

## BLACKBOARD 7.2 UPGRADE INFORMATION

The Blackboard system was upgraded on August 16, 2007 from version 7.1 to version 7.2. This upgrade resulted in a few new features, bug fixes and updates. Below is a summary of the important upgrades:

New Feature/Bug Fix	Description
Email Notification of Announcements <b>NEW FEATURE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enables the instructor to generate a broadcast email to all enrolled students when creating or modifying a course announcement</li> <li>Control Panel → Announcements → Select “Email this announcement to all course users”</li> </ul>
HTML support in Email <b>NEW FEATURE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enables users to embed HTML codes when creating email messages.</li> </ul>
Gradebook Comments <b>NEW FEATURE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instructors can now add comments that are visible to the student for all grade book entries. This includes completed assessments and “padlocked” items.</li> </ul>
Discussion Board Interface <b>NEW FEATURE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The discussion board interface now includes “maximize,” “minimize” or “move” icons on the top right of the Thread Details window.</li> <li>Date range-only searches are now allowed.</li> </ul>
WebEq <b>BUG FIX</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The bug that prevented creation and/or modification of WebEq equations in Blackboard version 7.1 is now fixed.</li> <li>Blackboard version 7.2 supports Java version 1.6 (and all previous versions).</li> </ul>
Supported Browsers <b>UPDATE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Windows XP:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internet Explorer 6.0 and 7.0, Netscape 8.0, Firefox 1.5 and 2.0</li> </ul> </li> <li>Windows Vista:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internet Explorer 7.0, Netscape 7.1 and 8.0, Firefox 1.5 and 2.0</li> </ul> </li> <li>MacOS 10.3:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safari 1.2</li> </ul> </li> <li>MacOS 10.4:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safari 2.0, Firefox 1.5 and 2.0</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

In addition to the enhancements listed above, we have identified a list of new problems (“bugs”) in version 7.2. They are listed below:

New “Bugs”	Description	Workaround	Solution
Course List Error <b>NEW BUG IDENTIFIED</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is a bug in the “My Courses” module on the Welcome Page that will affect faculty with more than 25 courses in their course list.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Click the “My Courses” tab; this page should contain a full list of all courses.</li> <li>If you are unable to access all courses from the “My Courses” tab, please contact the Distance Learning Center.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blackboard has prepared a “hotfix” to repair this issue. We scheduled the update for September 10.</li> </ul>
Textbox Toolbar Error in IE6 and IE7 <b>NEW BUG IDENTIFIED</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Problems have been reported when using the 3<sup>rd</sup> row of icons on the textbox toolbar editor <u>and</u> Internet Explorer 6 or 7.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use the Firefox web browser when using the 3<sup>rd</sup> row of icons on the textbox toolbar.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blackboard has prepared a “hotfix” to repair this issue. We scheduled the update for September 10.</li> </ul>