What’s New in Blackboard 9.1 Q4 2015 at Algonquin College

Our Learning Management System (Blackboard) has been upgraded from version Blackboard Learn 9.1 2014 October Release to Blackboard Learn 9.1 Q4 2015. The upgrade it has all the functionality and navigation that students and faculty are familiar with, while providing better stability and integration with our Student Information System. At the same time, Blackboard Collaborate will be upgraded to Blackboard Collaborate Ultra.

Highlights of New Features and Enhancements:

1. Browser and HTML5 Support
2. Announcement Date Restriction Default
3. Changes to Discussion Thread Navigation
4. Reply-to Header Fixes
5. Blackboard Collaborate Ultra

Browser and HTML5 Support

Blackboard Learn 9.1 now supports the Microsoft Edge browser.

The Content Editor now supports HTML5 Audio and Video playback in Chrome and Edge browsers. This means that you can use the Content Editor to add mp3 or wav audio and mp4 or webm video to your courses and have them play for your students in Chrome and Edge without additional software or players.
Announcement Date Restriction Default

When creating an announcement, "Not Date Restricted" is now selected by default (vice Date Restricted).

Changes to Discussion Thread Navigation

Users can now navigate from thread to thread without having to return to the main Discussions page. There will be navigation buttons at the top-right side of the thread pages that will enable the user to go from thread to thread or jump to the beginning or end of the Discussion threads.
**Reply-to Header Fixes**

Blackboard has fixed an issue with email sent from Blackboard Learn. Previously the email sent had the sender listed as ‘do-not-reply@algonquincollege.com”, which was generating confusion.

**Blackboard Collaborate Ultra**

Blackboard Collaborate is a real-time video conferencing tool that lets you add files, share applications, and use a virtual whiteboard to interact. In this Blackboard version, we are updating the existing Blackboard Collaborate to the Ultra experience.

[Blackboard Collaborate with the Ultra Experience Use Interface Tour](#)

[How to use it as a moderator](#) (instructor)

[How to use it as a participant](#) (student or instructor)