

# Blackboard 2018 Update

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# Agenda

- Background
- Drag and Drop Attachments
- Assignment Submission Receipts
- Assignment Feedback (Inline Grading Tool)
- Reminders



# Why update Blackboard?

- Upgrade Concordia to latest version Blackboard (Bb)
- Modernized architecture (SaaS)
  - Actively managed (no downtime) with updates/feature upgrades monthly
- Pave way for improvements (mobile, file sharing services)



# Drag and Drop Attachments


- Allows for drag/drop functionality in areas that provide for file upload
  - Students: Assignments, Journals
  - Faculty: Grading, Announcements, Content Collection

ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSION

Text Submission

Attach Files

Attached files

File Name	Link Title	
 My Assignment.docx	<input type="text" value="My Assignment.docx"/>	<a href="#">Do not attach</a>

# Assignment Submission Receipts

- Students receive receipt upon submission (on screen/email)
- Receipt contains unique identifier
- Access receipt log via *My Grades*

Success! Your submission appears on this page. The submission confirmation number is 80676d35-0f6e-426a-ae82-e0a82d42c750. Copy and save this number as proof of your submission. View all of your submission receipts in My Grades.

**Review Statistics**

Tue 1/2/2018 3:29 PM  
do-not-reply@cup-saasmig.blackboard.com  
Submission received

To: Michael Shepherd

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Your work was received!

You successfully submitted your coursework. Each time you submit coursework, you receive a unique confirmation ID to verify when your submission was received. You can view your submission receipts on your My Grades page.

Submission details:  
Submission confirmation ID: 5e422432b5b44bada19ff1084fe343c9  
Title of course: EDGR 601 - Educational Research  
Course ID: mds\_edgr601  
Title of coursework: Week 4 – Synthesis Paper  
Date/time of submission: Jan 2, 2018 3:28 PM  
Size of written submission: 0bytes  
Size and name of files received: My Assignment.docx (11.2kb)  
Unique Item ID (for administrator use only): \_19\_1

**My Grades**

All Graded

**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 lists who made the submission in the case of groups. Only students are allowed to view the submission receipt while names are hidden during anonymous grading.

Confirmation Number	Submitter	Coursework	Date	Submission	Size
09ab9141-c2c2-496a-96e5-0f3f4f4e732	FirstName18 LastName18	Week 1 - Gender Equity: Eliminating Discrimination or Accommodating Difference	Dec 30, 2017 8:33 AM	Plagiarism Options.docx	15.1kb

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# Assignment Submission Receipts

- For Faculty
  - Access receipt log via Grade Center
  - Look up assignments by receipt code
  - Note: Each submission receives individual receipt code. Receipts are retained with course after conclusion

The screenshot shows a navigation menu with 'Reports' selected, leading to a dropdown menu where 'Submission Receipts' is highlighted. Below this, a 'Submission Receipts' window is displayed. It features a search bar with 'User Name' and 'Not blank' dropdowns, a 'Go' button, and an 'Options' dropdown set to 'User Information'. A table lists submission details, and a footer indicates 'Displaying 1 to 1 of 1 items' with 'Show All' and 'Edit Paging...' buttons.

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# Assignment Feedback (Inline Grading Tool)

- Crocodoc replaced with Box for all institutions using Blackboard
- Advantages: Expanded upload formats (including RTF)
- Disadvantages:
  - Reduced feature set (highlighting, strikeout, drawing)
  - Students not able to download annotated documents

# Assignment Feedback (Inline Grading Tool)

- Recommendations:
  - Those using Microsoft Word markup functionality should continue.
    - Those teaching EDGR 601 or any course that requires students retain instructor comments **MUST** use Microsoft Word markup at this time.
  - Those using Crocodoc can explore and use Box, if functionality is sufficient.



# Reminders

- Send notification to students missing submission to graded tasks (Bb)
- Accessed from Grade Center
- Email notification sent all students who've not submitted

The screenshot shows a Blackboard interface with a grade center at the top. The grade center has columns for 'Week 7 - Elder', 'Week 8 - Lifes', and 'Total Points'. A context menu is open over the 'Week 8 - Lifes' column, with 'Send Reminder' selected. Below the grade center, an email notification is displayed. The email is from Michael Shepherd (mishepherd@cu-portland.edu) and is titled 'EDGR 601 - Educational Research (mds\_edgr601): Reminder to complete coursework'. The email body contains the following text: 'You currently don't have a grade or submission for the following coursework: Title: Week 1 - Academic Agreement Course: EDGR 601 - Educational Research (mds\_edgr601) Course ID: mds\_edgr601 Please log in to review the instructions for this coursework and check the calendar for all due dates.'

# Known Issues (as of 1/4/18)

- Students
  - After submitting a new assignment, students may receive an alert that their “file is being converted” with an incorrect ETA given. The file is not displayed. Refreshing the page will display the file and remove the “converting” warning.
  - After posting to a discussion board students may not see their posting and may see a warning stating “Error. Fail to save message”. Refreshing the page will display their discussion post and remove the warning.
  - On smaller screens the sidebar (left) course navigation menu may auto collapse. To expand it, click the mouse within narrow blue colored line at the very left of the screen.

**Important Note:** For detail regarding the update including explanation of new and updated features, as well as a current information regarding known issues, students and faculty should consult the following Knowledge Base articles:

- Students: <http://kb.concordiaonline.org/Students-Blackboard+Update+2018>
- Faculty: <http://kb.concordiaonline.org/Instructors-Blackboard+Update+2018>



Thank you!

