Blackboard has updated the Content Editor to include some new features and change the way content is added. Adding content has been simplified, and it works better on both hand-held devices and larger screens. There are several improvements for accessibility and some new features.

What are the significant changes?

Mashups have moved

Panopto and YouTube video tools have moved to the Add Content menu. This will change the way you add a video to the Editor for a Panopto Student video submission and embedding Panopto videos.

Add Content

Provides one easy menu for adding content from your computer, cloud storage, or integrated tool. The Content Editor will automatically recognize the kind of files you add.

Better Copy and Paste

- Pasting from Microsoft Word and Excel has been improved and now supports retaining images as part of the paste.
- When pasting a link for the following websites, it will automatically be converted into embedded media content: YouTube, Daily Motion, Vimeo.
- When pasting, you can choose whether to remove or keep formatting.

Remove formatting

The icon replaces the eraser icon for removing text formatting.
 Toolbar Wrapping

The icon has replaced the icon. The toolbar will show as many tools as it can for the size of your screen before wrapping to the next line. Show and collapse the additional tools with this icon.

 New Table Options

Creating a table has been simplified with a grid selector instead of a pop-up. When adding tables, column widths default to use percentages rather than fixed widths for greater responsiveness across devices.

 Easier HTML Editing

When authoring or editing HTML, it'll be easier to find what you're looking for with line numbers and tag colors.

 Simple Embed

When pasting links to websites such as YouTube, Vimeo, and Dailymotion, the videos are automatically embedded for inline playback. Other sites including The New York Times, WordPress, SlideShare and Facebook will embed summary previews.

 New Features

Improved Accessibility

The new accessibility checker helps authors make content more accessibility while they're creating content. Alternative text can be added, and formatting issues corrected when reviewing the content with the tool. The checker uses WCAG 2.0 guidelines.

 Display Computer Code

New code sample tool allows code snippets to be displayed and properly formatted inline without being processed as actual code and removed for security reasons.

 Expands Automatically

When authoring with many tools such as creating an Item or a Discussion Thread, the authoring area will automatically expand for you. To edit a large amount of content and pin the toolbar to the top, use the full screen mode.