



## Blackboard 6: Types of Content

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Instructors may create their course website by uploading various types of content into any Content Area. The availability of Content Areas, and the creation of new Content Areas is set in Control Panel, by selecting **Course Options > Manage Course Menu**. The chart below summarizes the differences between content types and the *Adding Content* tip sheet provides more information on process of uploading content.

Type	Summary
<b>Folder</b>	Folders are used to organize and structure your course content. Content is placed within folders. <b>Note:</b> files can not be attached to folders.
<b>Item</b>	Items are pieces of course content. The course material, or a description of the material, can be typed directly into a text box to appear on the Web page, and additional files may be attached. <b>Note:</b> Blackboard accepts many types of files (see the <i>Media Types</i> tip sheet).
<b>URL</b>	URLs are links to external web sites. Some course content may sit on other Web pages, adding a URL enables learners to link out from the course web site to other web pages.
<b>Course Link</b>	Course links are used to connect different elements of a course site. For example, course links from a syllabus may link out to where readings, assignments, and tests reside within the course website.
<b>Test</b>	Tests are graded assessments created by instructors and completed by learners within the course environment. Different question types can be used. All items on a test, except essay questions, are graded and scores are entered automatically into the gradebook.
<b>Survey</b>	Surveys are used to poll learners and obtain feedback. Like tests, different question types can be used, but unlike tests items are not graded. Instructors are unable to view individual learner's responses. Instead survey results are viewed in the aggregate.
<b>Assignment</b>	Assignments are a special type of content that have point values assigned and allow for learner submissions.
<b>Learning Unit</b>	Learning Units are collections of course content items (i.e., documents, presentations, URLs, tests, surveys, assignments) that are designed to be accessed by learners either sequentially or non-linearly.
<b>LRN Package</b>	Microsoft LRN packages are hierarchical presentations of course content that have sequential navigation. For more information about the Microsoft LRN toolkit, see <a href="http://www.microsoft.com/learn/resources.asp">http://www.microsoft.com/learn/resources.asp</a> .