

## University of St. Thomas – Blackboard 9 Training

### Creating Mashup Items (Flickr Photo, SlidShare Presentaiton or Youtube Video)

Mashups allow Instructors to add content to a Course that is from an external Web site. This content is used in a variety of ways within a Course: a standalone piece of Course Content, part of a test question, a topic on a Discussion Board, or as part of an assignment. The content displayed in a course will still reside on the external Web site.

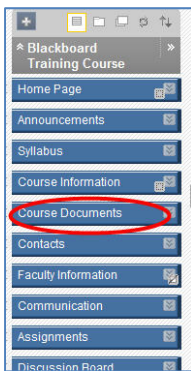
Mashups are added as a Content Item in a folder or added through the Text Editor. Adding a Mashup as a Content Item makes it a part of the information that you present to users for them to view. Adding a Mashup using the Text Editor means that you can put Mashups in places where users can interact with the content, such as in Test Questions, Discussion Boards, and Blogs.

Mashups are displayed in the following ways:

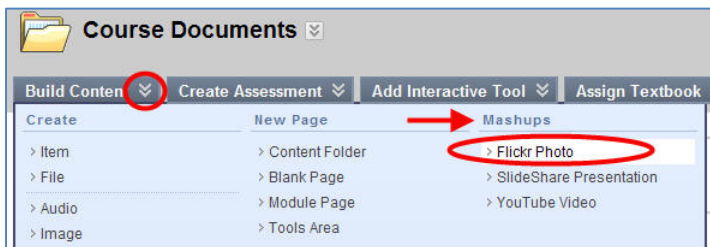
- **Embed:** The Mashup displays directly on the page when a student opens the item.
- **Thumbnail View with Player:** A small picture of the Mashup displays on the page with controls to launch it.
- **Text Link with Player:** A link to the Mashup is displayed on the page. Students click the link to launch the Mashup.

### Create a Mashup Item

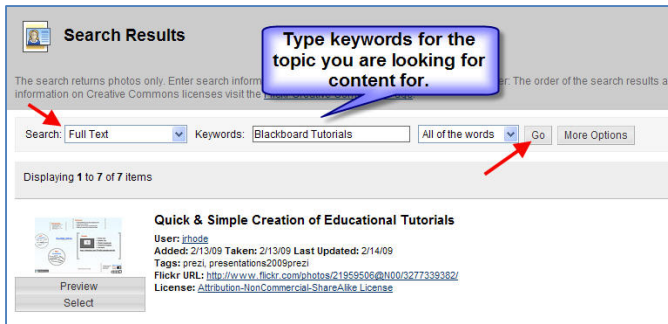
1. Navigate to the Content area of your Course that you want to add a mashup to.



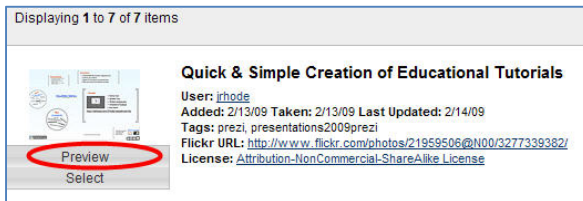
2. Click Build Content from the action bar menu, Select **Flickr Photo**, **Slideshow Presentation**, or **YouTube Video** from the drop down list below under mashups.



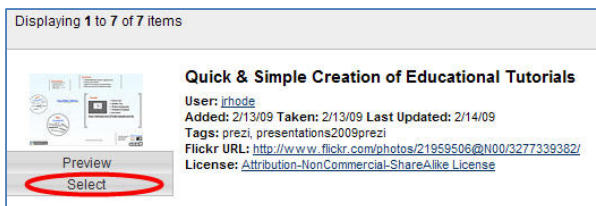
3. Search for content by typing keywords for the topic you are looking for the text box next to Keywords and then click Go.



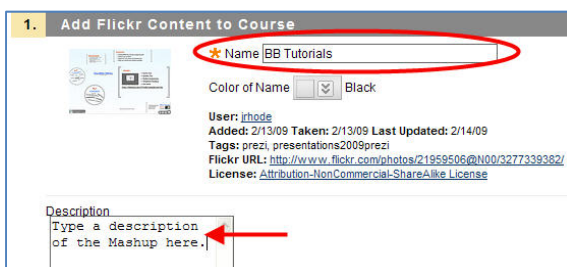
4. Click **Preview** to examine the items.



5. Click **Select** for the appropriate item.



7. Change the **Name** of the item. This is a required field. Type a **Description** of the Mashup in the textbox under Description.



8. Set the **Mashup Options**.

2. Mashup Options

View    as full size when View Link is clicked. Embed Photo

Size    Select the size of photo to use. Large and Original sized images do not exist

Show Flickr URL  Yes  No

Show Flickr Information  Yes  No

9. Attach additional content items to the Mashup by clicking **Browse My Computer** or **Browse Course Files**.

3. Attach or Link Content

Click Browse to select the file to attach and specify a name for the link to this file.

Attach File

11. Click **Yes to Permit Users to View this Content**. Click **Yes to Track Number of Views**.

4. Options

Permit Users to View this Content  Yes  No

Track Number of Views  Yes  No

12. Use the **Display After** and **Display Until** date and time fields to restrict the availability of the Mashup. Click both the **Display After** and **Display Until** check boxes to enable the date and time settings.

Select Date and Time Restrictions  Display After    Enter dates as mm/dd/yyyy. Time may be entered in any increment.

Display Until    Enter dates as mm/dd/yyyy. Time may be entered in any increment.

13. Click **Preview** to examine the Mashup.

14. Click **Submit**.