

ECAMPUS TRAINING BASIC

**What's New in Blackboard 9.1 Q4 17
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Introduction

The purpose of this guide is to present the most notable features and enhancements within Blackboard (eCampus) Learn 9.1 Q4 2017.

These include:

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Discussion Board "Replies to Me"

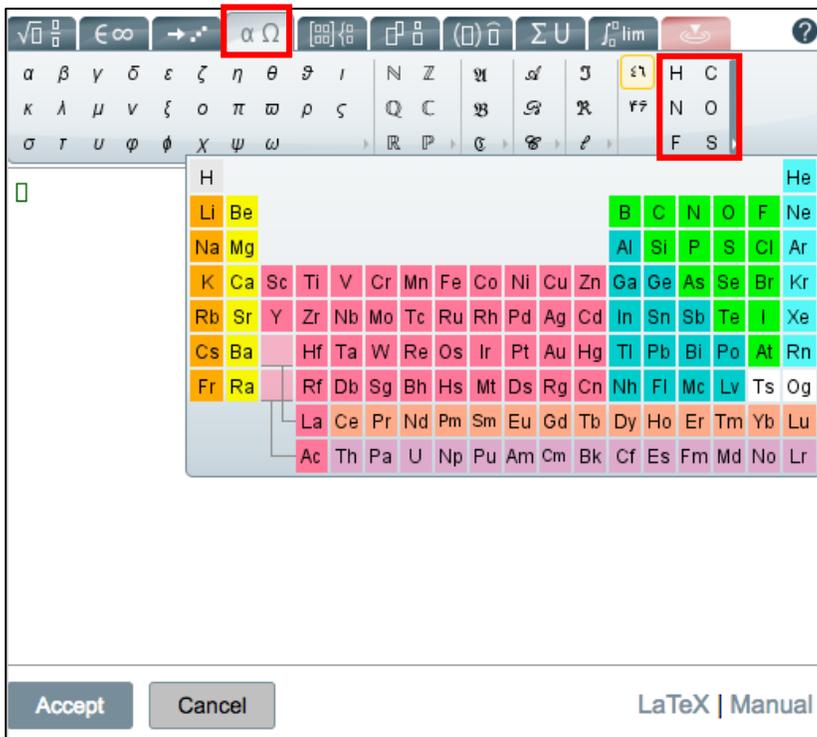
Keeping up with large Discussion Board forums is easier by giving participants a count and filter to just look at new replies from others to posts made by the participant.

Note: Usually text below an image refers to the image above it.

Important: This is not a training manual. Please refer to the training site for step-by step instructions at <http://ecampus.support.dcccd.edu/v91/default.html>.

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The image shows a screenshot of the Box interface. At the top, there is a header with the text 'Viewing 2 of 2 gradable items' and a user profile for 'Nathaniel Steptoe_PreviewUser (Attempt 2 of 2)'. Below the header, there is a 'box' logo and a comment icon (a speech bubble) highlighted with a red box. The main content area shows a document viewer with the text: 'Due Week 6 and worth 70 points', 'Directions: Answer the following questions on a separate Microsoft Word or Excel document. Explain how you reached the answer or show your work if a mathematical calculation is needed, or both. Submit your assignment using the assignment link in Blackboard.', and 'Exercises'. Below the exercises, there is a red box around a comment box with the text 'Add a comment here...' and buttons for 'Cancel' and 'Post'. The document content includes a table of transactions:

Date	Description
Jan. 1	Retired a piece of machinery that was purchased on January 1, 2005. The machine cost \$62,000 on that date. It had a useful life of 10 years with no salvage value.
June 30	Sold a computer that was purchased on January 1, 2012. The computer cost \$45,000. It had a useful life of 5 years with no salvage value. The computer was sold for \$14,000.
Dec. 31	Discarded a delivery truck that was purchased on January 1, 2011. The truck cost \$33,000. It was depreciated based on a 6-year useful life with a \$3,000 salvage value.

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Column Organization

The Column Organization page is divided into various tables that control how different Grade Center views are displayed. Rows in these tables represent Columns in the Grade Center views. Rows can be manipulated to customize the different views of the Grade Center. [More Help](#)

→ Show/Hide ▾ Change Category to... ▾ Change Grading Period to... ▾ **Delete**

☰ Shown in All Grade Center Views

Name	Grading Period	Category	Due Date	Date Created	Points Possible
<input type="checkbox"/> Last Name (Frozen)		Institution			
<input type="checkbox"/> First Name (Frozen)		Institution			
Everything above this bar is a frozen column. Drag this bar to change which columns are frozen.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Last Access (Hidden)		Institution			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extra Credit (Hidden)	Not in a Grading Period	No Category	None	Mar 11, 2016	2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sample Assignment 1 (Hidden)	Not in a Grading Period	Assignment	None	None	100
<input type="checkbox"/> Username (Hidden)		Institution			
<input type="checkbox"/> Student ID (Hidden)		Institution			
<input type="checkbox"/> Availability (Hidden)		Institution			

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FORUM ▾

	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL POSTS	UNREAD POSTS	REPLIES TO ME	TOTAL PARTICIPANTS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Board Filter "Replies to Me" Option	This is a sample DB.	2	1	1	2

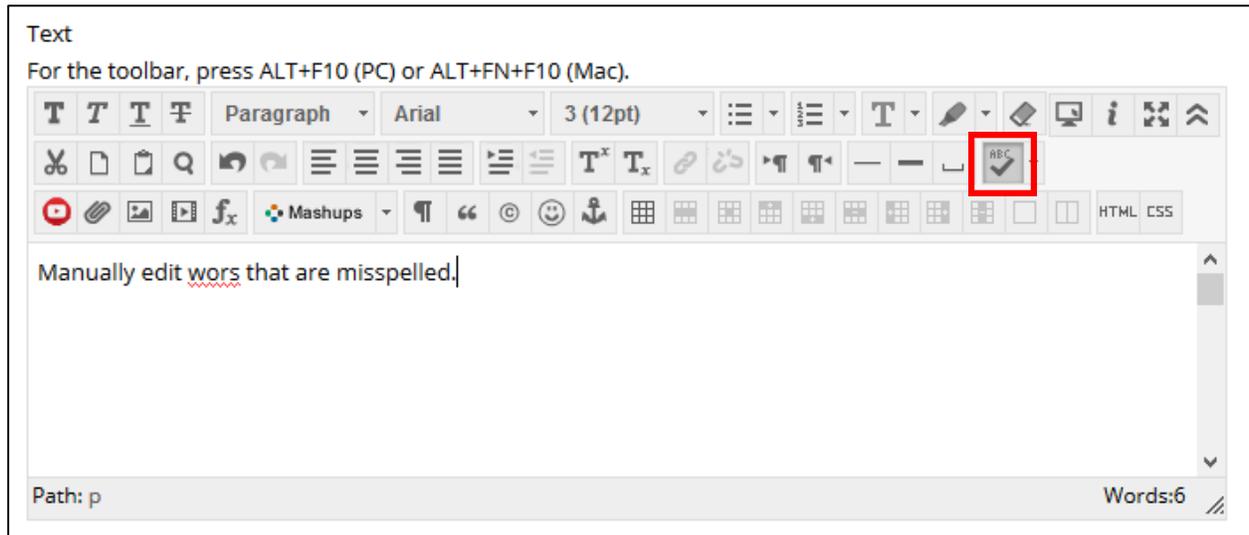
Displaying 1 to 1 of 1 items

Show All Edit Paging...

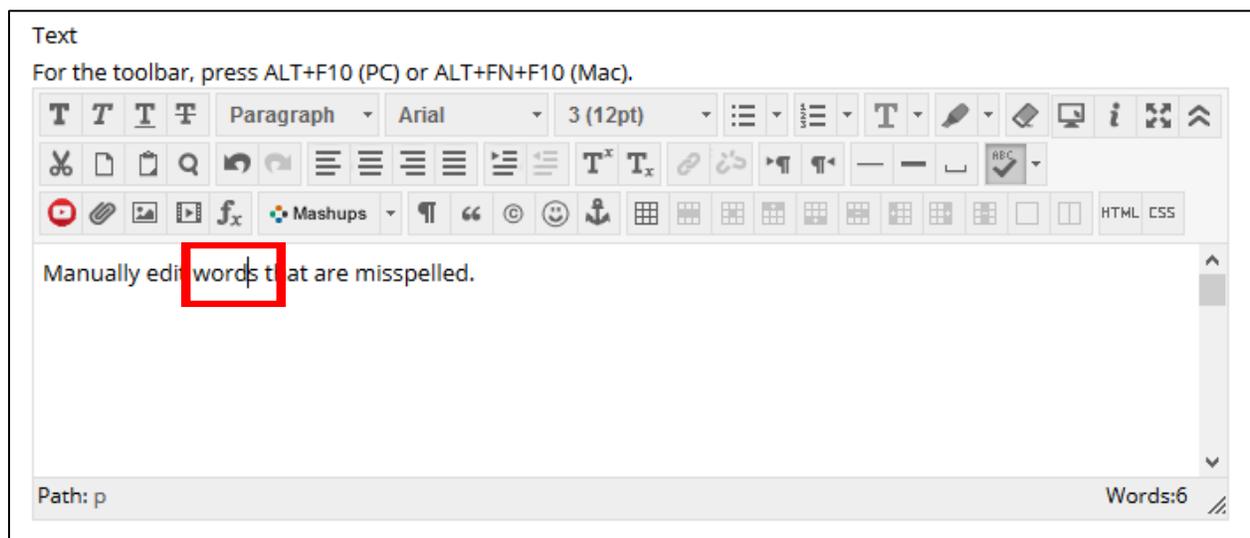
Known Issue Fixed

Spellcheck Flags Corrected Words or Parts of Words as Misspelled and does not Refresh

1. Within the **VTBE Content Editor**, turn on the **Spell Checker**.



2. Manually edit words that are misspelled.



3. Turn Spell Checker **OFF** then **ON** again

Expected Behavior:

Words are not misspelled or flagged as being misspelled

Miscellaneous Items

- New column sub-heading for total points: For each column in the grid view of the gradebook, you can view the total points for each item or calculation and easily see the grade each student earned.
- An updated version of the Respondus LockDown Browser Building Block (3.5.0) is bundled with this release.
- An issue with embedded media files not playing in assessment questions has been fixed
- Email settings are preserved when copying materials into an existing course
- Students whose course access has been disabled no longer appear in group membership lists
- Timed assessments sometimes automatically submitted student work prior to the time limit. This issue has been resolved.
- Instructors using the Brazilian Portuguese language pack no longer have trouble overriding grades using decimals (,)
- The Rubric type dropdown list appears in courses when the Learn 2016 theme is enabled for the environment
- In the Original Course View, due date settings and rubric associations are retained when an entire forum is copied
- When creating a content item in the Original Course View, images attached using the content editor would break if the filename contained the word 'portfolio.' This issue has been fixed.
- In the Original Course View, unavailable graded forums with due dates no longer appear in the To Do module

