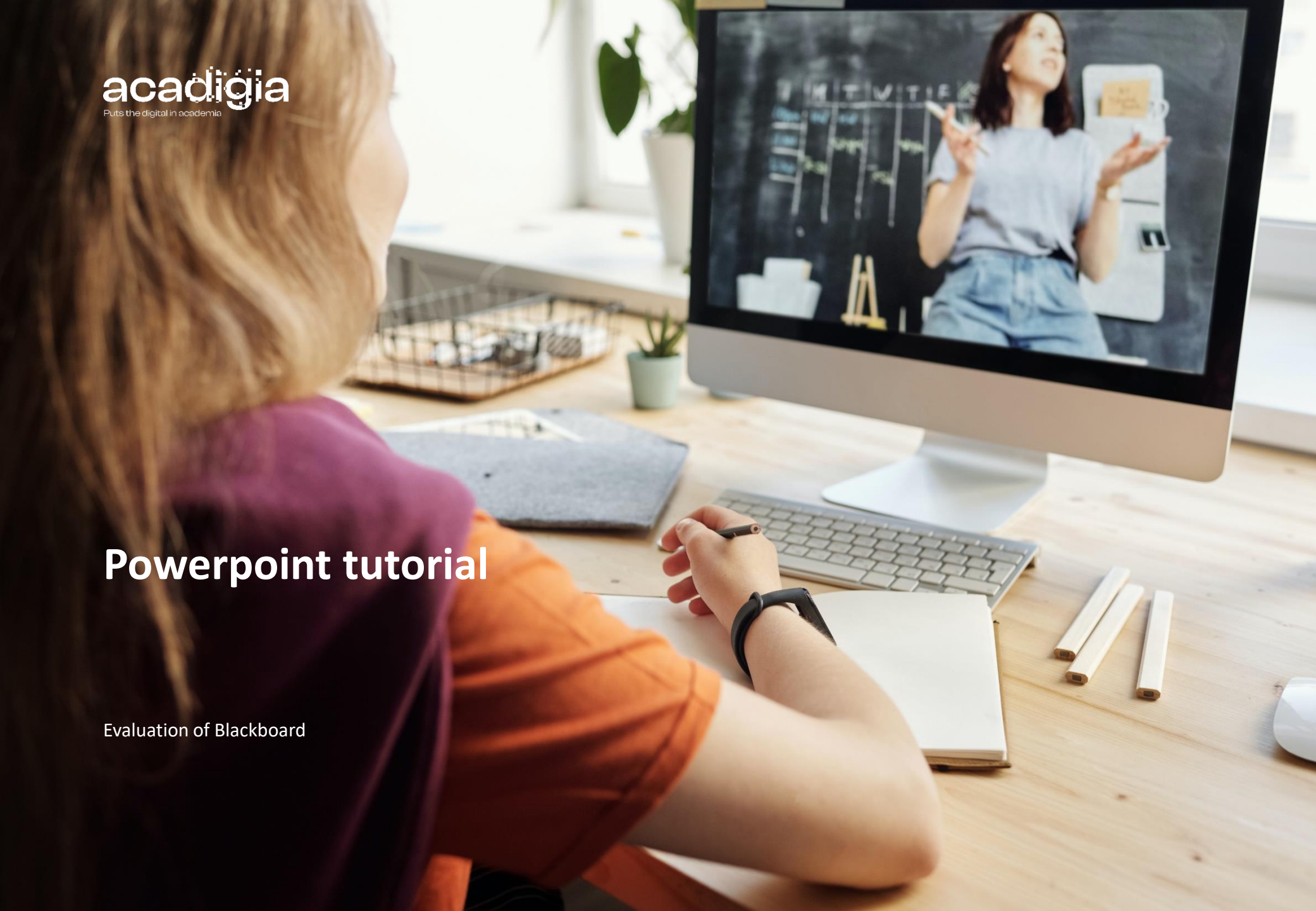


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Evaluation of Blackboard



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What is Blackboard?



Blackboard

- Blackboard is a leading EdTech company and a popular and widely used collaborative learning platform.
- It can usually be accessed through the school or university website.
- Blackboard also has a mobile app which is popular amongst students and teachers.
- The platform is primarily used for teaching and storing module content such as documents and other files.
- It can also be used for examinations, setting quizzes, as a chatroom function and student interaction in a variety of other virtual learning spaces.

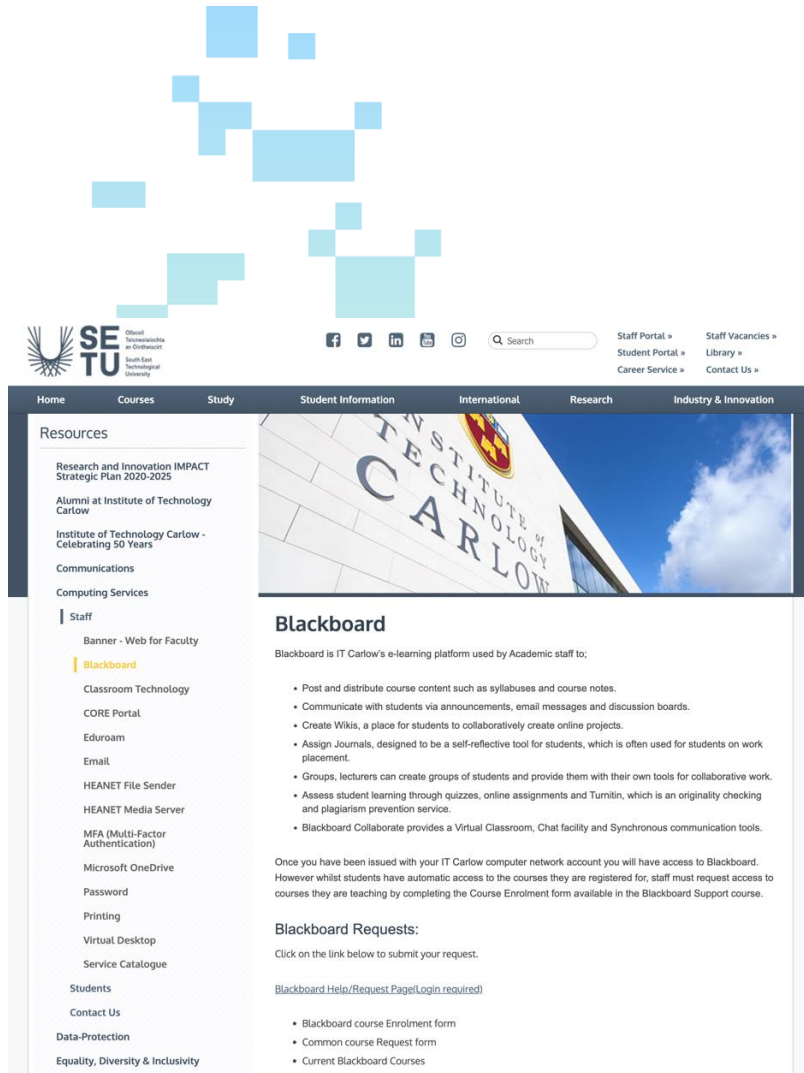
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- Blackboard has multiple plug-ins and extensions available.
- One of the most popular plug-ins is Blackboard Collaborate Ultra which allows virtual classrooms to be established for teaching.
- Blackboard is currently one of the most well-established collaborative learning platforms and is used by many schools, universities and other organisations worldwide.

Testing Blackboard



Due to its popularity, Blackboard is widely used in many educational settings across the Europe and the world.

Blackboard was tested in 3 HEIs in Ireland, including the newly established South East Technological University (SETU).

The Blackboard platform was accessed through the main SETU website and tested extensively over the period of the ACADIGIA Project.

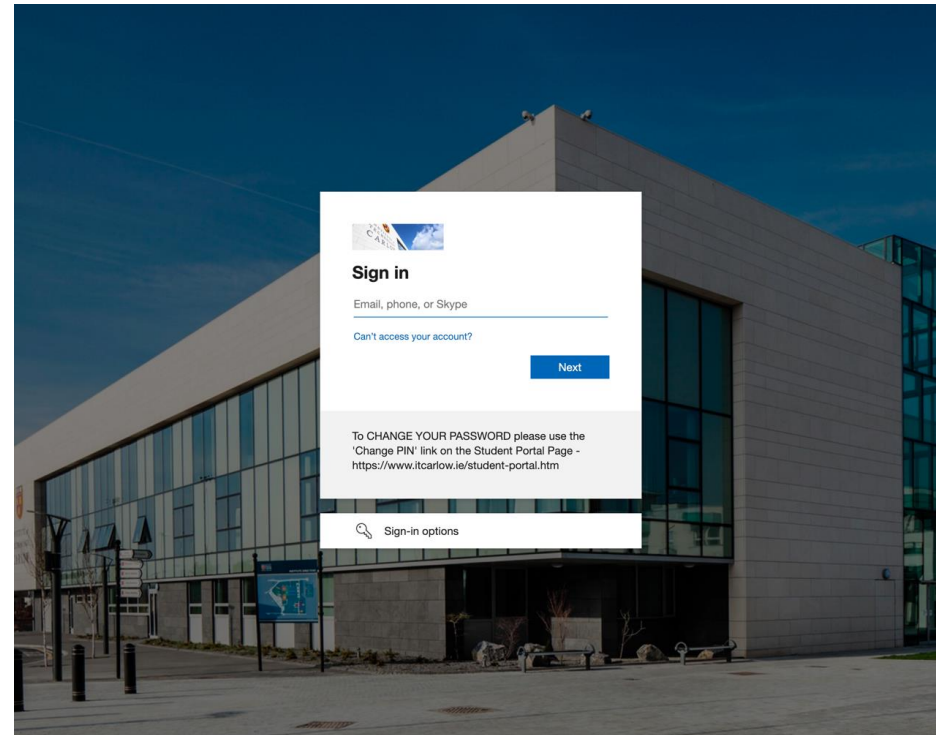
Tool Evaluation & Testing

Blackboard is one of the most popular and widely used collaborative learning platforms.

The platform is used worldwide, with Blackboard experiencing an increased user base since many educational institutions resorted to fully online and blended learning because of the COVID-19 pandemic

The platform has the following feature set:

- Storage of all class materials
- Multiple plug-ins
- Create exams and assessments
- Support meetings, breakout rooms, and collaborative work
- Attendance reporting
- Webinar features
- Discussion forums



My Announcements

No Institution Announcements have been posted in the last 7 days.

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Blackboard 'Notifications Dashboard' interface which can be seen when logged into the system shows:

- My Announcements
 - Tools
- Help for students
 - Help for Staff

Functionalities Supporting Blended Learning

Blackboard supports professional engagement by seamlessly integrating with other professional level tools such as mobile apps, the HEI library services and other repositories.

Blackboard also supports other digital resources such as module assessments, learning resources, and various help functions.

Blackboard has the facility to store all lecture slides and other material such as links to videos and external resources.

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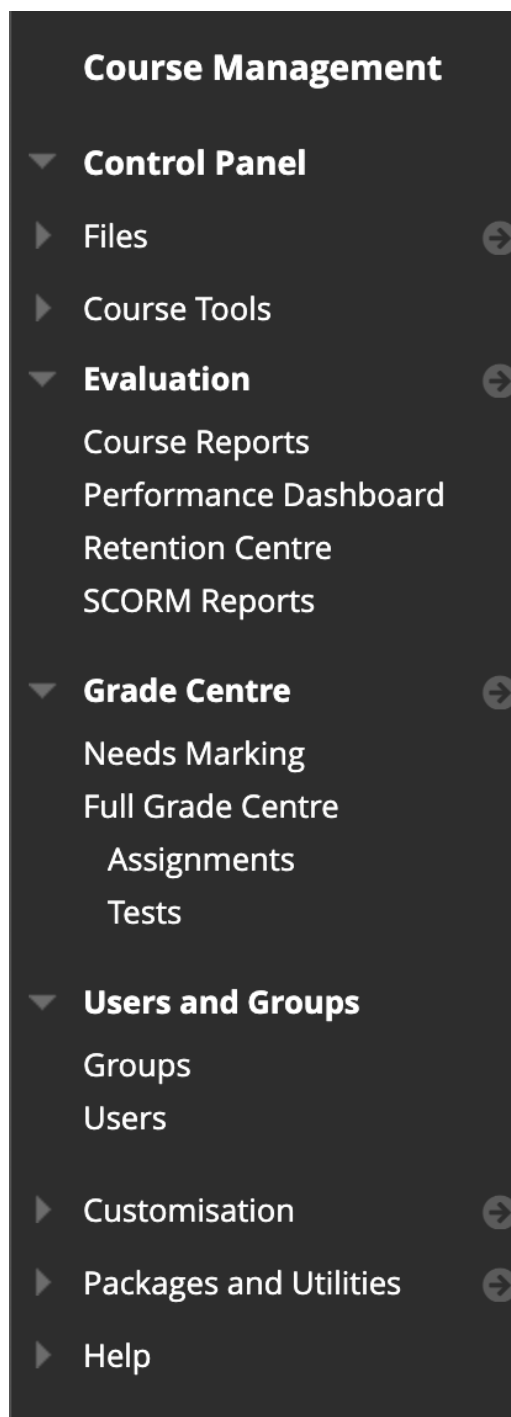
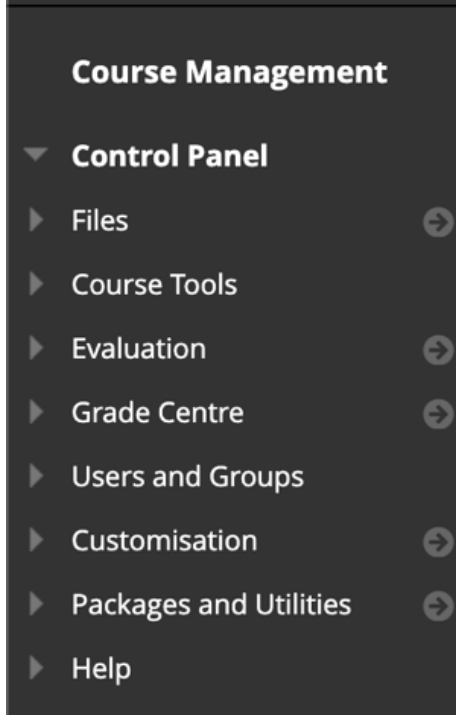
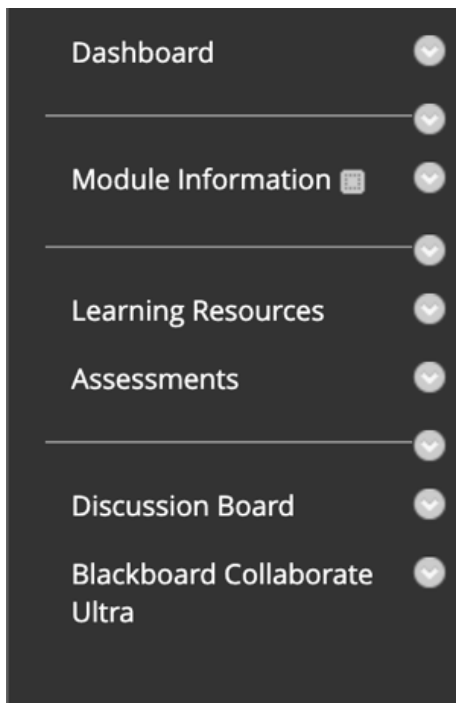
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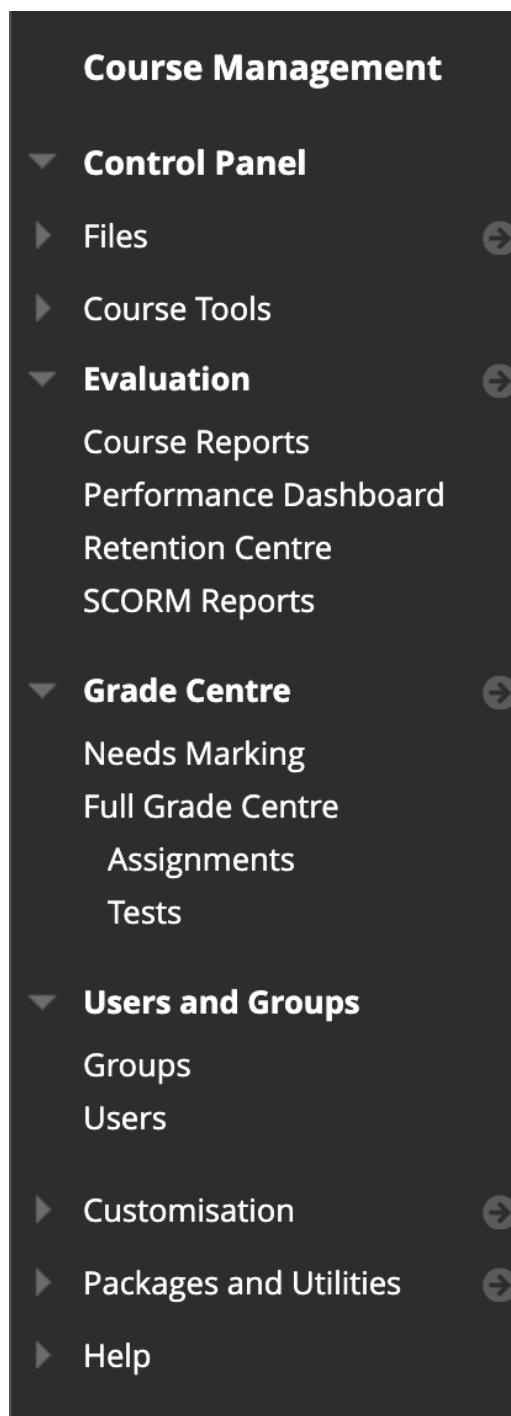
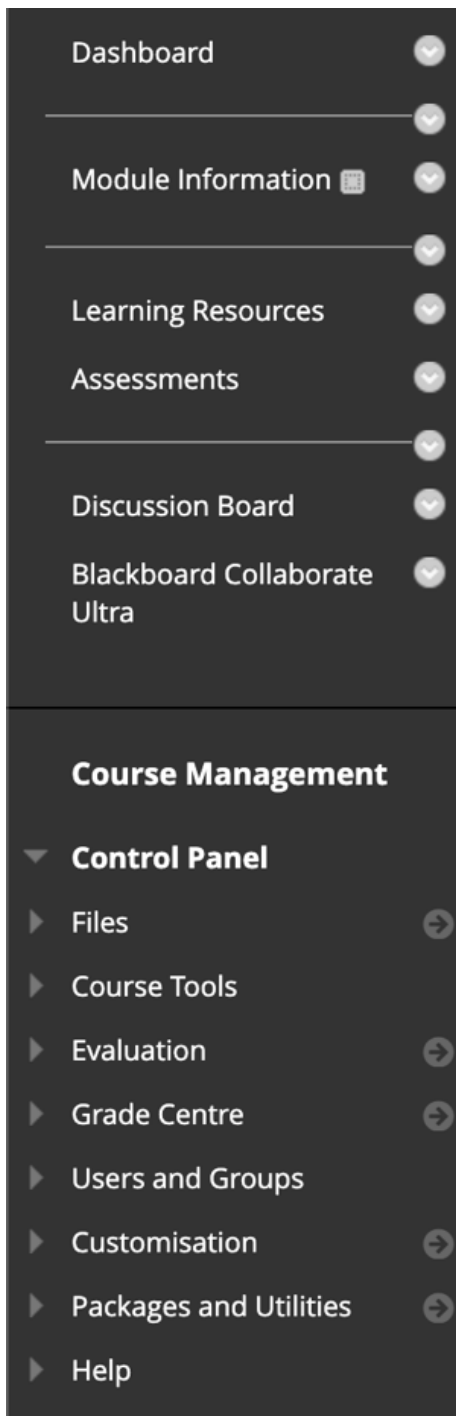




Blackboard manages 'Evaluation', 'Grade Centre', and 'Users & Groups'.

This is where the teacher can correct assessments submitted through Blackboard.

Marking management is facilitated as it can be easily seen what 'needs marking' and what is fully corrected and marked.



In addition, a plug-in is available for TurnItIn which is a widely used plagiarism checker. HEIs using Blackboard reported they used these features extensively.

The 'course tools' section of Blackboard was used extensively. This is where many of the most popular plug-ins were to be found - e.g. Blackboard Collaborate Ultra, TurnItIn - as well as other rubrics and the ability to send email directly to students.

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This shows the courses available to whoever is logged into the system.



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The dashboard gives links specific for each module for assessments, learning resources, and help.

The link to 'learning resources' links to a variety of material for instructions on how to use MS Project including links to documents that can be downloaded.

There is also a link to a folder containing lecture slides and other materials for that particular module.

VM Ware Instructions for MS Project

Availability: Item is hidden from students.
Enabled: Statistics Tracking

Attached Files: [ITC VM Instructions how to download.pdf](#) (721.01 KB)
 [ITC VM Instructions postgrads.pdf](#) (759.852 KB)

All

In relation to your VM Ware access to use MS Project please see the below additional instruction and attached documents

Thank you

Extended Campus

After they have entered their username and password
On the main page they will need to configure SSL

Steps

Click on at the top left corner and select

- Configure SSL
- Select Do not verify server identity certificates

VMware Horizon Client SSL Configuration

Certificate checking mode:
This mode determines how the client proceeds when it can not verify that your connection to the server is secure. It is not recommended that you change this setting unless instructed to do so by your system administrator.

☐ Never connect to untrusted servers
☐ Warn before connecting to untrusted servers
☒ Do not verify server identity certificates

OK Cancel

Click OK

Lecture Slides

▼ Course Tools

Accessibility Report
Announcements
Attendance
Blackboard Collaborate Ultra
Blogs
Contacts
Course Calendar
Course Messages
Date Management
Discussion Board
Glossary
Goal Performance
Journals
Link Checker
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Turnitin Assignments
Wikis

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Despite all of these advantages, Blackboard did have its critics.

Some thought the platform was too big and unwieldy, whilst others stated the platform was expensive, proprietary, and required a high level of technical expertise to setup and maintain.

Despite this, almost all HEIs expressed the belief that Blackboard was invaluable as a collaborative teaching, learning and assessment tool, and that it helped them teach and assess their students more effectively.



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