Mashups

The new Mashup feature in Blackboard 9.1 allows instructors and students to search, select, and display content from Flickr, SlideShare and YouTube without ever leaving the Blackboard interface. Blackboard 9.1 supports linking to Mashups from:

- Flickr—lets you share photos
- SlideShare—allows you to share presentations
- YouTube—allows you to share videos.

Mashups are added as a Content Item in a folder or through the Text Editor, and are displayed in the following ways:

- Embed—the Mashup displays directly on the page when a student opens the item.
- Thumbnail View with Player—a small picture of the Mashup displays on the page with controls to launch it.
- Text Link with Player—a link to the Mashup is displayed on the page. Students click the link to launch the Mashup.

Creating a Mashup Item from the Text Editor:

Creating a Mashup using the Text Editor means that you can put them in places where users can interact with the content, such as in Test Questions, Discussion Boards, or Blogs.

1. Login to Blackboard 9.1.
2. Select the Course with which you would like to work.
3. Navigate to the content area in which you wish to place the Mashup.
4. Click the Build Content button and select Item from the drop-down list:

5. Type in a name for the content item, then click the Add Mashup icon on the bottom row of the Text Editor buttons:

6. Select Flickr Photo, SlideShare Presentation, or YouTube Video from the drop-down menu.
7. Search for content:

8. You may ensure that the content is what you desire by clicking the **Preview** button located under each thumbnail, then click the **Select** button when you have located the appropriate item.

9. Once you have selected the content, you may change the name of the item if you wish, then enter a Description of the Mashup.

10. Set the Mashup Options, then click **Submit**:

11. Enter any additional text in the Text Editor, attach files as needed in section 2, and then choose your content item options in section 3.

12. When finished with setting options, click **Submit**.

**NOTE:** If the Mashup displays an error after initially appearing, it is possible that the URL has changed or the item was deleted from Flickr, SlideShare or YouTube.