

Moodle to Blackboard Term Cross-Reference

Moodle 1.8 Terms	Blackboard 7 Terms	Definition
Course tools		
Resource/Activity Eye	Item Availability	In Blackboard, an item is available to students when the availability option is set to "Yes" under the modify button. Moodle uses the open/closed Eye symbol by each resource/activity.
Resource/Activity	Item	In Moodle, an item can be a course resource or a student activity. A resource is any material created by the instructor for instructional delivery and an Activity is learning interaction completed by the student.
Grades	Grade book	Assignments in Moodle are automatically entered into the grades.
Forums	Discussion Board	The Forums in Moodle are much more intuitive than the Blackboard Discussion Board and are RSS enabled.
Assignments	Assignments	This serves as a place for students to view/complete assignments.
Resources	Course Documents	In Blackboard, course documents serves as a place to store course materials & assignments. In Moodle, this only stores course content.
Activities> Chat	Chat	Chat features are similar in both LMS's.
Resource> Add a Web page	Add Item	Lets your create a page of information (lecture notes, instructions, ect)
Resource> Add a text page	N/A	In moodle, this lets you add pages to the course and treats the pages as text and not HTML.
News Forum	Announcements	In Moodle, the News Forum can be used to keep the class posted on important happenings or upcoming events. When you post to the News Forum all students are emailed the information.
Calendar	Calendar	The calendar in Moodle is much more robust than Blackboard. When an instructor creates an assignment, it automatically makes a calendar event and creates a link to the assignment page.
Glossary	Glossary	Unlike Blackboard, when an instructor creates a glossary term the system automatically creates hyper-links in the course page to the term definitions.
Resource>Display a Directory	Folder	There is not really any folders the students would click on in Moodle but instructors can make a directory of files for students. The instructor can also make "folders" in the Files section.
Resource> Link to file or website	Add External Link	This creates a link to a website or lets your upload and link to a file in your Files section.
Quizes	Tests	Moodle does not use the term tests at all.
Resource> Add a Label	N/A	This creates a line of text on your Moodle course page. Can be used to identify items or add descriptions/instructions.

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Edit view	Turn editing on	This lets the instructor make changes to the course content.
Course Administration		
Administration Block	Control Panel	This feature is where the course settings can be changed.
Backup	Archive	This saves a copy of content and/or student data.
Restore	Restore	This restores saved content and/or student data.
Import	Move	In Moodle, the Import feature is similar to the move button in Blackboard.
Reset	Recycle	This option ready's the course for new students by clearing student data.
Reports	Course Statistics	Moodle reporting feature is much more robust than Blackboard.
Participants/Users	Users	These are the students in the course.
Question Category	Question Pool	Categories are used in Moodle to organize all test questions. These categories work much like Pools do in Blackboard.
Scales	N/A	Scales is a feature in Moodle that lets the instructor customize the grading scale for the course.
Files	N/A	Files in Moodle is a directory for the instructors only.
Admin Block>Settings	Cpanel>Settings	In both LMS's, settings is where you can make changes to the over all course options.
Assign Roles	Enroll User	In both LMS's, you can enroll students and assign responsibilities such as student or instructor.
Participants	Roster	List of students enrolled in the course
Messages	Email	Moodle messages works similar to Blackboard but there is no tool named Email. The messages work as a instant message system and as a email system.