

PebblePad Block for Blackboard Learn 9.1: User Guide

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Feature Overview

The PebblePad Blackboard integration options consist of three parts that can be used in conjunction or separately.

PebblePad Block

- Dashboard reporting
 - New shares
 - Assets with deadline near
 - Updated assets
 - Updated shared assets
 - Assets available to copy
- Single sign on to PebblePad
- Create assets in PebblePad from Blackboard
- Link Blackboard course to PebblePad gateway
- Add instructors and students to PebblePad gateway
- Available at course or module level
- Administration
 - Limit which courses students can use the block from
 - Instructors can decide which aspects of block are available to students on courses they teach

Blackboard Proxy Tools

- Create new PebblePad gateway based on Blackboard course
- Synchronise instructors and students between Blackboard course and PebblePad gateway
- Synchronise student groups on Blackboard course with PebblePad tutor groups
- Show Blackboard course content and resources in PebblePad gateway resources
- Show Blackboard course announcements in PebblePad gateway

Auto Sign-on Block

- Single sign on to PebblePad
- Link to Blackboard course content and resources from PebblePad gateway resources

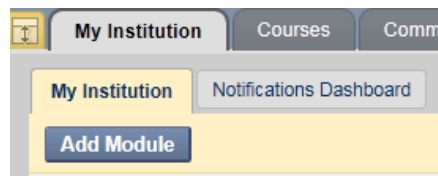
PebblePad Block

The PebblePad block is a Blackboard building block that enables basic integration between PebblePad and Blackboard. The block uses the basic LTI spec in order to make connections to PebblePad and to keep your details such as forename, surname and email address up to date. It also allows you to create assets and link to gateways from within Blackboard.

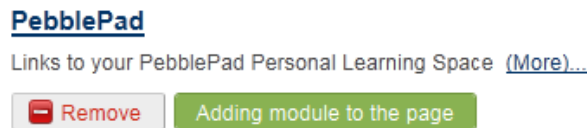
The block can be used from two different places, either as a module or as a course tool. To access the block as a module you must be able to edit your “My Institution” page. Depending on the setup of your Blackboard Learn install you may not have permission to do this, it also requires an admin to have set the block to be available as a module.

Module

To add the block as a module click on the “Add module” button on the “My Institution” tab.



Find PebblePad in the list and click the Add button.



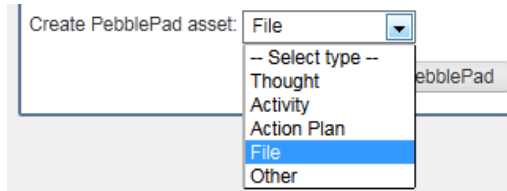
Once added go back to your “My Institution” page where you will see the block module.



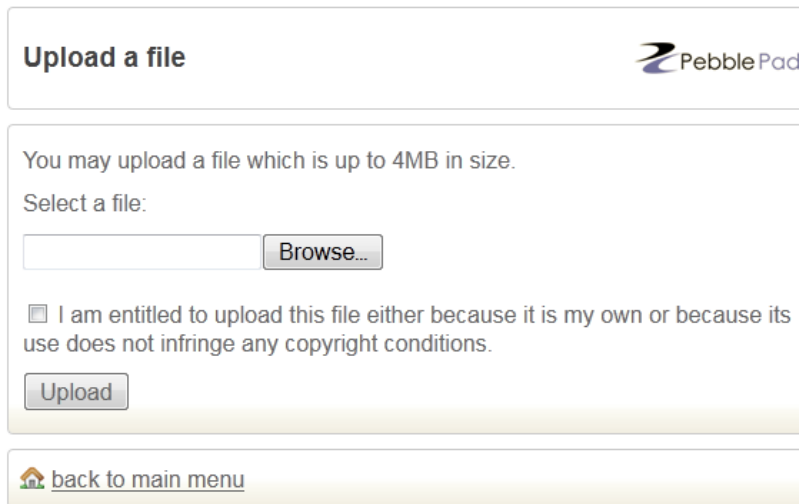
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The module shows basic dashboard reporting, allows you to login to PebblePad, and create PebblePad assets without leaving Blackboard. Click the “Create PebblePad asset” dropdown to select the type of asset you wish to create.



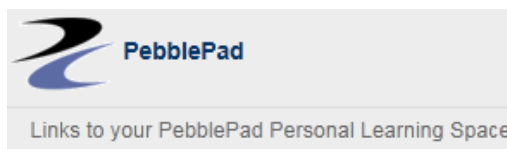
As soon as you click on the asset type it will pop up a window that will allow you to create that asset.



Clicking on the “Login to PebblePad” button will simply log you straight into the main PebblePad system.

Course Tool

The block is also available as a course tool for any courses that you are either teaching or enrolled on, providing the block is enabled on the course. Go to the tools page for your course and click on the PebblePad tool.



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The course tool works in much the same way as the module except it is possible to link the course to a PebblePad gateway.

Create PebblePad asset:

This course has been linked to a PebblePad gateway. You can access it [here](#).

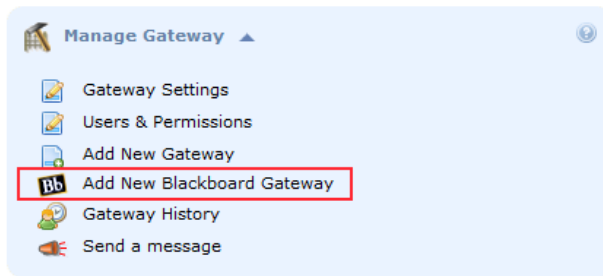
Clicking the link for the first time as an instructor will create the PebblePad gateway and set the instructor as a gateway owner and tutor. This will then make the link available for all students to click. When a student clicks the link they will be taken to the PebblePad gateway and added to the user group.

Instructors on a course can edit which sections are available by clicking the settings link and toggling the options there.

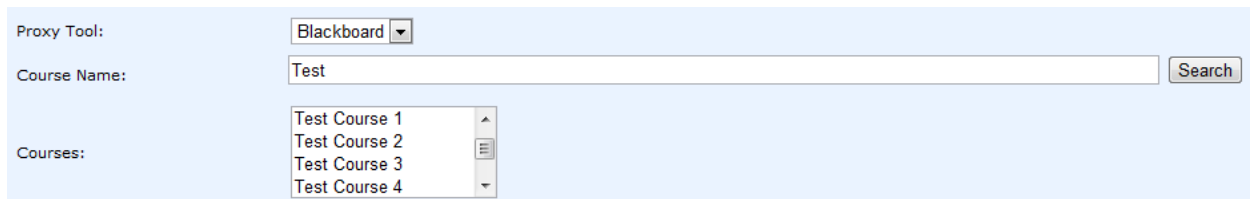
Blackboard Proxy Tools

The proxy tools allow PebblePad to draw information from Blackboard as well as create gateways based on Blackboard courses and keep users in sync between the two systems.

If you are a PebblePad admin or have permissions to create gateways then you can create a Blackboard gateway. Under the manage gateway section there is an option to “Add New Blackboard Gateway”.



Select your proxy tool from the drop down menu and enter the name of a course that exists on your Blackboard install. Click search and PebblePad will find the courses that match the entered name using the registered proxy tool connection. In the example below we are bringing back all the courses that contain “Test” in the name:

A screenshot of a search interface. It has a 'Proxy Tool' dropdown menu set to 'Blackboard'. Below it is a 'Course Name' input field containing 'Test' and a 'Search' button. Underneath is a 'Courses' list box containing four items: 'Test Course 1', 'Test Course 2', 'Test Course 3', and 'Test Course 4'.

Select the course you wish to link to from the courses box and you will be shown some basic info for the course together with a list of tutors and users. You can decide whether to make tutors gateway owners too.

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Courses: Matthew's Test Course
Test Course 1
Test Course 2
Test Course 3

Course Info: Id: mw101
Name: Matthew's Test Course

Tutor List: **Owner? Name**
 Matthew Wheeler (matthew_w)

User List: Blackboard Administrator (administrator)

[Create Gateway](#)

Clicking the “Create Gateway” button will create the gateway, sync the users and take you to the gateway page. On the gateway page you will see the latest 3 announcements for the course...

Bb Blackboard Announcements

PebblePad has been nominated for two awards at a prestigious Business Awards:

Business Awards Dinner

- Business of the Year
- IT Business of the Year

...and the course content as a list of resources.

Bb Blackboard Resources (9)

- PebblePad
- Slide1.jpg
- PP Functional Overview.pdf
- Penguins

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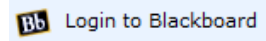
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Auto Sign-on Block

The Auto sign-on block allows single sign-on from PebblePad into Blackboard. If the block has been enabled you will see the login link in the gateway.



You will also now be able to click on the Blackboard resources. The resources will open inside Blackboard in a pop up window.