

Reflections on Moving from Blackboard Version 8 to 9.1

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- Installation & Issues
- User training
- User experiences and feedback
- Favourite features



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Installation & Issues

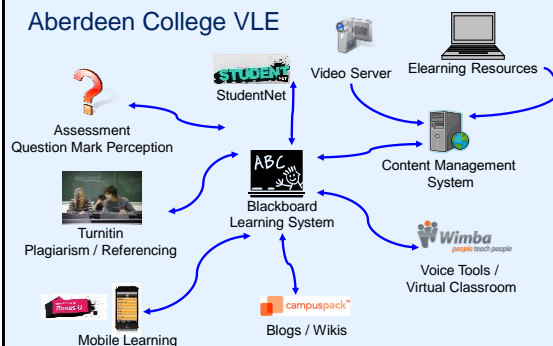
- Installed 9.1SP 5 – not time to test SP6
- Detailed testing from February paid off – no issues with upgrade itself
- System seems slower
- Two complete outages
- Snapshot issues
- QMP upgrade – ongoing issues
- Blackboard Support – prompt and effective



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Watch Out!

- HTML included in menu links can disable edit functionality
- HTML in Announcement header can break the tool!
- Turn off the VTE before using Iframes in items
- CopyInto tool disabled some course tools
- [Known Issues list](#)



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User Training

- Drip feeding – [newsletters](#), college update, core brief
- Representatives from all staff teams – face to face briefing / workshops – June and August. [Updated workbooks](#)
- [Online Helpdesk](#) – using many Blackboard created clips
- [Student Induction in August](#)



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User Experiences and Feedback

- Generally positive from teaching staff
- Reports that students have found version 9.1 easy to use – too soon to tell for sure, we need to wait for satisfaction survey in May



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Favourite Features – teaching staff

- Drag and drop functionality
- Reordering menu
- Contextual menus
- Ability to hide courses in My Courses in one operation
- Mash ups
- Module page – My Progress
- Grade Centre Filters
- Lesson Plan tool



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Week 2 - Roles of the Manager

Description	Roles of the Manager (Theories and Philosophies)
Objectives	By the end of this lesson the students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain different roles of the manager• Explain Mintzberg and Fayol theories of management• Discuss the difference between the Mintzberg, Stewart and Fayol approaches
Activities	Student led investigation of management theories Discussion of Fayol and relate to actual scenarios Q and A session
Resources & Technology	Blackboard Powerpoint Library

Mintzberg's Theories
Click here to visit the Mindtools website for straightforward explanation of Mintzberg's management theory.

Demands, Choices and Constraints

Fayol's Principles

Student Presentations
These are the presentations you developed for the class.



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My favourites

- [Google Analytics](#)
- Built in reporting tool – much improved
- Generally easier to carry out admin tasks – less steps



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