Blackboard Content Editor

The Dec. 2021 Blackboard upgrade/migration will introduce a new Content Editor, which will provide new features and improvements for accessibility. Please note that you will see these changes after the Blackboard migration has completed (after December 30, 2021). Additionally, this tool will no longer be called the “text editor.”

Below is a snapshot of the new Content Editor and a list of icons:

- The Plus icon provides a menu for adding content from your computer, cloud, or other integrated tools. It also contains the Recording audio/video feedback for graded assessments and the Mashups Tool.
- The editor is better suited for all devices. Pop-ups are gone for a better mobile experience.
- New accessibility checker.
- Better copy and paste from Word, Excel, and websites.
- Video links from YouTube and Vimeo are automatically embedded for inline playback. Other sites such as The NYT, WordPress, SlideShare or Facebook will embed summary previews.
- Formatted computer code snippets can be shared through a new icon.
- Adding content by selecting multiple files from your computer, the Content Collection or the cloud is no longer a two-step process.
- More emoticons are available in a searchable and expanded collection.
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When drafting long content passages, the authoring area will automatically expand.

New table options are available that provide more responsiveness across devices and without fixed column widths.

The link tool is only for external websites, such as Dropbox.

The Spellchecker tool picks default language more accurately and dictionaries have been updated and expanded.

Easier HTML editing that includes line numbers and tag colors.

Updated visual display of options will facilitate formatting text, bullets, and lists.

If icons cannot fit due to the size of your screen, the Ellipsis icon can be used to expand and display the additional tools.

Access full editor easily when authoring complex test questions.

When using find and replace, search can now be limited to content that has been selected.

Below are two quick resources on using the new Content Editor:

- Video:  https://youtu.be/n8te71FYdTo