The transition to Canvas from Blackboard doesn’t have to be difficult, but there are several ways in which you could proceed forward. Our goal is to make this transition as easy as possible for you. To find out which path is best for you, take this short quiz.

How many of the following Blackboard features do you use in your course?

- Uploading course content
- Online quizzes
- Discussion boards
- Gradebook
- Online homework submission
- Hierarchal folder or content structure

If you use between 1-3 features you should **Copy as-is**, then evaluate and update any course content.

If you use 4+ features you should **Copy and modify**, then do your evaluation and updating of course content.

If you use all the features listed above and then some, you should **Rebuild in sandbox**.

Here is a brief explanation of each path forward:

1. **Copy as-is** → Best for courses using few (1-3) Blackboard features
   
   This type of transition is easily managed alone by the user and is covered in the basic export/import tutorial.

2. **Copy and modify** → Best for courses using 4+ Blackboard features
   
   This type of transition is the most common and can be managed alone by the user, but the user will likely have questions or need at least some assistance with reorganization.

3. **Rebuild in sandbox** → Best for content-rich courses using many Blackboard features
   
   This type of transition is best managed in conjunction with the EdTech team, who will help you rebuild the course in a sandbox environment where you can test it and update it as necessary.

**Note:** The EdTech team is available to help you with this transition. If you need assistance with anything, please attend one of our Canvas Transition Workshops, or schedule a personal consultation with the EdTech team by sending an email to edtech@mst.edu.
Blackboard to Canvas Transition
A quick guide to content types and your transition path

Your course within Blackboard is made up of several different types of content items. The content types that your course uses will in large part help to determine what type of transition path is best for you.

Note: Even a very smooth transition path presents an excellent time to update or re-evaluate your course content!

These content types will import to Canvas and be functionally unchanged:

- Assignments
- Tests, Surveys, and Pools (online tests and quizzes)
- Announcements
- Discussion Boards
- GradeCenter Columns

If your course only uses these content types, the **Copy as-is** transition option is perfect for you.

These content types should be gathered separately and uploaded to Canvas:

- Course files and documents (.doc, .pdf, .jpg, and others)
- Web and media links

If your course uses many of these content types, the **Copy and modify** transition option may be your ideal course of action.

These content types should be gathered separately and uploaded to Canvas:

- Wiki pages
- Groups and group tools
- Hierarchical folders

If your course uses these content types in addition to the other types listed above, the **Rebuild in sandbox** transition option is likely to be your best path forward.