What’s New in Blackboard

Student Preview

The new **Student Preview** feature allows instructors to see the course from a student’s perspective. Instructors can easily change into and out of a preview account that is automatically enrolled in the course as a student. **Student Preview** is different from turning off **Edit Mode**. When you view content with **Edit Mode** turned off, you can still see content that is normally hidden from students because the account still has instructor access. The account created with **Student Preview** has no instructor privileges.

SafeAssign

The **SafeAssign** service is seamlessly integrated with Blackboard Assignments and the **SafeAssign** Originality Report interface has been updated. The **SafeAssignment** content type is removed from the content areas, and **SafeAssign** is an additional feature available when creating Assignments. All Assignment features are available with **SafeAssign** services with the exception of Portfolio submissions to Assignments.
Portfolio Improvements

Blackboard now has built-in portfolios. Portfolios are integrated with courses, providing students the ability to convert course assignments into Artifacts. Instructors may also formally require a Portfolio as a submission to an assignment in a course.

Anonymous Grading

Blackboard has implemented an Anonymous Grading feature to add another layer of impartiality to Grading capabilities. Using this feature, a grader is not influenced by a student's identity.
Delegated Grading

**Delegated Grading** promotes reliability and removes bias by using grades and feedback from more than one Grader. You can delegate the task to a single grader, multiple graders, or randomize students between different graders. This feature may be used in conjunction with **Anonymous Grading** to remove all biases from the grading procedure.

**Grading Options**

You can choose to hide student names from submission attempts during grading, making them anonymous. You can also choose to delegate grading to multiple graders. Each grader provides separate grades, feedback and notes to students. Users with the ability to reconcile grades may review all the grades given to a submission and set the official grade for the attempt. By default, instructors have reconciling abilities.

- **Enable Anonymous Grading**
  Student names are hidden during the grading process.

- **Enable Delegated Grading**
  Delegate grading responsibilities to one or more additional grader.

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If instructors have further questions or need assistance, please email bb@hunter.cuny.edu or contact the Technology Resource Center (Thomas Hunter 402) at 212-772-4357.