bSpace Hands-on Workshop

Objectives:

• Gain an overall understanding of bSpace and its structure.
• Learn how to create and customize a course site.
• Become familiar with basic bSpace functions and tools.

Lesson Plan:

• bSpace orientation
• Create Course site and attach a Roster
• Add UCB and guest (non-UCB) participants
• Coming up with a communication strategy (discussion)
• Introduction to basic tools (demonstration and/or hands-on)
  o Syllabus
  o Announcements
  o Email Archive
  o Messages Tool
  o Resources
  o Forums

Essential Tips:

• Reset button takes you to the top level of each tool. (Avoid browser navigation buttons.)
• My Workspace tab is your private site and is distinct from other sites.
• Some sites may only be visible in the My Active Sites drop-down. (These can be rearranged.)
• Use the UID found in the CalNet Directory in order to add UCB participants to your site.

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Links and Resources

bSpace

bSpace is a web-based communication and collaboration environment powered by the Sakai community. bSpace supports teaching and learning, committee-based projects, and research initiatives for the UC Berkeley community. Find it here: bSpace.berkeley.edu

Canvas Pilot

The LMS Replacement Project is a two-year initiative led by ETS to replace our current LMS--bSpace--with a new system that better meets the needs of our campus.

Canvas is the new, open-source learning management system that's revolutionizing the way we educate. Check out the free-for-teachers version here: https://canvas.instructure.com/

Prezi

“Prezi is a virtual whiteboard that transforms presentations from monologues into conversations: enabling people to see, understand, and remember ideas.”

This is a web-based alternate to PowerPoint or Keynote. Check it out here: http://prezi.com/

Diigo

“If you browse or read a lot on the web, we believe you will find Diigo indispensable. Diigo is two services in one -- it is a research and collaborative research tool on the one hand, and a knowledge-sharing community and social content site on the other.” Check it out here: https://www.diigo.com/

Video embedding into PowerPoint

You can upload and truly embed a video into a PowerPoint and often later use it offline. Most of the time, however, you will be linking or “embedding” a video found online in which case you are actually referencing the video. You will need to remain online to view it. Learn how to do this here:


Search for “Embed or link to a video from your presentation.”