

## New Features for Blackboard 9.1 Q4 2017

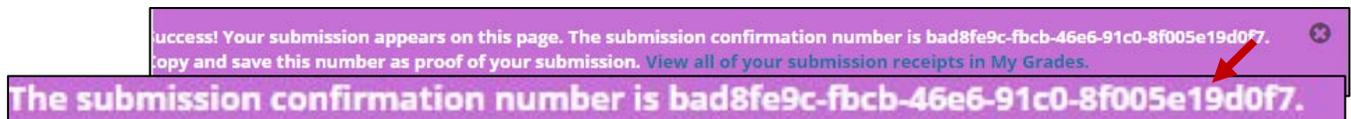
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### Assignments Improvement: Student assignment submission confirmations

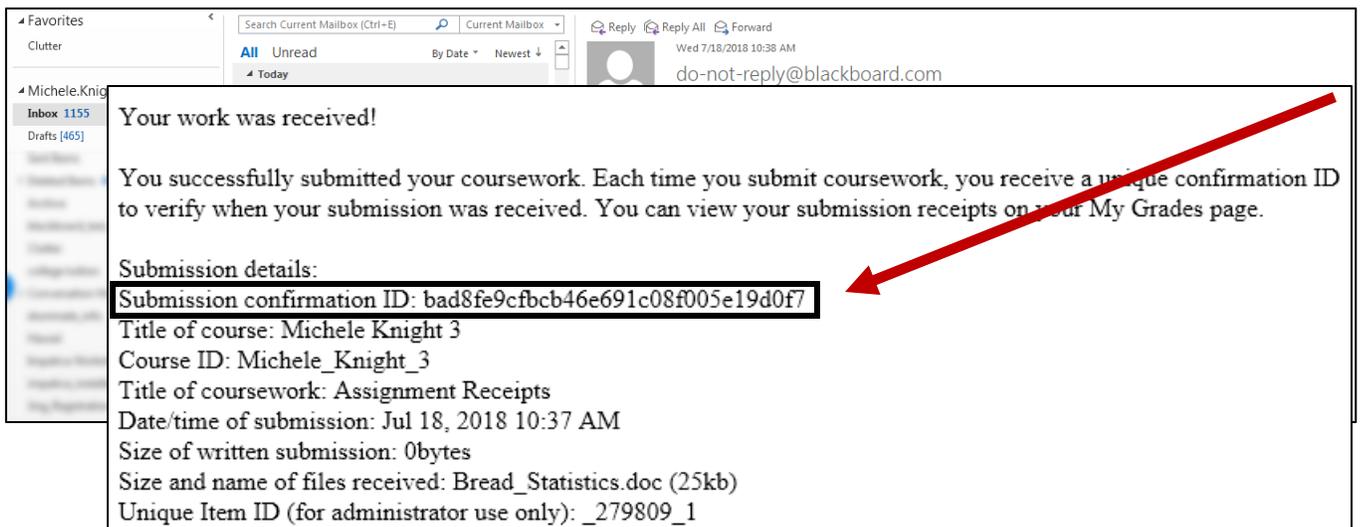
When students submit assignments successfully, the Review Submission History page appears with information about their submitted assignments and a success message with a confirmation number. Students can copy and save this number as proof of their submissions and evidence for academic disputes.

**There are three ways that a student can view their submission confirmations:**

1. **When a student submits an assignment, the confirmation appears in a boarder right above the submission screen.**

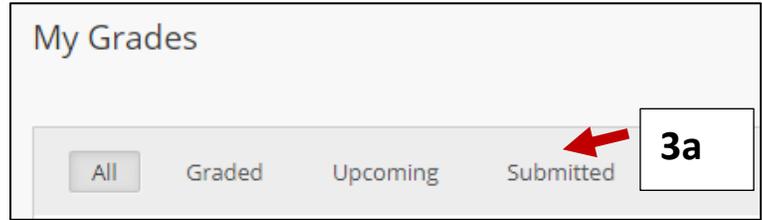


2. **Students also receive an email confirmation indicating that they have successfully submitted an assignment along with their confirmation number.** An example of this email appears in the screenshot below, with the confirmation ID highlighted



**3. Students can also view submission receipts by visiting the My Grades area.**

- a. In the my grades area, clicking the submitted button will bring up a list of all assignments submitted.
- b. On the Submitted Page, in the bottom left hand corner of the page, there is a submission receipts link. Click this link (in the diagram on the left the link is represented by the number 3, indicating there are 3 assignment submission links to open the submission receipts page.
- c. This page contains the submission receipts for all submitted assignments, including the confirmation numbers.



**Submission Receipts**

*Each student submission receives a unique confirmation number that verifies that the submission was received. Receipts are maintained when an attempt, gradable item, or student is removed from the course. The Submitter column hides the submission in the case of groups. Only students are allowed to view the submission receipt while names are hidden during anonymous grading.*

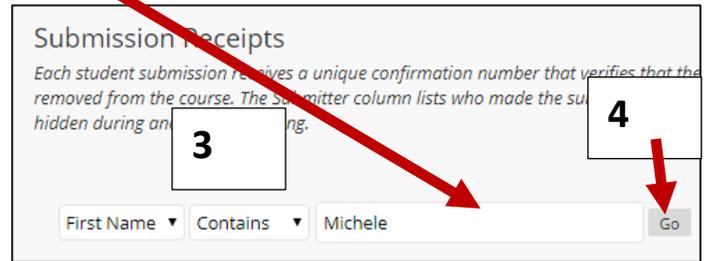
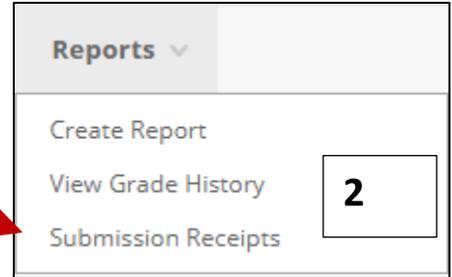
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## Where can faculty view assignment submission receipts, and the associated confirmation numbers?

Faculty can view assignment submission receipts and their associated confirmation numbers in the Grade Center.

1. From the Full Grade Center Menu, move your mouse over the reports menu.
2. Click Submission Receipts on the menu that appears.
3. On the Submission Receipts name, select an option to Find the student. Options include username, first name, Last name, and email. In the example to the right, the first name, "Michele" is used as the search parameter.
4. Click the Go button to search for the student that you identified in step #3.
5. You will see the Submission receipts and the associated confirmation numbers for all work submitted by that student.



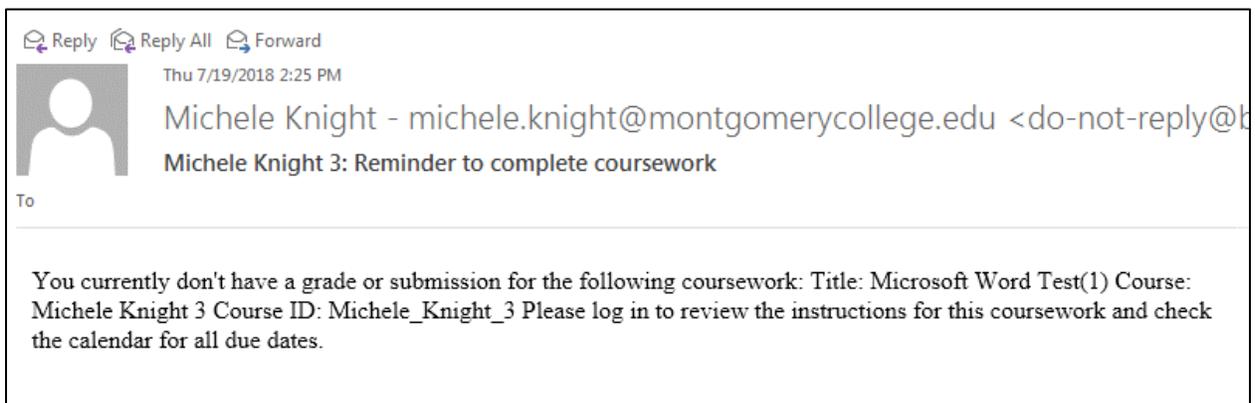
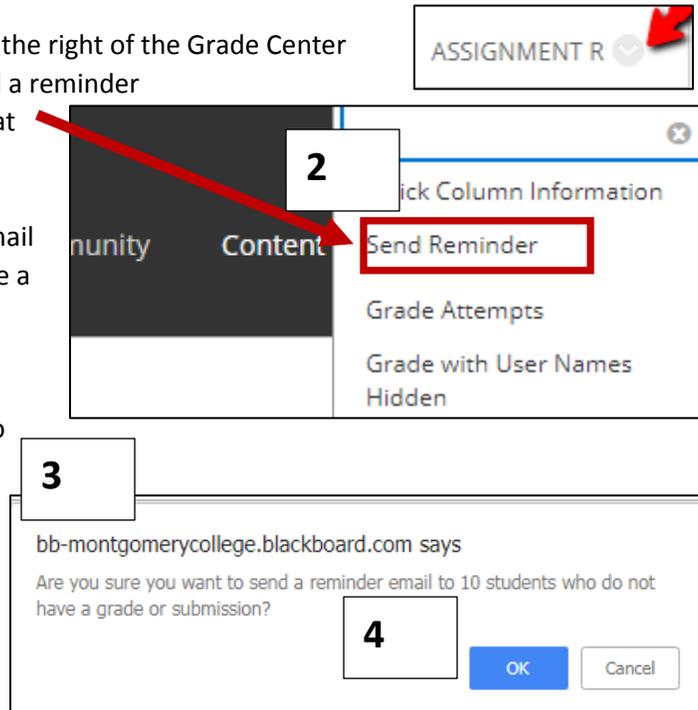
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## Grade Center Improvement: Missing Coursework Reminders

Instructors can send email reminders from Grade Center columns to students and members of groups who have missing coursework. Students receive a system-generated email that lists the course, coursework, and the due date (if the assignment has a due date). Student names and the amount of attempts for the assignment are not included in the email to protect student anonymity.

To send a coursework email reminder:

1. Move your mouse over the arrow to the right of the Grade Center column where you would like to send a reminder
2. Click Send Reminder on the Menu that appears.
3. A Prompt will appear confirming that you would like to send a reminder email to all of the students who do not have a submission
4. Click OK on the prompt that appears.
5. An email reminder will automatically be sent to each student who needs to complete the assignment.
6. A sample copy that illustrates the content of this email is presented below.

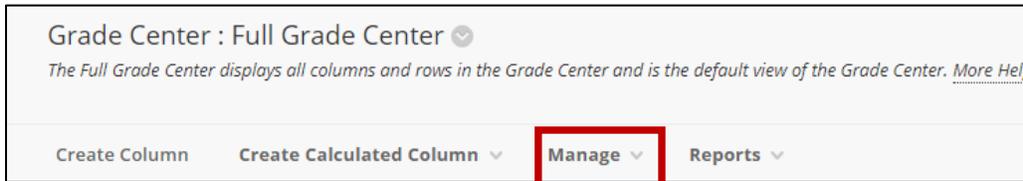


## Grade Center Improvement: Faculty can now delete multiple grade center columns

Blackboard's most requested update feature has been the ability to delete multiple grade center columns at one time, and they have granted faculty wishes with this release.

### To delete multiple grade center columns at one time:

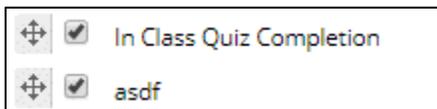
1. Enter the full grade center.
2. Move your mouse over the manage menu.



3. Select Column Organization the menu that appears.



4. Click the checkbox to the left of the columns that you wish to delete



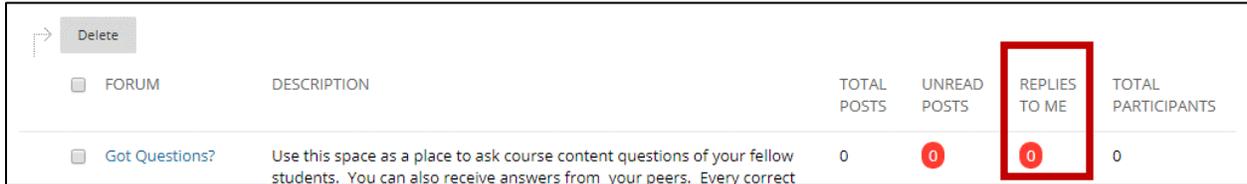
5. Click the Delete button in the row of icons at the top or bottom of the column organization page.



## Discussion Improvement: Replies to me

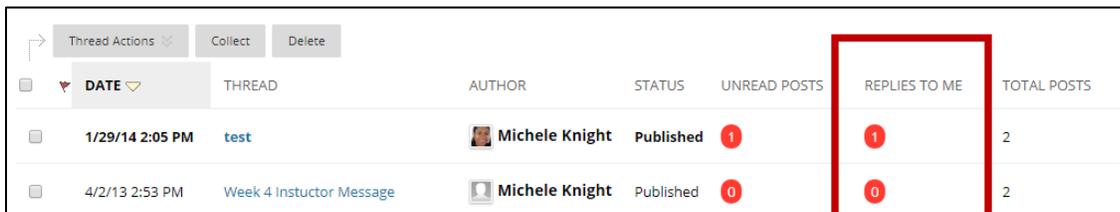
You (faculty and students) can now easily find new unread discussion posts that have been written expressly to you using the discussion reply button.

To view unread discussion posts that have been written to you, Blackboard now includes a Replies to me column on the main discussion board.



FORUM	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL POSTS	UNREAD POSTS	REPLIES TO ME	TOTAL PARTICIPANTS
Got Questions?	Use this space as a place to ask course content questions of your fellow students. You can also receive answers from your peers. Every correct	0	0	0	0

The replies to me column also appears inside of the individual discussion forums.

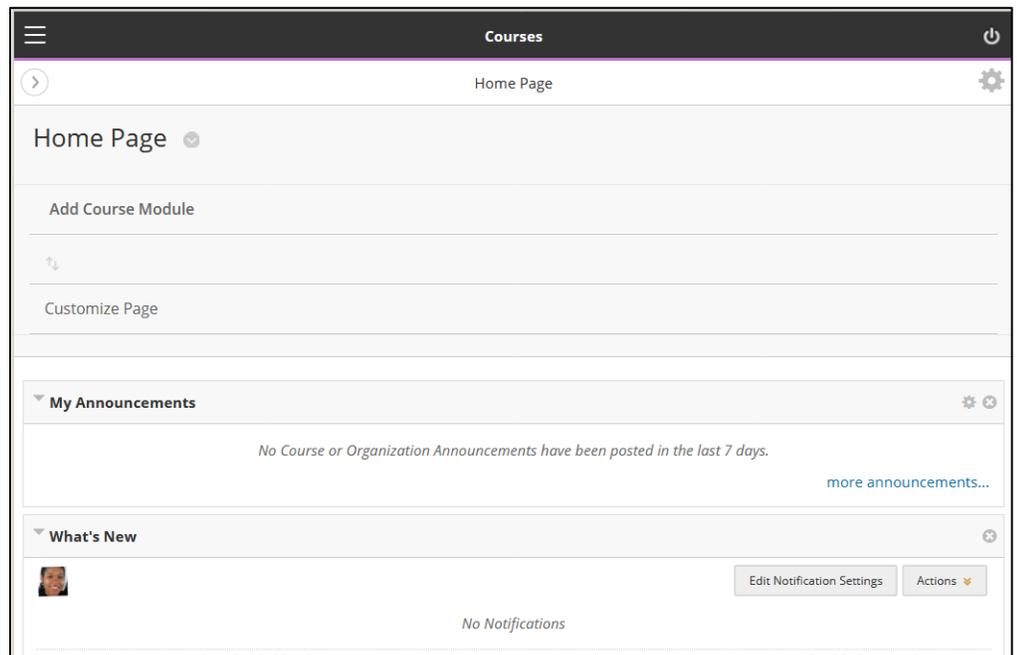


DATE	THREAD	AUTHOR	STATUS	UNREAD POSTS	REPLIES TO ME	TOTAL POSTS
1/29/14 2:05 PM	test	Michele Knight	Published	1	1	2
4/2/13 2:53 PM	Week 4 Instructor Message	Michele Knight	Published	0	0	2

## Blackboard Quirk: The system switches to mobile view on a regular computer:

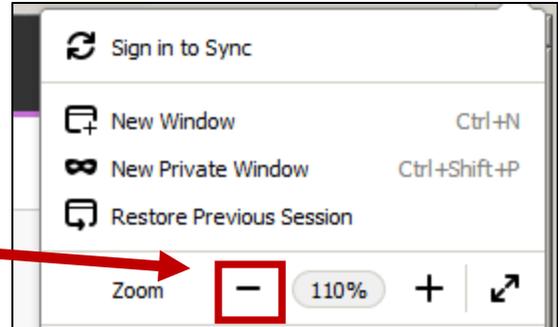
Blackboard has made steps to improve the mobile experience. Therefore, you should have a much better experience using Blackboard on a web browser on a phone or other mobile device.

However, **if you use the zoom feature with your browser**, Blackboard may change the interface so that you are viewing a *mobile interface similar to this screen capture*.



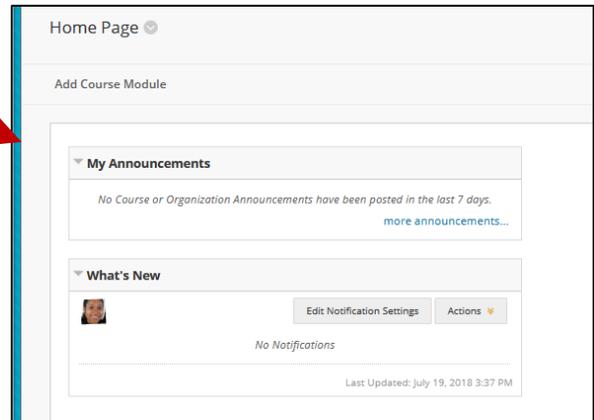
If this happens to you, adjust the zoom of your browser so that it is smaller.

We recommend a view percentage set somewhere between 70% and 90%.



After this step, you may need to expand your course menu. To expand the course menu, move your mouse over the blue bar on the left hand side of the screen.

Click the Blue bar to expand your course menu.



*Blackboard Quirk: Theme colors will not change to any color other than black.*

We had to upgrade our Blackboard theme because of issues with the older theme we are using. This new theme that Blackboard has implemented is only available in Black.

For more information about the Blackboard theme, please see the article *New Blackboard Theme*. This article describes the function of Blackboard Themes, and the reasons we implemented the theme in June.