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The purpose of this document is to map the terminology used in Vista 8 to the terminology used in Blackboard Learn. Feature changes and links to specific pages in the *Instructor Manual* and the *Understanding the Change from Vista 8* document are also included to highlight information on specific features and functions. Follow this link to the [Instructor Manual](#). Please contact your System Administrator for access to the *Understanding the Change from Vista 8* document.

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Vista 8 Term	Blackboard Learn Term	Feature Changes	Links to Documentation
<b>Announcements</b>	Announcements	<p><b>Gained:</b> Post Announcements directly to Login page</p> <p><b>Lost:</b> Announcements cannot be targeted to specific users No support for pop-up messages as Announcements</p>	<p><b>Understanding the Change:</b> 32, 35, 36, 42, 55, 56</p> <p><b>Instructor Manual:</b> 127</p>
<b>Assessments</b>	Assessments	<p><b>Gained:</b> Additional Question Types Level of Difficulty Manager Keyword association with Questions New Question Types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calculated Formula</li> <li>• Calculated Numeric</li> <li>• Either / Or</li> <li>• File Response</li> <li>• Hot Spot</li> <li>• Multiple Answer</li> <li>• Opinion Scale / Likert</li> <li>• Ordering</li> <li>• Quiz Bowl</li> </ul> <p><b>Lost:</b> Question Database Question Sets</p>	<p><b>Understanding the Change:</b> 88-92</p> <p><b>Instructor Manual:</b> 275</p>
<b>Assignments</b>	Assignments	<p><b>Gained:</b> Multiple Attempts New Question Types Additional Attempts Submission History</p> <p><b>Lost:</b> Cut-off Date Iterations Grade Settings Assignment Dropbox</p>	<p><b>Understanding the Change:</b> 14-19</p> <p><b>Instructor Manual:</b> 98, 256, 258</p>



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<b>Banners</b>	Banners	<b>Lost:</b> Cannot use Banners in Test design	<b>Understanding the Change:</b> 65, 90
<b>Breadcrumbs (Footprints)</b>	Breadcrumbs	<b>Change:</b> Used to determine the location of items within Courses, not the path a user took to a specific page.	<b>Understanding the Change:</b> 65  <b>Instructor Manual:</b> 38
<b>Build/Teach/Student Tabs</b>	Edit On/Off	<b>Edit Off</b> is used to view the Course as it appears to Students. <b>Edit On</b> is used to access all of the controls to build and manage a Course.	<b>Instructor Manual:</b> 44
<b>Calendar</b>	Course Calendar	<b>Gained:</b> Duration of Activity displayed  <b>Lost:</b> Integration with Course Item creation Bulk Deletion Recurring Events Printable Agendas All Day Events Importing Course Dates	<b>Understanding the Change:</b> 57 - 58  <b>Instructor Manual:</b> 132-134
<b>Chat/Whiteboard</b>	Collaboration	<b>Gained:</b> Breakout Sessions Chat Room Availability Web Page Sharing  <b>Lost:</b> Maximum Number of Participants setting Goal Association Use of Aliases by Participants Use of External Images Slide Shows Whiteboard Magnification Undo Changes Session Descriptions	<b>Understanding the Change:</b> 60-62  <b>Instructor Manual:</b> 149



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Discussions	Discussion Board	<p><b>Gained:</b>            Forum Moderation            Forum User Role Management            Hidden Threads            Reply with Quote            Forum and Thread Subscriptions            New Post Notifications            Post and Thread Tagging            Viewing Drafts in Thread Context</p> <p><b>Lost:</b>            Separate Anonymous Users            Custom Peer Review Rating Scales            Discussion Categories            Custom Grading Schemas            Portfolio Artifacts            Setting Release Criteria from Forum            Forwarding Messages to Mail            Moving Individual Posts Between Threads            Quickly View Own Posts and Replies to Own Posts</p>	<p><b>Understanding the Change:</b>            70-74</p> <p><b>Instructor Manual:</b>            147, 166-189</p>
	Blogs	Separate link from the Tool Area	<p><b>Understanding the Change:</b>            20-24</p> <p><b>Instructor Manual:</b>            262-267</p>
	Journals	Separate link from the Tool Area	<p><b>Understanding the Change:</b>            20-24</p> <p><b>Instructor Manual:</b>            269-274</p>



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Grade Book	Grade Center	<p><b>Gained:</b> Simplified Creation of Calculated Columns Grade Exemption Printable Reports Inline Edit of Grades Multiple Representations of Grades Grade Tracking Smart Views Grading Periods Downloading Grades for Work Offline Uploading of Offline Grades Custom Grading Schemas Improved Column Management and Reordering Quick Access to Grade and Column Information SCORM Grade Integration</p> <p><b>Lost:</b> Modify Settings from Content Items Grading Assignments and Tests Grade Release Settings from Content Items</p>	<p><b>Understanding the Change:</b> 78-83</p> <p><b>Instructor Manual:</b> 317-401</p>
Group Manager	Course Groups	<p><b>Gained:</b> Student Created Groups Quick Access to Groups Group Module Page File Exchange Tool Blogs and Journals Tasks Notifications</p>	<p><b>Understanding the Change:</b> 25-27</p> <p><b>Instructor Manual:</b> 246-274</p>
Help	Help	Embedded and Optional Help	<p><b>Understanding the Change:</b> 40</p>
HTML Creator	Text Box Editor		<p><b>Understanding the Change:</b> 13</p> <p><b>Instructor Manual:</b> 49-55</p>



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<b>Learning Modules</b>	Learning Module	<p><b>Gained:</b> Forced Navigation Path Drag and Drop Reordering of Content</p> <p><b>Lost:</b> Hierarchical Display of Content Header and Footer Goals Edit All Content Titles at Once View All Links to a Specific Content Item</p>	<p><b>Understanding the Change:</b> 85-86</p> <p><b>Instructor Manual:</b> 91</p>
<b>Mail</b>	Messages	<p><b>Gained:</b> Mark Individual Messages as Read/Unread Send Email to External Addresses</p> <p><b>Lost:</b> Save Message Drafts Storage of Deleted Messages Display Messages Based on Read Status View Profiles of Recipients Directly from Mail Auto-Refresh Page</p>	<p><b>Understanding the Change:</b> 97</p> <p><b>Instructor Manual:</b> 139, 146</p>
<b>Manage Course</b>	Customization	<p><b>Gained:</b> User-Translated Login Page Text Support User Login Directly from First Loaded Page Theme and Color Palettes Individual Colors Color Picker Navigation Settings and Hot Links CSS Support Language Pack Editor</p> <p><b>Lost:</b> Automatic Storage of Media Files Customizable Logout and Error Pages</p>	<p><b>Understanding the Change:</b> 31-35</p> <p><b>Instructor Manual:</b> 202-211</p>



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Media Library	Glossary	<p><b>Lost:</b> Links to Images Display a Picture Next to an Item Links to Glossary Terms in Content Pages Collections, Students Cannot Create Glossary Entries Adaptive Release of Glossary Terms HTML Creator</p>	<p><b>Understanding the Change:</b> 76</p> <p><b>Instructor Manual:</b> 141-145</p>
Move	Copy Course Materials	<p><b>Gained:</b> Create Course Shell Course Menu Customization</p> <p><b>Lost:</b> Select Course Tool Availability</p>	<p><b>Understanding the Change:</b> 63</p> <p><b>Instructor Manual:</b> 394</p>
My Grades	My Grades	<p><b>Gained:</b> Direct Access to Assignment and Test Submission Data Status of Assignment and Test Submissions Detailed Information about All Gradable Items</p> <p><b>Lost:</b> Save Grades to Portfolio My Grades Channel</p>	<p><b>Understanding the Change:</b> 84</p> <p><b>Instructor Manual:</b> 320, 338, 350</p>
My Settings	My Places	<p><b>Gained:</b> One-Click Access to Commonly Used Links and Preferences Customizable List of Commonly Accessed Links Quick Access to Personal Settings Links Personal Avatar Image</p>	<p><b>Understanding the Change:</b> 38</p> <p><b>Instructor Manual:</b> 36</p>
SCORM	SCORM	<p><b>Gained:</b> SCORM Grades are Integrated with the Grade Center</p> <p><b>Lost:</b> Author, Keywords, and Description Data are not moved to Blackboard Learn</p>	<p><b>Understanding the Change:</b> 69, 79</p> <p><b>Instructor Manual:</b> 82, 102-103</p>



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<b>Selective Release</b>	Adaptive Release	<p><b>Gained:</b> Set Release Criteria from All Items Content Notifications</p> <p><b>Lost:</b> Adaptive Release of Glossary Terms Holistic View of Release Criteria License Availability And/Or Operations</p>	<p><b>Understanding the Change:</b> 52-54</p> <p><b>Instructor Manual:</b> 107-118, 438, 439</p>
<b>Tools (Manage Course)</b>	Tool Availability (Style)	<p><b>Lost:</b> Instructors do not have a wizard to walk them through selecting and activating communication tools.</p>	<p><b>Understanding the Change:</b> 63</p> <p><b>Instructor Manual:</b> 211</p>
<b>Tracking</b>	Tracking Reports	<p><b>Gained:</b> Total Number of Courses and Users Number of Active Courses and Users Page Hits Group Usage Statistics</p> <p><b>Lost:</b> Detailed Student Tool Usage Statistics User Session Length Course Entry and Exit Page Tracking Usage at Learning Context Levels</p>	<p><b>Understanding the Change:</b> 95</p> <p><b>Instructor Manual:</b> 316</p>
<b>Web Links</b>	External Links	<p><b>Gained:</b> Add Files with URL Add External Links to Course</p> <p><b>Lost:</b> Associating Goals Student Creation of External Links</p>	<p><b>Understanding the Change:</b> 75</p> <p><b>Instructor Manual:</b> 89</p>
<b>Yellow moving bars</b>	Drag and Drop	<p><b>Gained:</b> Inline Drag and Drop Reordering of Content in Learning Modules by Drag &amp; Drop</p>	<p><b>Understanding the Change:</b> 64, 85</p>

