## 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.

uccess! Your submission appears on this page. The submission confirmation number is bad8fe9c-fbcb-46e6-91c0-8f005e19d0f7. (opy and save this number as proof of your submission. View all of your submission receipts in My Grades.)

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

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#### 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.

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All	Graded	Upcoming	Submitted 3a

 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.

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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.
- 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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Create Report	
View Grade History	2
Submission Receipts	



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bad8fe9c-fbcb-46e6-91c0- 8f005e19d0f7	Michele Knight_PreviewUser	Michele Knight_PreviewUser	Assignment Receipts	Jul 18, 2018 10:37 AM	Bread_Statistics.doc	25kb
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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
- Click Send Reminder on the Menu that appears.
- 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.



#### 😋 Reply 😰 Reply All 🔤 Forward

Thu 7/19/2018 2:25 PM

Michele Knight - michele.knight@montgomerycollege.edu <do-not-reply@k Michele Knight 3: Reminder to complete coursework

То

You currently don't have a grade or submission for the following coursework: Title: Microsoft Word Test(1) Course: Michele Knight 3 Course ID: Michele\_Knight\_3 Please log in to review the instructions for this coursework and check the calendar for all due dates.

## *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.

Grade Center The Full Grade Cente	r : Full Grade Center 🕑 r displays all columns and rows in the Gro	ide Center and is	the default view of the Grade Center. More Hel
Create Column	Create Calculated Column $\vee$	Manage 🗸	Reports ∨

3. Select Column Organization the menu that appears.

Column Organization

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.

$\rightarrow$	Show/Hide 📎	Change Category to 📎	Change Grading Period to $\otimes$	Delete	

### 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.

$\rightarrow$	De	lete					
		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.

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•		THREAD	AUTHOR	STATUS	UNREAD POSTS	REPLIES TO ME	TOTAL POSTS
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	4/2/13 2:53 PM	Week 4 Instuctor 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*.

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What's New		8
	Edit Notification Settings	Actions ¥
	No Notifications	

If this happens to you, adjust the zoom of your browser so that it is smaller.	Sign in to Sync
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	Zoom - 110% + 2
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.	Home Page S Add Course Module
Click the Blue bar to expand your course menu.	My Announcements No Course or Organization Announcements have been posted in the last 7 days. more announcements
	That's New
	Edit Notification Settings Actions 👻
	No Notifications
	Last Updated: July 19, 2018 3:37 PM

# 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.