



# FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY

## LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES

*Forward thinking. World ready.*

## New Blackboard Features and Updates

### Announcement Email Header (full tutorial is [here](#))

Students were receiving an announcement email from “do-not-reply@blackboard.com” instead of the instructor’s email. The new update now includes the instructor’s full name and email address in the course announcement email headers instead of the “do-not-reply@blackboard.com,” which lets students know that they can reply to their instructors.

Reply Reply All Forward  
Mon 3/28/2016 2:20 PM  
do-not-reply@blackboard.com  
JessicaR\_Sandbox: Test3  
To

**Announcement Email Header**

The “From” header now includes the sender’s full name in course announcement emails. Some email clients do not use the reply-to header of emails sent by BbLearn to populate the “To:” field when the user replies to an email. As a result, some students were confused when they received email from do-not-reply@<bblearn\_domain> instead of their instructor’s email address.

**\*Before Update**

Reply Reply All Forward  
Mon 3/28/2016 2:33 PM  
Bb Instructor - Jirodriguez.se@fhsu.edu <do-not-reply@blackboard.com>  
JessicaR\_Sandbox: Test3  
To

**Announcement Email Header**

The “From” header now includes the sender’s full name in course announcement emails. Some email clients do not use the reply-to header of emails sent by BbLearn to populate the “To:” field when the user replies to an email. As a result, some students were confused when they received email from do-not-reply@<bblearn\_domain> instead of their instructor’s email address.

**\*After Update**



# FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY

## LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES

*Forward thinking. World ready.*

### Thread-to-Thread Navigation in Discussion Boards (full tutorial is [here](#))

Discussion Boards have a new feature that will allow instructors and students to be able to navigate to the next or previous thread in a discussion from the Thread Detail page without having to navigate back up to the Discussion Forum page.

**Thread: Introduction**

Select: [All](#) [None](#)

Message Actions Expand All Collapse All

1 Posts in this Thread 0 Unread

**Bb Student** Introduction  
posted 23 hours ago (last edited 0 minutes ago)

Hi I am Bb student and I am a Sophomore at Fort Hays State University. My major is currently exploratory. I came to this class because it is required by my major.

Reply

Select: [All](#) [None](#)

Message Actions Expand All Collapse All

\*Before the update

**Thread: Introduction**

Select: [All](#) [None](#)

Message Actions Expand All Collapse All

<< < Thread 3 of 4 > >>

1 Posts in this Thread 0 Unread

**Bb Student** Introduction  
posted 23 hours ago (last edited 0 minutes ago)

Hi I am Bb student and I am a Sophomore at Fort Hays State University. My major is currently exploratory. I came to this class because it is required by my major.

Reply

Select: [All](#) [None](#)

Message Actions Expand All Collapse All

\*After the update



# FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY

## LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES

*Forward thinking. World ready.*

### Announcement Date Restriction Default (full tutorial is [here](#))

Before, "Date Restricted" was the default setting, now when you create an announcement, "Not Date Restricted" is selected by default. This is beneficial because most instructors prefer to have their announcements available the entire semester.

### Create Announcement

*New Announcements appear directly below the repositionable bar and can be dragged to new positions to modify the order.*

[More Help](#)

\* Indicates a required field. Cancel Submit

#### ANNOUNCEMENT INFORMATION

\* Subject  Black

Message  
For the toolbar, press ALT+F10 (PC) or ALT+FN+F10 (Mac)

Paragraph Arial 3 (12pt)

Rich text editor toolbar with icons for bold, italic, underline, link, unlink, list, indent, outdent, text color, background color, undo, redo, and other formatting options.

Path: p Words: 0

#### WEB ANNOUNCEMENT OPTIONS

Duration  Not Date Restricted  Date Restricted

Email Announcement  Send a copy of this announcement immediately  
*Students are still notified of this announcement even if this option is not selected*



# FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY

## LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES

*Forward thinking. World ready.*

### Image Alternate Text Hot Spot Questions (full tutorial is [here](#))

Hot Spot questions are questions that include an image. Hot Spot has a new feature that allows you to describe the image in the new Image Alternate Text Box. This improves accessibility and understanding of the question.

### Create/Edit Hot Spot Question

*Hot Spot questions are based on students identifying an area in an image file. The area is set by pixel coordinates and if students click within this range, the answer is recorded as correct. Points and extra credit are handled in the inline points fields for each question on the canvas. [More Help](#)*

\* Indicates a required field. Cancel Next

**QUESTION**

Question Title

\* Question Text

Paragraph Arial 3 (12pt)

Rich text editor toolbar with icons for bold, italic, underline, link, unlink, list, indent, outdent, text color, background color, undo, redo, and other text formatting options.

Path: p Words: 0

**UPLOAD IMAGE**

\* Attach File Browse My Computer Browse Content Collection

*Click Next to continue creating this Hot Spot question. Click Cancel to quit.* Cancel Next

\*Before Update



# FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY

## LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES

*Forward thinking. World ready.*

### Create/Edit Hot Spot Question

*Hot Spot questions are based on students identifying an area in an image file. The area is set by pixel coordinates and if students click within this range, the answer is recorded as correct. Points and extra credit are handled in the inline points fields for each question on the canvas. [More Help](#)*

\* Indicates a required field. Cancel Next

**QUESTION**

Question Title

\* Question Text

Paragraph Arial 3 (12pt)

Rich text editor toolbar with icons for bold, italic, underline, list, link, unlink, undo, redo, and other text formatting options.

Path: p Words: 0

**UPLOAD IMAGE**

\* Attach File Browse My Computer Browse Content Collection

Image Alternate Text

*Click Next to continue creating this Hot Spot question. Click Cancel to quit.* Cancel Next

\*After Update

### Embedded Audio Auto play in Chrome

Before the update, if you were using Google Chrome, all MP3 audio played automatically when the window opened. Now, the video should not play automatically and you should have control over it.