
We will soon be upgrading to the latest version of Blackboard Learn™, 9.1 Q2 2016, which will provide a more user friendly and modern experience for you as a daily user of the system.

Q2 2016 RELEASE HIGHLIGHTS:

Q2 2016 is primarily a maintenance release. The bug fixes and enhancements in this release are primarily focused on improvements to accessibility, language packs, assessments, grading, and Enterprise Surveys.

Changes

- Improvements to the Mobile Web Services
- Announcement Date Restriction Default: When creating an announcement, "Not Date Restricted" is now selected by default.
- Escaping Special Characters - When a user uploads a file to Learn and the filename contains special characters (such as / : ? * " < > | ), the system replaces the special character with an underscore (_).
- Browser Support - Learn 9.1 now supports the Microsoft Edge browser. Some new browser releases no longer support NPAPI plugins. Without these plugins, some Learn features may not render correctly. See Supported Browsers and Operating Systems (9.1 Q2 2016)
- HTML5 Support - The Content Editor now supports HTML5 Audio and Video playback in Chrome and Edge browsers.

- Discussion Threads - Users can navigate from thread to thread without having to return to the main Discussions page.

Deprecated Items

- Virtual Classroom/Chat course tools have been removed – Support for Virtual Classroom and Chat course tools will be ending with this release. At JHU, a supported alternative for synchronous communication would be Adobe Connect.
- Record from Webcam - Since Google removed YouTube's Record from Webcam feature, the Content Editor has been updated with the following changes:
  - The YouTube icon image has been changed.
  - The alt text now reads Browse My YouTube Videos.
  - The Record tab has been removed and all users are now defaulted to the Browse tab to search existing videos.