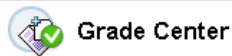


## OVERVIEW: WHAT'S NEW IN VERSION 8.0

### GRADE CENTER

Grade Center replaces the old Gradebook, with a brand new interface and many new features, including new action bar (with pull-down menus), in-line editing, custom views and grading periods, reports, extra statistics, grade history, grade information bar for selected cell, plus better scrolling through the spreadsheet.



Grades can be entered directly from the Grade Center page. To enter grades, click on the cell, type the grade value, and press the Enter key or the tab key to navigate through the Grade Center. Use the contextual menus to modify column properties and access grade history.

Add Grade Column  
  Add Calculated Column  
 Manage  
 Email  
 Reports  
 Grade History

Current View: Full Grade Center   Set as Default   Sort Columns By: Layout Position

<input type="checkbox"/>	Last Name	First Name	Username	Last Access	Availability	Q1	Q2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Choke	Artie	sccstudent1	March 26, 2009	Available	17.00	10.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Choke, Jr.	Artie	sccstudent3	March 6, 2009	Available	20.00	13.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Choke, Sr.	Artie	sccstudent2	March 10, 2009	Available	13.00	12.00

Selected Rows: 0

Grade Information Bar: Grade Type: **Override Grade** | Points Possible: **20** | Displayed As: **Score** | Visible to: [ ]

- User Unavailable
- Column Not Visible to Users
- Completed
- Needs Grading
- Grade Modified Manually
- Attempt in Progress
- External Grade
- Grade Exempted for this User
- Error

Grade Details  
Add Comment  
Exempt Grade  
Close Menu

Icon Legend  
OK

### CONTENT SYSTEM

This new component (accessed through the **Content Collection** tab) provides a better method for managing your course content. Here are some advantages: upload one copy of a document, then link to that document in several courses/sections; edit the document directly in Blackboard, and have it reflected automatically in the courses. You have two main content storage areas: My Content (files related mainly to your courses) and Institution Content (shared files across disciplines or colleges).

**My Content**

**Institution Content**

**Portfolios**

**Tools**

Folder View

#### Content Collection: My Content

Web Folder  
  Item  
  Folder  
  Link  
  Copy  
  Move  
  Remove  
 Email Items  
 Go

Location [/users/morrisj](#)   Use this breadcrumb trail to move up to a parent folder

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Modified	Permissions	360° View
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Common</a>	Feb 3, 2009 2:19:20 PM		<a href="#">Modify</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Course</a>	Mar 31, 2009 11:33:34 AM		<a href="#">Modify</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Shared</a>	Feb 3, 2009 2:19:01 PM		<a href="#">Modify</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Workspace</a>			<a href="#">Modify</a>

Subfolders for organizing content

Content System menu, containing two Content Areas, Portfolios and miscellaneous Tools

Toggle between "Shortcut View" (currently shown) and "Folder View"

# SCHOLAR

Scholar is a social bookmarking tool that works inside and outside of Blackboard courses. As an instructor, you can integrate your bookmark collections and searches into your courses.

The screenshot shows the Scholar interface for user Ron Schilling. At the top, it says "Logged in as rschilling" with links for Settings, Install Bookmarklet, Help, and Contact Us. Below the header, there are buttons for "Add a Stream", "Add a Bookmark", and "Invite a User". A search bar is also present. The main content area is divided into three sections: "My Bookmarks" (listing Orme Dam, History News Network, Blackboard Help for Students, and SCC Technology Training Schedule), "All Bookmarks" (listing MERLOT, The Sloan Consortium, Graphic Organizers, Google Docs, Teacher Tube, and Convert), and "My Notifications & Invitations" (showing a notification from tfooster and a message from Scholar Admin).

# SAFEASSIGN

Prevent and detect student plagiarism with this new tool, available through any content area in your course.

The screenshot shows the "Paper Information" page for a submission. It includes fields for Author (Todd Moe C1), Title (sample doc 1.htm), Assignment (Demo Assignment 1), Submitted (2006-04-04 16:58:12 EST), and Paper ID (41429). A "Matching" bar shows 100% similarity. Callouts explain: "The Matching index show the percentage of the paper that matched other sources.", "Print version is a text only formatted version optimized for printing.", and "This function will give you a direct URL to this report." Buttons for "Save report to disk:", "Print version:", and "Direct link" are also visible.

# PORTFOLIO

Assess student learning and plan career paths with this tool (within Content System). The portfolio allows the instructor and students to create special items that can be shared between instructor and student, or even between students. A portfolio can contain representations of work completed during a student's course of study. The portfolio can be exported as HTML pages for use outside of Blackboard.

The screenshot shows the "Portfolio Creation Wizard" interface. On the left, a navigation menu includes: Welcome, Portfolio Information, Portfolio Design, Portfolio Welcome, Add Content, Add Links, Add Items, Portfolio Availability, Portfolio Comments, and Completion. The main area displays a "Welcome to the Portfolio Creation Wizard" message and a preview of a student's portfolio for Gayle Beneville, showing sections like Cover Letter, Group Project, Writing Samples, References, Resume, and Comments.

# SELF & PEER ASSESSMENT

This tool takes a step further than the Assignment Manager, by allowing students to evaluate their peers' work, using criteria you define. Or you can have each student perform a self-assessment. You can monitor the progress, view/download assessment submissions and evaluations and optionally add assessment ratings to the Grade Center.

The screenshot shows the "Evaluations" table. It lists assessment details: "Explaining rainbows..." with submission and evaluation dates. Below is a table with columns: Completed, Evaluator, Evaluator Username, Submissions Evaluated, Percentages, Points, Average, Evaluated Self, Evaluation, and Evaluation. The table contains three rows of data for student evaluations.

Completed	Evaluator	Evaluator Username	Submissions Evaluated	Percentages	Points	Average	Evaluated Self	Evaluation	Evaluation
✗	Choke, Artesia	sccstudent5	Artesia Choke PC Student Artie Choke	- - -	- - -	-	✗	View	Download
✓	Choke, Artie	sccstudent1	Artie Choke PC Student Julie Magadan	0% - 0%	0/16 - 0/16	0%	✓	View	Download
✗	Choke, II, Artie	sccstudent4	Artie Choke, II Artie Choke, Sr. Artie Choke, Jr.	- - -	- - -	-	✗	View	Download