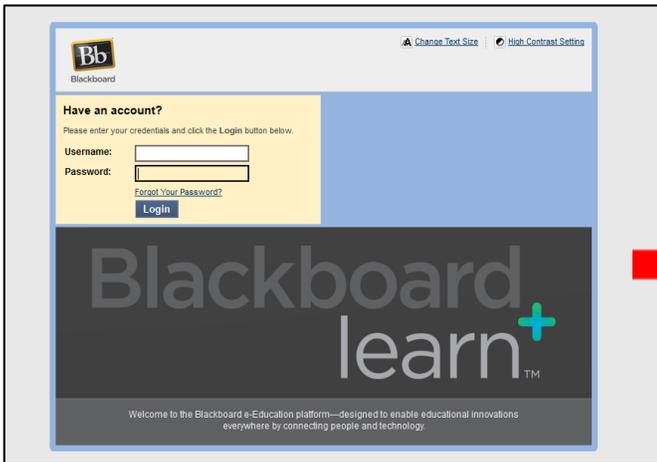




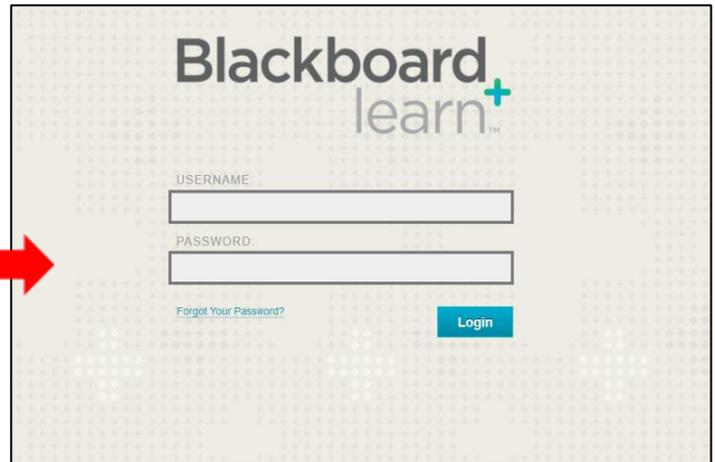
# What's New in Blackboard 9.1, Service Pack 8?

## New Login Screen

The first noticeable update with Service Pack 8 is a new login screen. Students and faculty will still login with their network username (i.e., *tsimms*) and password.



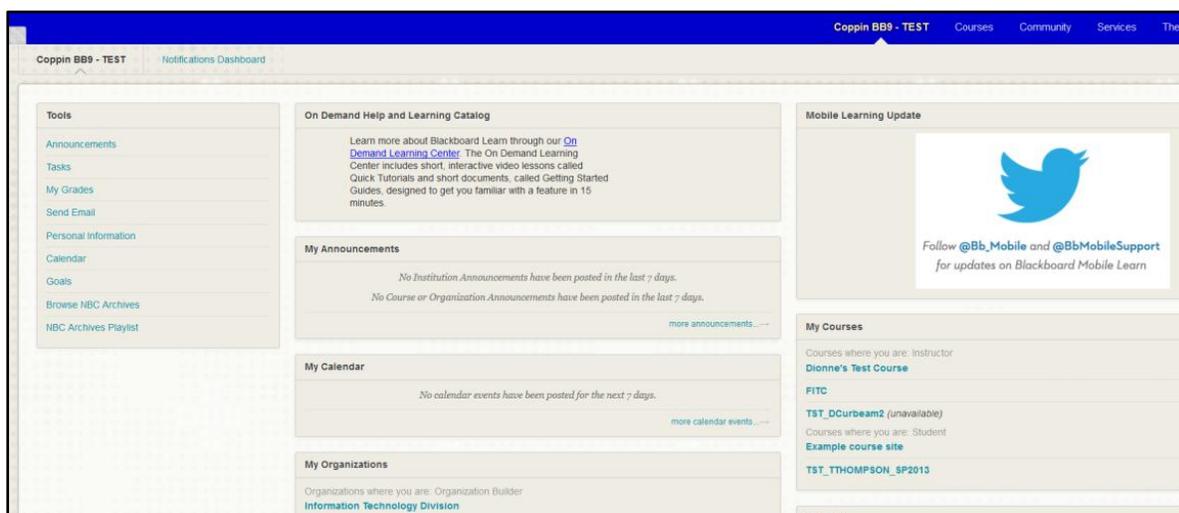
OLD (SERVICE PACK 7) LOGIN SCREEN



NEW (SERVICE PACK 8) LOGIN SCREEN

## New Interface

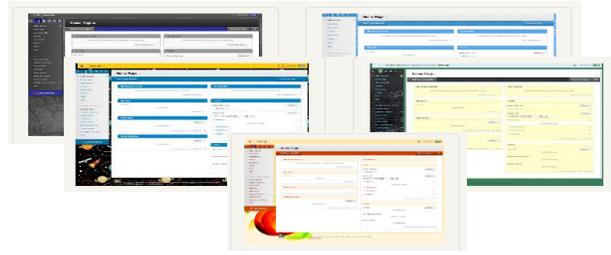
After logging in, students and faculty will notice that Service Pack 8 provides a clean, fresh interface. There will also be additional tabs at the top of the screen.



# New and Enhanced Features

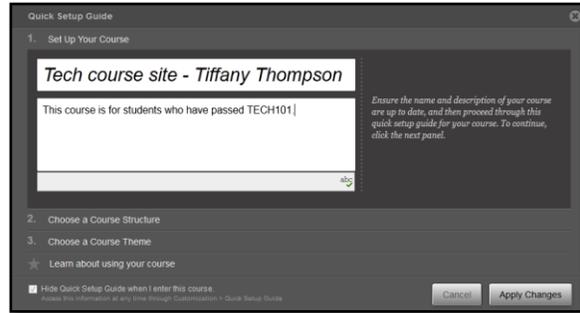
## Course Themes

Within a course, instructors can apply a Course Theme to match their design preferences and teaching methods. Course Themes add a background image to the course display and change the color of the user interface, including the course menu, buttons, and controls. Applying a theme does not affect course content, and faculty can change the theme again at any time. Over twenty themes available!



## Setup Guide and Wizard

Faculty can use the setup wizard to design their course menu by applying a course structure from over 30 different pedagogically based selections. At this point, faculty can also decide whether to add sample content to the course. Finally, there are links to additional resources to help instructors learn more about building their courses.



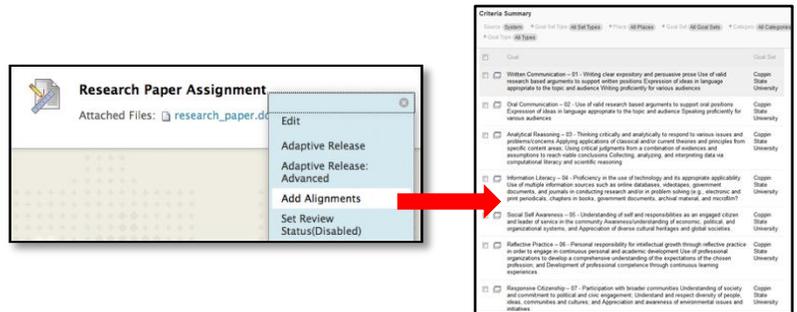
## Quick Navigation to Switch Courses

When in a course, faculty and students can click the *Action Link* next to the course title to move from course to course to access the same page/tool. For example, if faculty are in one course's Grade Center, he/she can jump to the next course's Grade Center easily to complete his/her grading tasks.



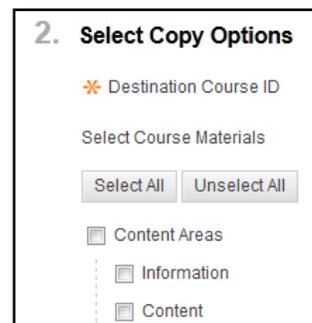
## Goals Alignment

Class assessments (e.g., tests, quizzes, assignments) can be aligned to the university's student learning outcomes. Goal coverage reports show instructors and administrators how course content aligns to stated learning objectives.

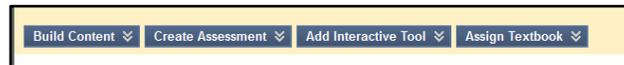


## Improved Course Copying

In SP7, instructors manually selected each item, when copying a course. With SP8, only one box is clicked to select all items.



## OLD (SERVICE PACK 7) ACTION BAR



## New Names for Action Bar Functions in Content Areas

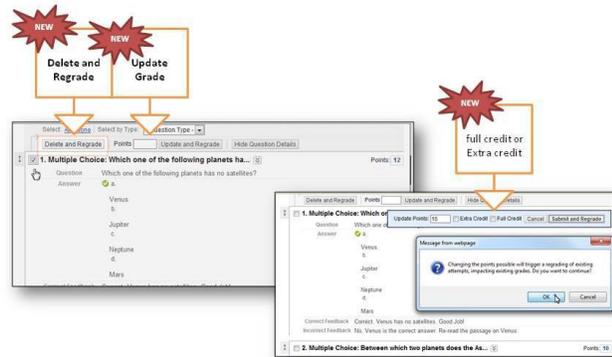
Build content remains the same, but to create a more generic naming scheme, the other action bars have been renamed Assessments, Tools, and Publisher Content.

## NEW (SERVICE PACK 8) ACTION BAR



## Automated Re-grading

Faculty can now fix problematic questions by simply editing the invalid question directly and having all necessary updates flow automatically to the Grade Center.

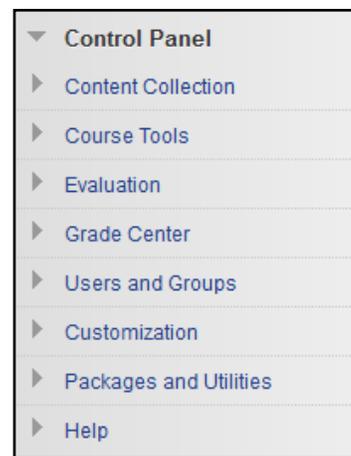


## New LOOK of the Control Panel

The Control Panel remains the central access point for course management functions. Faculty can manage the course style, course tools, grade center, and users from this area. While the functionality of the Control Panel will remain the same, there are some new features and changes in terminology.



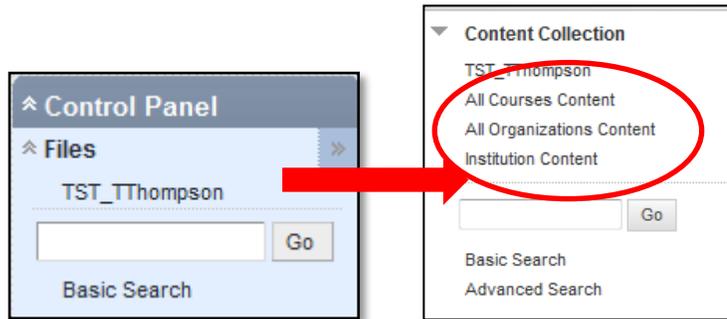
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NEW (SERVICE PACK 8) CONTROL PANEL

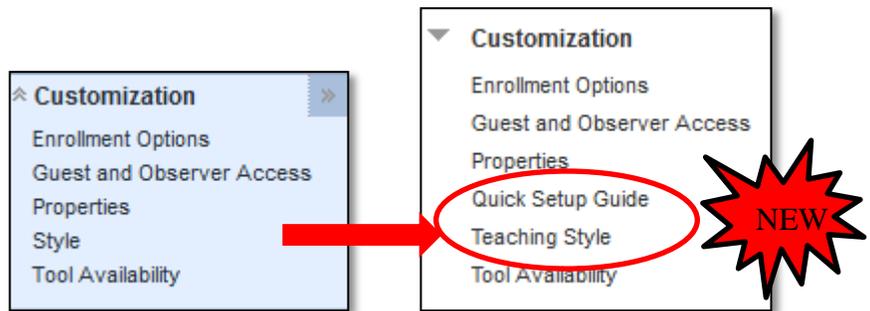
## File Storage/Content Collection

The Content Collection replaces the Files area from SP7. The Content Collection provides central file storage for all content. Faculty can link to items anywhere in the Content Collection when creating content for a course. When a faculty member changes an item in the Content Collection, all links to the item reflect those changes.



## Customizing Your Course

Quick Setup Guide and Teaching Style options – which allow faculty to easily control the appearance, theme, course menu, style and layout, content appearance, course entry point, and the banner image for a course – is listed in the Customization area of the control panel.



## New LOOK for Course Menu Icons

At the top of the Course Menu is a set of icons that can be used to change the *display* of the Course Menu. The menu can be displayed as text links or buttons, as a Folder tree, or in a separate window.



-  **Add New Item:** This icon contains links to add new course materials and tools.
-  **List View:** The List View icon contains text links that lead to course materials and tools.
-  **Folder View:** The Folder View icon uses icons and expandable folders to access content and tools. You can expand folders to reveal items and collapse to save space.
-  **Display in a New Window:** The Display in a New Window icon opens the Course Menu in a separate window.
-  **Refresh:** The Refresh icon is used to view any new content added to the Course Menu.
-  **Keyboard Accessible Reordering:** The Refresh icon is used to view any new content added to the Course Menu.

### Where to Get Help: Faculty & Staff

- Training sessions, tipsheets, and recorded tutorials are available on the Instructional Technology and Training Website: [www.coppin.edu/TLT](http://www.coppin.edu/TLT)
- HelpDesk: **410-951-3888**
- Instructional Technology & Training Center, located in Grace Jacobs, Room 106: **410-951-2643**

### Where to Get Help: Students

- Training sessions, tipsheets, and recorded tutorials are available on the Instructional Technology and Training Website: [www.coppin.edu/ITSSC](http://www.coppin.edu/ITSSC)
- IT Student Service Center, located in Grace Jacobs, MC-16: **410-951-3872**