

Like Driving a Car

Learning Management System – Blackboard Learn



Blackboard

A concept in my current field that would be much like driving a car would be the LMS (Learning Management System) we use at the College.

We use Blackboard Learn; I was one of the very few people on campus when we initially started using this Learning Management System over 10 years ago, who was tasked with learning how to use it. Blackboard provides a means to deliver a class virtually to students. With any LMS there are many tools, features that allow faculty to deliver material in customizable ways.

How I can relate this to driving a car is that I have worked with this LMS so long, that I sometimes think I could build or design courses in my sleep. So, when I work with a new faculty who has never used Blackboard or delivered a course online, I find it sometimes I have to stop myself and be very conscious to remember I to go all the way back to ground zero, and slow down, remember to stop and ask if they have any questions. I must always be willing and able to customize my teaching plan to the set audience at that time. I have had days where I am in a meeting discussing/teaching more advanced Blackboard tools such as Test setups, grade center, WIKI's, Blog's, Rubrics, etc. and then my next meeting might need to be geared more to a new user, who is needing help with simply setting up their main menu, and discussing the difference between a content folder and an Item.

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