

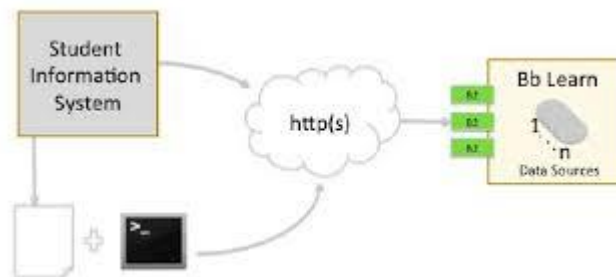


Blackboard... Learn more... go further...

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Capsule 1 : Introduction

Blackboard Learn (previously Blackboard Learning Management System) is one of the more known and spread out proprietary Learning Management Systems¹. It easily integrates with Student Information Systems (SIS) in order to provide online elements to traditional courses or create a completely face-to-face less meetings.



This project aims to encourage faculty members in CS department to accentuate the use of Blackboard Learn in order to increase quality teaching and help the students find all the information they need and communicate easily with faculty members.

Even if the full integration with Banner² is not yet done, the CS department objective is to maximize the use of whatever existing option that is possible to use without paying attention to the integration for the time being.

Tasks

In order to spread out the use of Blackboard Learn while working to find a solution to the integration problem, we will proceed by selecting gradually the most important Blackboard tasks and options that are very useful for both faculty members and students. Each of this options will be presented as a capsule containing a brief explanation of its definition (what?), its usefulness (why?), and how to implement/use it (how?). In order to ensure a continuous and qualitative learning, these capsules will be sent weekly, one at a time, by email and/or presented during dedicated workshops. Thus, all the faculty members are requested and encouraged to make the simple effort of reading the capsule and trying it. That is one of the tools that will help our department reach the quality standard it has planned

References

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¹ Open Source LMS like moodle are largely used too

² Banner is the SIS used by Imam University