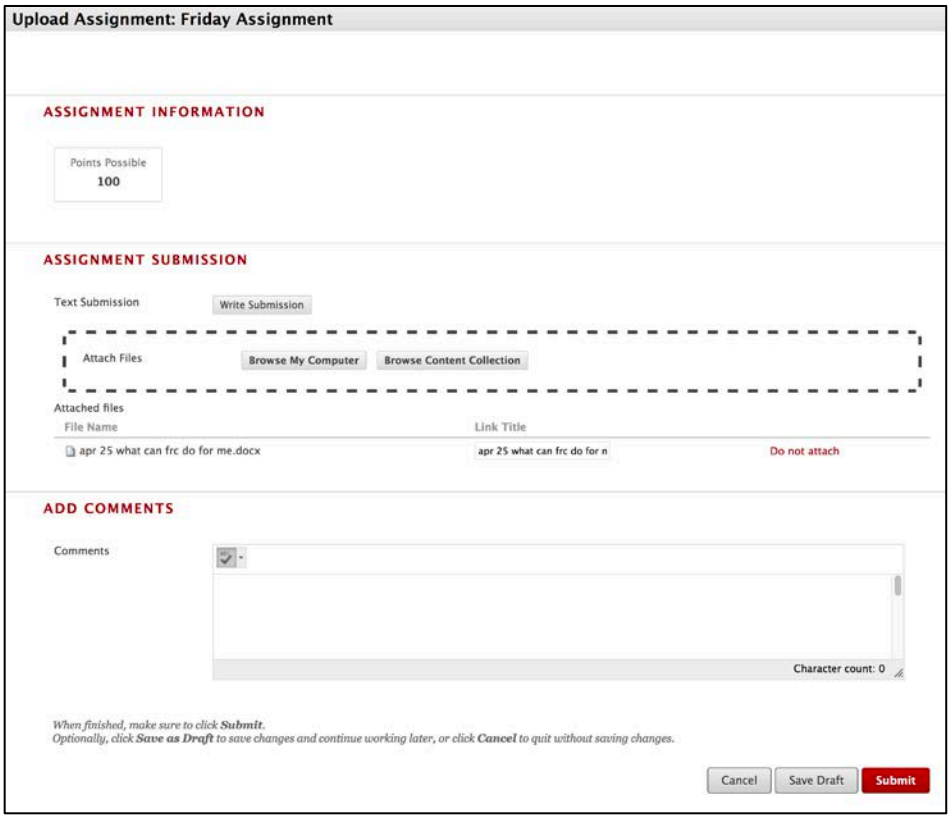
What's New in Blackboard for Summer 2018

UA's Blackboard team has updated our instance of Blackboard to version 9.1 Q4 2017 CU 2. While many of the new features are "under the hood" and won't be noticed by instructors, there are some beneficial new features. Here are some highlights:

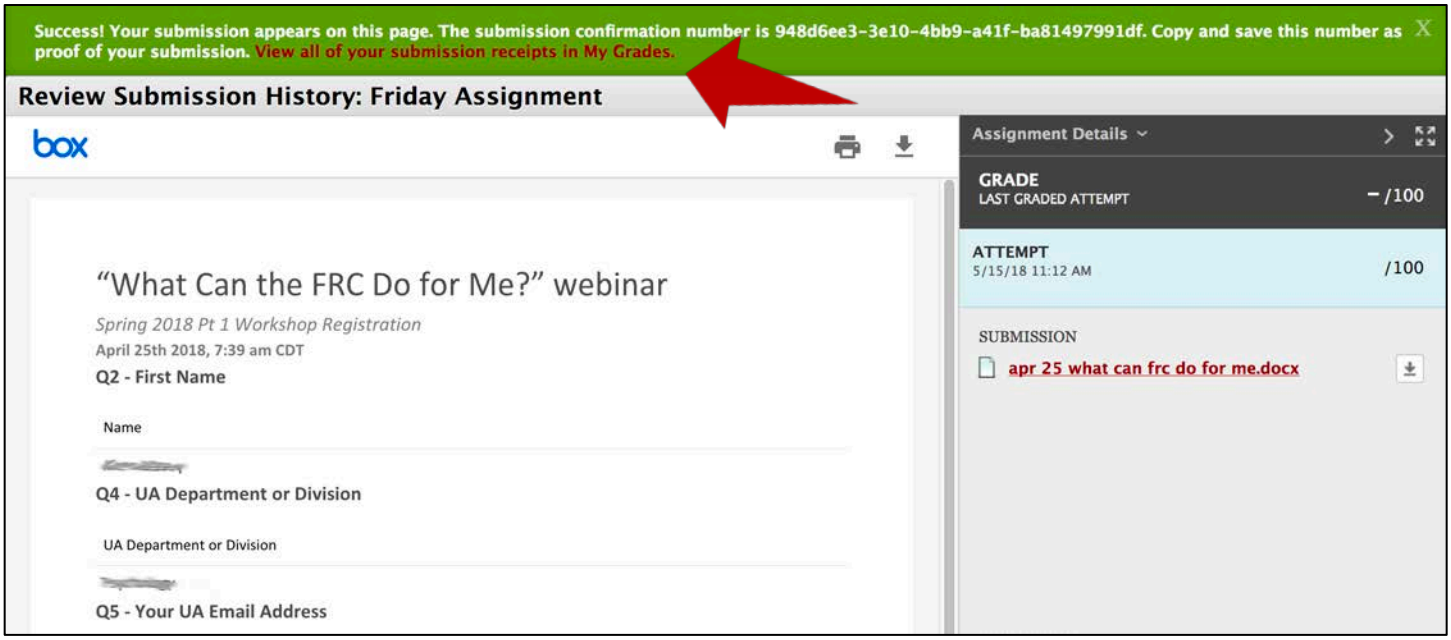
Drag-and-drop

Instructors and students can now drag and drop files into Blackboard, by dragging files into the dashed area in certain file upload windows. The "Browse My Computer" option is still available.

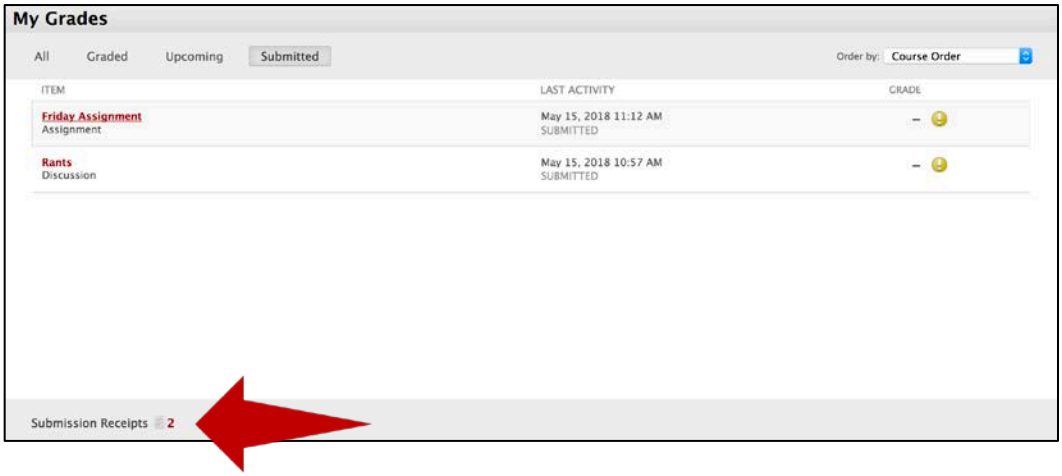


Submission Receipts

A submission receipt is captured at the time of submission, and a confirmation number is displayed to the student when the work is submitted.

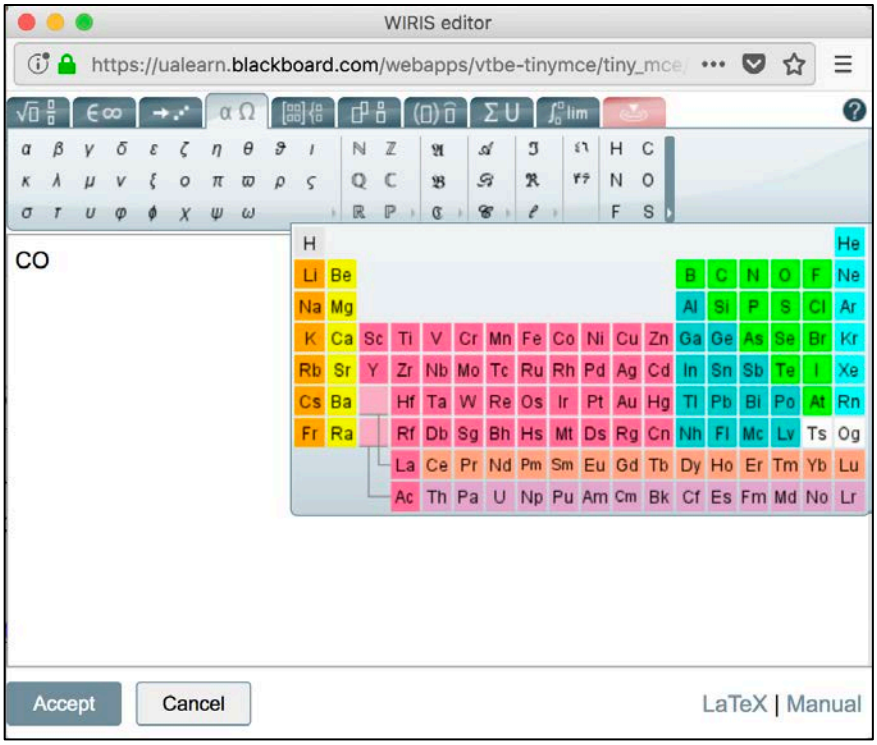


Students can access their confirmation number after submission by going to the Submitted tab in My Grades and clicking the link under Submission Receipts.



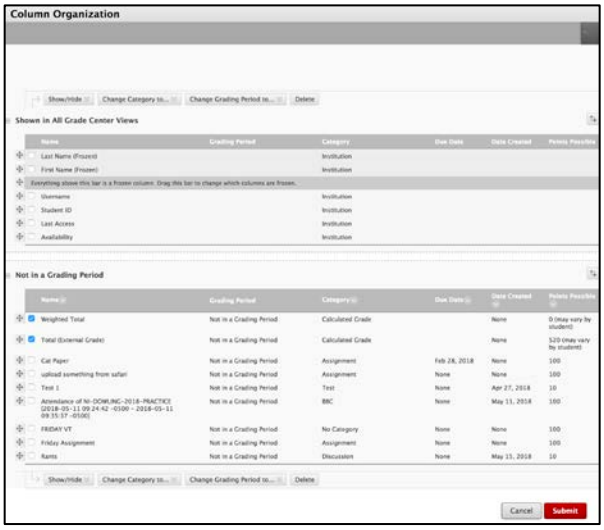
Chemistry tools in the Text Editor's Math Editor.

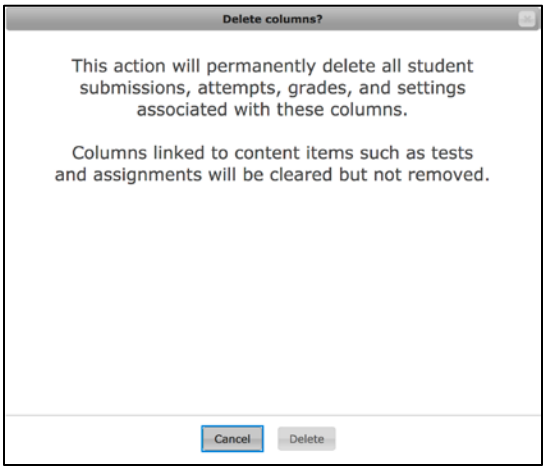
The math editor found in the Content Editor has been updated to a newer version of WIRIS. This version adds tools specific to chemistry including an embedded periodic table of elements.



More efficient Grade Center Cleanup

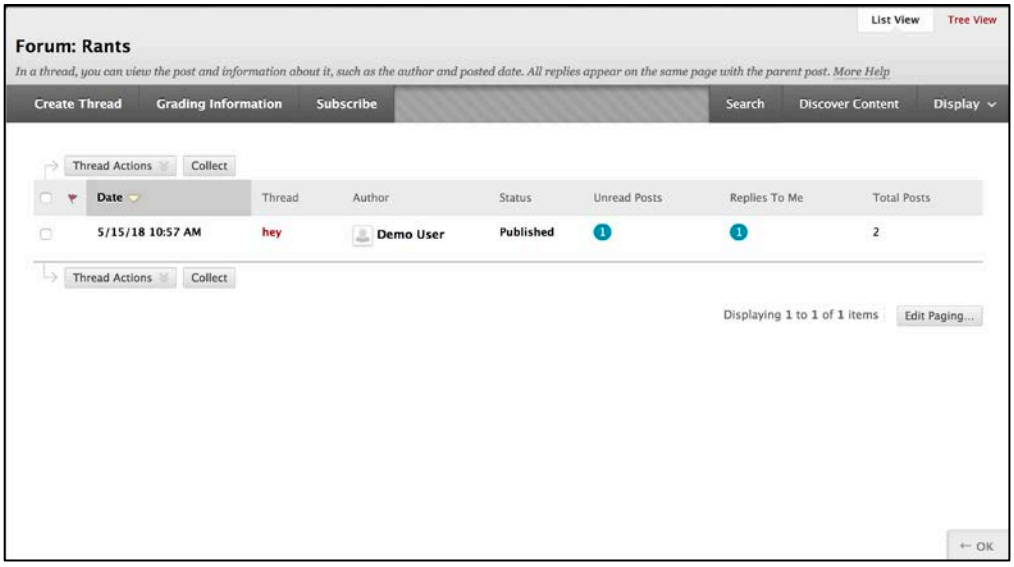
Instructors can now clean up their Grade Center by deleting multiple columns at once. This feature is under Column Organization. Selected manual and calculated columns are removed completely. Selected columns associated with gradable items are cleared of attempt and grade data but remain in the Grade Center.





Discussion Board "Replies to Me"

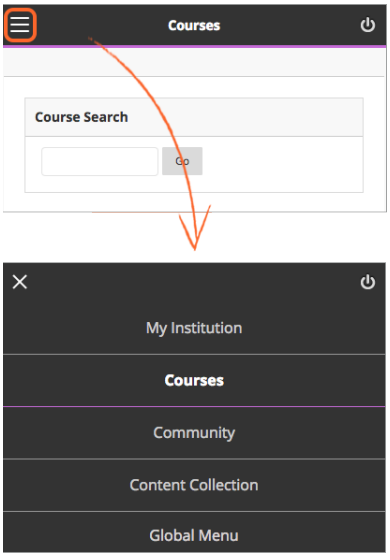
Keeping up with large Discussion Board forums is easier by giving participants a count and filter to just look at new replies from others to posts made the participant.



More Responsive Blogs and Journals Tools for Mobile

Blogs and Journals have been optimized for use on mobile devices. Posts and comments composed with responsive content will render on smaller devices. Options for filtering posts or navigating groups or users will appear below currently viewed posts.

Mobile Device Navigation Improvements



This release includes navigation improvements for the system and course menus. When users access Blackboard Learn through their mobile devices, the navigation has been moved to a hamburger menu for persistent access from screen to screen. Tabs and subtabs also appear in navigation choices…[Cont.]

My Blackboard has been incorporated into the system menu for easier access. Within a course, the menu opens and closes more easily with fixed location action rather than tab.

See the complete list of new features here:
https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Administrator/Hosting/Release_Notes/Release_Notes_All_91_Releases/Release_Notes_9.1_2017_Q4

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