: [Liberalism](#)

Total posts: 3 Unread posts: 2

Swap post list

Maximize to see all posts

Flag

Bold means unread post

Hide post list

	Author	Date
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ron Schilling	4/2/07 3:38 PM
<input type="checkbox"/>	Artie 03Choke	4/2/07 3:41 PM
<input type="checkbox"/>	Artie Choke, Sr	4/2/07 3:48 PM
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ron Schilling	4/2/07 9:56 PM

With the enhancements made to Discussion Board, this can be a powerful tool for building community with your students. Here is a list of enhancements/changes:

- By selecting an option while creating a forum, a gradebook item is automatically created and Grade buttons conveniently appear within the forum for point scoring.
- You can now perform text searches in a single forum or through all forums in a course. You can also specify a date range.
- You can conduct a "peer review," where one can rate the postings made by others in the group, using a five-star system.
- Group members can be alerted, via email, to new submissions to a discussion forum.
- You can control the flow of submissions so that postings aren't public until you review them.
- The Archives option (present in older versions of Blackboard) has been removed. Instead, you can change status from "Published" to "Hidden" to get the same effect.

Overall rating: ☆☆☆☆☆

Rate this post: 0 stars

Published

Show All

Published

Locked

Hidden

Unavailable

ASSESSMENTS & GRADEBOOK

This new version contains several enhancements when building and managing tests.

Options when Creating/Modifying Test

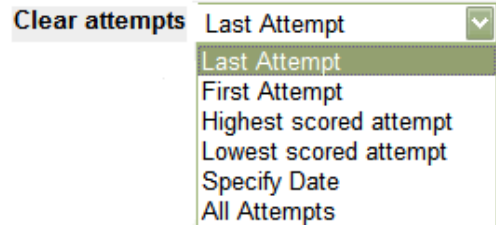
- Convert a question into extra credit. The points are not included in the total points in Gradebook, and students aren't penalized for an incorrect answer.

Options when Deploying Test in a Content Area

- You can specify the number of times a student can take the same test (Multiple attempts in Test Options screen). In Gradebook, you can decide which attempt to grade, as in the following example:

Creation Date	Last Submitted/Modified Date	Status	Calculated Grade	
Apr 10, 2007 4:23:26 PM	Apr 10, 2007 4:23:53 PM	Needs Grading	!	<input type="button" value="View"/> <input type="button" value="Clear Attempt"/>
Apr 10, 2007 4:25:49 PM	Apr 10, 2007 4:26:41 PM	Needs Grading	!	<input type="button" value="View"/> <input type="button" value="Clear Attempt"/>

You can also choose which attempt to clear. →



- You can allow students to take a test without it affecting their total score — and the score can be hidden from the instructor.
- Test Feedback choices (what student is allowed to see after submitting a test) are more flexible. You can select any combination of score, submitted answers, correct answers and/or feedback).

Options with Importing/Exporting

- Like a question pool, a single test can now be imported into — or exported from — the Test or Survey Manager. This allows for greater flexibility in transferring tests between courses.

Enhancement when Submitting a Test

- The screen a student sees after submitting a test now includes: 1) student name, 2) course name, 3) test/survey name, and 4) date of submission. This screen can be printed to verify completion of a test, for example.

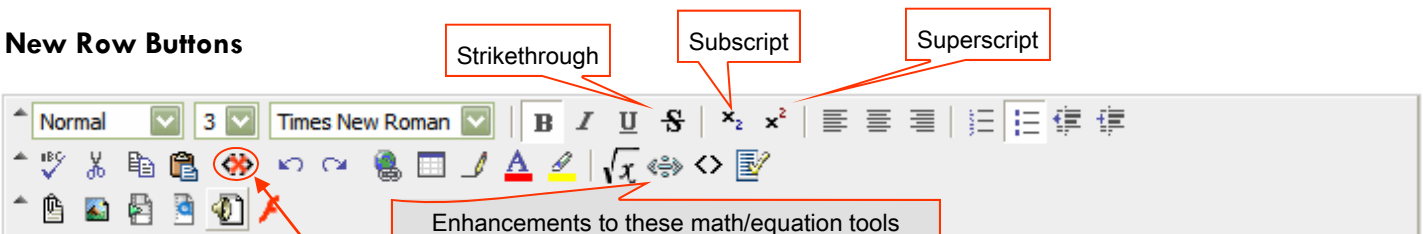
VISUAL TEXT BOX EDITOR

Use of the Visual Text Box Editor (WYSIWYG buttons) has expanded slightly. For example, you can now insert a image (or other media) file into a discussion board thread or post, via a new row of buttons.

Browser Compatibility

The Visual Text Box Editor is now available in Mozilla Firefox 1.0 on the Macintosh; there is a “lite version” (less buttons) of the Editor in Safari 2.0. On Windows PCs, the Editor works with Internet Explorer 6.0 & 7.0, Netscape 8.0 and Firefox 1.0.

New Row Buttons



Clear formatting. Click this button to remove an extraneous HTML code that the cursor is next to — in the Pathfinder box. Particularly useful when copying HTML code from somewhere else and pasting it into the Editor box.

