



### Average Column and a Total Column in Blackboard

In Blackboard you may create Average Columns and Total Columns.

Total and Average are computed very differently. Many faculty use Average when they are looking for a Percent.

**The Total Column displaying percent is computed by adding the actual points given and dividing by the total points possible**

**The Average Column (Often used for information only) adds up the percent values for each column and divides by the number of items**

In this example I'll use student named **Bb Student**.

Homework 1(HW1) is worth 10 points: Note: the student received 1 point extra credit on the homework. Quiz 1(Q1) is worth 50 points. The total point value is 60.

**Total** = 11 (points received on Homework1) + 30 (points received on Quiz 1) = 41 out of 60 points possible=68.33%

Total

Last Name	First Name	FHSU ID	HomeWork1	Quiz1	Average Colun	Total
Student	Bb	800-00-0070	11.00 (110.00%)	30.00 (60.00%)	85.00%	41.00 (68.33%)

**Average** =  $110$  (percent received on HW1) +  $60$ (percent received on Quiz 1)/  $2$  (number of items) = 85.00%  
 $(110+60)/2=85.00\%$

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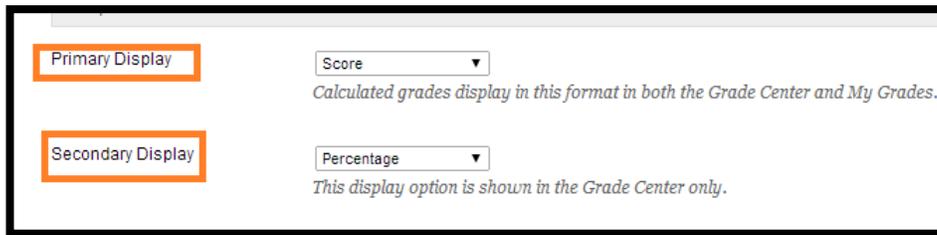
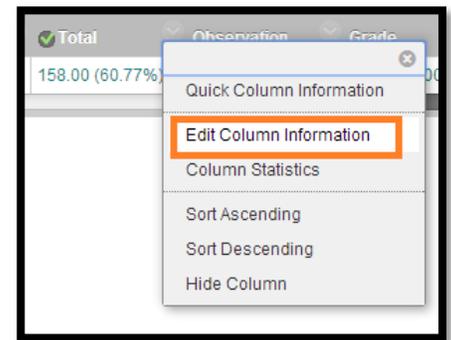
Here is another view of how each score is computed

Name	How Total is computed	How Average is computed
STUDENT BB	$(11+30) = 41$ $41/60^* = 68.33\% \text{ -----} \rightarrow \text{D+}$	$(110\%+60\%)/2 = 85\% \text{ -----} \rightarrow \text{B}$

\*60 is the number of total points possible

To have Blackboard display a Percentage in the Total column

- 1-Go to the **Grade Center** in the desired Course
- 2- Use the dropdown arrow to the right of **Total** Select Edit column Information
- 3-In Part 2 set Primary Display or Secondary Display to Percentage.



If you want students to see the Total as a percentage, choose Percent for **Primary Display**.

Only Faculty see **Secondary Display**.

In the above example Percent is set in the Secondary Display. This is Account Faculty student view of the grades.

### My Grades

CURRENT GRADE

**Total**

Grade **41.00**/60  
[Description](#) [Grading Criteria](#)

CALCULATED GRADES

**Average Column**

Grade **85.00%**  
[Grading Criteria](#)

GRADED

**Quiz1**

Grade **30.00**/50

**HomeWork1**

Grade **11.00**/10