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Blackboard 9.1

Grade Center Changes

Now in control panel area of its own, happily titled **Grade Center**.

Needs Grading shows assignments received and not yet graded.

Grading Color Codes set colors for grade values based on status and criteria.

Grade Center > Manage > Grading Color Codes.

Smart View names have changed. **Category and Status** is a new smart view option. Smart views allow customized views of the grade center. Used effectively this can save you time and scrolling, and give you detailed information about student performance.

Grade Center > Manage > Smart Views.

To see and select Smart Views you have created, select **Filter** in the Grade Center.

When creating a Smart View, select **Add as Favorite** to include it in the Control Panel Grade Center area.

Sort Columns By in the Grade Center regroups the columns by categories, due date, date created, points possible, or display name. **Layout Position** is the default as you created the columns or repositioned them in **Column Organization**.

Manage > Column Organization > Drag the column names to reposition.

Email students directly from the Grade Center. The checkbox next to **Last Name** is select all. This is very useful in combination with a **Performance Smart View** that selects students by a benchmark criterion.

Edit Rows Displayed allows display of up to 50 rows.

Reverse the row order by selecting the column header.

Blogs, **Journals**, **Wikis**, and **Discussion Board** are gradable; i.e. when grade option is selected, an associated grade center column is created, and scores may be assigned from within the respective tool.

Work Offline includes **Download** and **Upload** to and from your local spreadsheet. **TAB** is the default Excel format. You may download single and selected columns, as well as Smart View layouts.

What's New...

Emailing an **Announcement** to the class list is the default now and there is no *send as email* option when creating an announcement.

Add RSS Content includes an RSS feed in a content area. First you must have a feed to include. Academic journals and publishers often post feeds of new contents. If you are new to feeds and syndication, try out RSSOwl (Google it).

YouTube, **SlideShare**, and **Flickr** may be searched and accessed for video, lecture slides, and images. The YouTube tool is important as it is the most reliable way to embed a YouTube video in your course site given changes at YouTube.

Move Files to Course Files allows upload of multiple files to your Content Collection. When adding content to a course site (e.g. **Item**, **File**, **URL**) you may link to the Content Collection files.

Packages and Utilities > Move Files to Course Files

Content Collection is a space to store files. Files and folders may be shared with people inside and outside of OSU.

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TurningPoint Clickers

Presenting a TurningPoint Presentation

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Plug in receiver.

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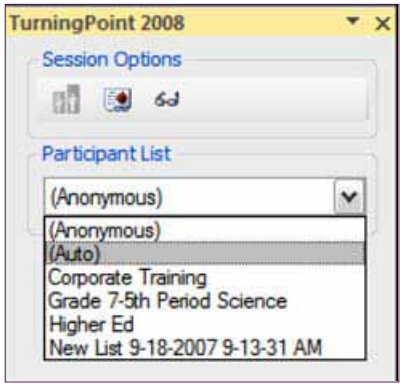
Open TurningPoint by double clicking the icon from the desktop.

3 Open your presentation slides via **File > Open**.

4 Select a Participant List, if you are tracking students.



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Run Presentation.

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Advance slides as usual (such as clicking the mouse, pressing space bar, arrow keys,or Enter key).

> Polling will open automatically when you display a slide.
> Click a second time to close polling and display results.
> Click again to advance to the next slide.

Changing the Channel

> Click on the settings cog or select **Settings** from the Tools menu.
> Click on **Response Device**.
> Click on the Receiver channel number to change it.

TurningPoint and Blackboard Integration

To Download Participant List

1 On the tools menu select **Integrations**.

2 Enter **http://my.oregonstate.edu** in the Server URL field.

3 Use your **ONID** credentials.

4 Select **Import Participant List**.

5 Select the class list you desire.

6 Check the box labeled "Load imported participant list into current presentation."

Clicker Registration

Students register their clicker **Device ID** at:
Course Menu >Tools >TurningPoint Registration Tool

To Export Grades

1 On the tools menu select **Integrations.**

2 Enter **http://my.oregonstate.edu** in the Server URL field.

3 Use your **ONID** credentials.

4 Select **Export Grades/E-mail Student Grades**

5 Select the class list you desire.

6 Check the "Add grades shown above to Blackboard gradebook" box.

7 Give the item a name and verify the maximum point value.

The TurningPoint Showbar

The showbar is the toolbar that appears on question slides in TurningPoint presentations.

Repoll Question (F4):
Clears responses and accepts new responses for the currently displayed question. Both original and new responses are stored in the session file.

Show Non-Response Grid (F8):
Displays chart of who has not responded. Response boxes vanish from the grid as people respond.

Anonymous Polling:
Participants info will not be associated with the results.

Display Participant Monitor (F12)

Countdown: Displays countdown timer.

Show Response Grid (F7):
Displays chart of who has responded.

Press for **Moveable Showbar**.

Show animated **2D/3D Chart.**

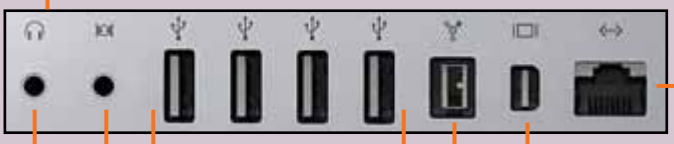
Show/Hide Showbar (F9):
Closes Showbar for duration of current presentation session.

Insert Slide (Shift + F5):
Click on the down arrow to open drop-down menu and select the slide type to be inserted. Click on the icon to open a window asking for a question and answer choices.

Shorten Showbar: Shortens Showbar so that only Reponses and Polling Status are displayed.

Introducing iMac!

Power Button



Ethernet

Audio Out Audio In USB Firewire Mini-DVI

Disk Drive
Insert disc with top facing forward.

SD Card Slot

Classrooms are now equipped with iMacs.

Beaver Island

OSU has its own virtual island on Second Life called Beaver Island that hosts simulations, information, events, and virtual goods.

Learn more about Beaver Island and virtual worlds at:
oregonstate.edu/tac/beaverisland

Want to use virtual worlds in your classroom?

Ask TAC how!

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Bulk Delete lets you zap content areas and other course elements (Danger! Make sure your files are saved somewhere else before you start zapping.)

Tool Availability is in Customization in the Control Panel. Check there to make sure that the tools that you want to use are Available and/or Available in Content Area.

At the top of the course menu, under the course name and ID, are icons including **+** to create elements for the course menu, **List View**, **Folder View**. Try Folder View to see your course areas and objects in an expandable format.

Manage Non-Instructor Assistants is the way to add a TA to your course. The TA must first pass the FERPA training online. Initiate that process by selecting **Request non-instructor course assistant** in the orange Support tab of Blackboard.

Get help, save time, reduce stress.

Please do not invest much time puzzling over technology puzzles. If the solution does not become clear within 20 minutes, contact your support resources for help. Use the time you save for improved teaching and research!

Technology Across the Curriculum (TAC)

Find tutorials, quick guides, webinars, workshops and more on the TAC website.

oregonstate.edu/tac

Write for help at tac@oregonstate.edu
or call 541.737.3811.

Enterprise Computing Systems (ECS)

An FAQ is available in the Support tab of Blackboard.

Blackboard Administration:
support@my.oregonstate.edu

OSU Computer Help Desk

The OSU Computer Help Desk supports faculty and student questions:

oregonstate.edu/is/tss/och
541.737.3474

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