



Creating a Mashup Item

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.

This version of Blackboard, as designed for the University of St. Thomas, makes the following Mashups available for use:

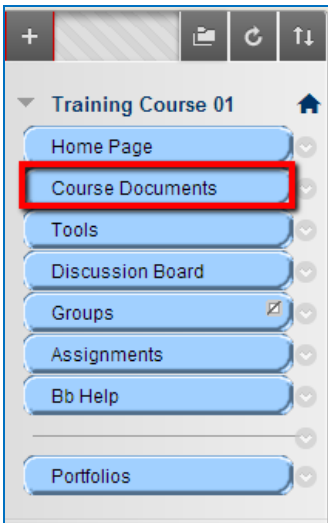
- Flickr photos
- SlideShare presentations
- Blackboard Collaborate audio clips
- YouTube videos

Mashups are displayed in the following ways:

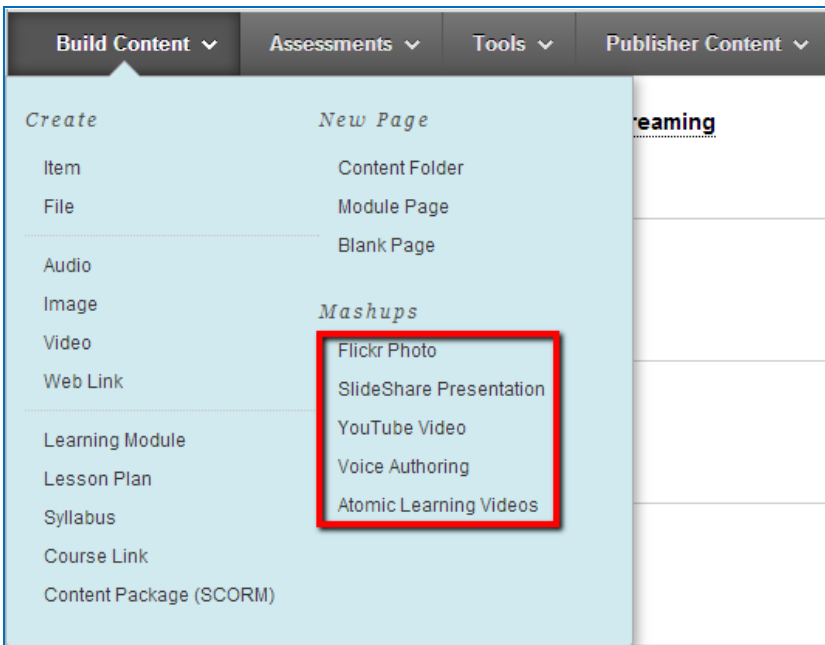
- **Embed:** The Mashup displays directly on the page when a student opens the item.
- **Thumbnail View with Player:** A small picture of the Mashup displays on the page with controls to launch it.
- **Text Link with Player:** A link to the Mashup is displayed on the page. Students click the link to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

To create a Mashup Item:

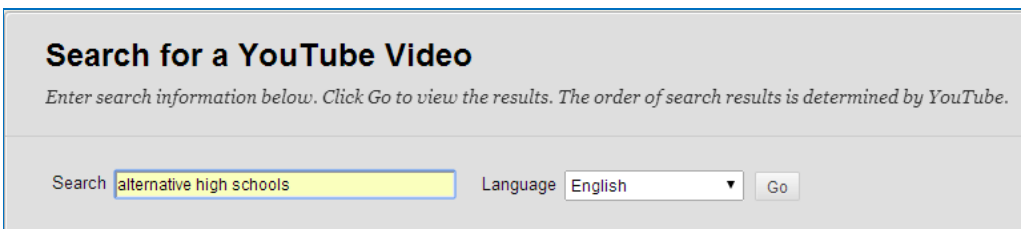
1. Navigate to the Content Area of your Course to which you want to add a Mashup.



2. Point to **Build Content** on the action bar, and select one of the items in the Mashups category.



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




4. Click **Preview** beneath a thumbnail to examine any items that might be appropriate.

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Displaying 1 to 10 of 1000000 items

Sort by **Relevance** **Uploaded** **Anytime** **Go**

 **11th Grade Student in Alternative High School**
Duration: (4:07)
User: gopublicproject Added: 9/24/12
YouTube Rating: 2.5 of 5 stars - 8 Votes View Count: 2273
YouTube URL: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G_GNMfni6co
Benjamin Graves is a junior at Rose City High School, Pasadena's alternative high school. At Rose City, Benjamin is involved with the student leadership board...

Preview
Select


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

 **Northside Alternative High School**
Duration: (4:41)
User: northsideisd Added: 5/28/14
YouTube Rating: 0 of 5 stars - 0 Votes View Count: 446
YouTube URL: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GgmAKRGt8o4>
They aren't bad kids; they just made a bad choice. That's how Northside School District's Alternative High School principal, Darrel Rice describes the students...

Preview
Select

6. If the Name supplied is not ideal, type a different one. Type a Description of the Mashup in the text editor.

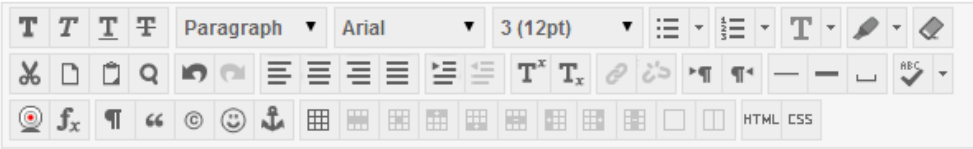
ADD YOUTUBE CONTENT TO COURSE

 *** Name**

Color of Name **Black**

Duration: (4:41)
User: northsideisd - **Added:** 5/28/14
YouTube URL: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GgmAKRGt8o4>

Description



This school is in the Northside ISD in San Antonio TX.

7. Set the Mashup Options, including the preferred display mode. Different Mashup types will have different options.

MASHUP OPTIONS

Show YouTube URL creates a link to the YouTube web site enabling students to browse videos. *Show YouTube information* displays length of video, name of creator and the date video was added.

View Thumbnail
Thumbnail
Text Link with Player
Embed Video

Show YouTube URL Yes No

Show YouTube information Yes No

8. Attach additional content files to the Mashup by clicking **Browse My Computer** or **Browse Course**.

ATTACHMENTS

*If you select a file you do not want, click **Do Not Attach** to remove the attachment from the content item. The file itself is not deleted.*

Attach File Browse My Computer Browse Course

Attached files

File Name	Link Title	File Action
TM 1 Intro to Blackboard Proposed Revision.docx	<input type="text" value="Intro"/>	Create a link to this file Do not attach
TM 2 Discussion Boards & Comm Tools Proposed Revision.docx	<input type="text" value="Discussion Board"/>	Create a link to this file Do not attach

9. Optionally, click **Yes** to Permit Users to View this Content, **Yes** to Track Number of Views. Use the **Display After** and **Display Until** date and time fields to restrict the availability of the Mashup.

STANDARD OPTIONS

Determine your options.

Permit Users to View this Content Yes No

Track Number of Views Yes No

Select Date and Time Restrictions

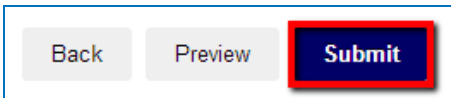
Display After

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

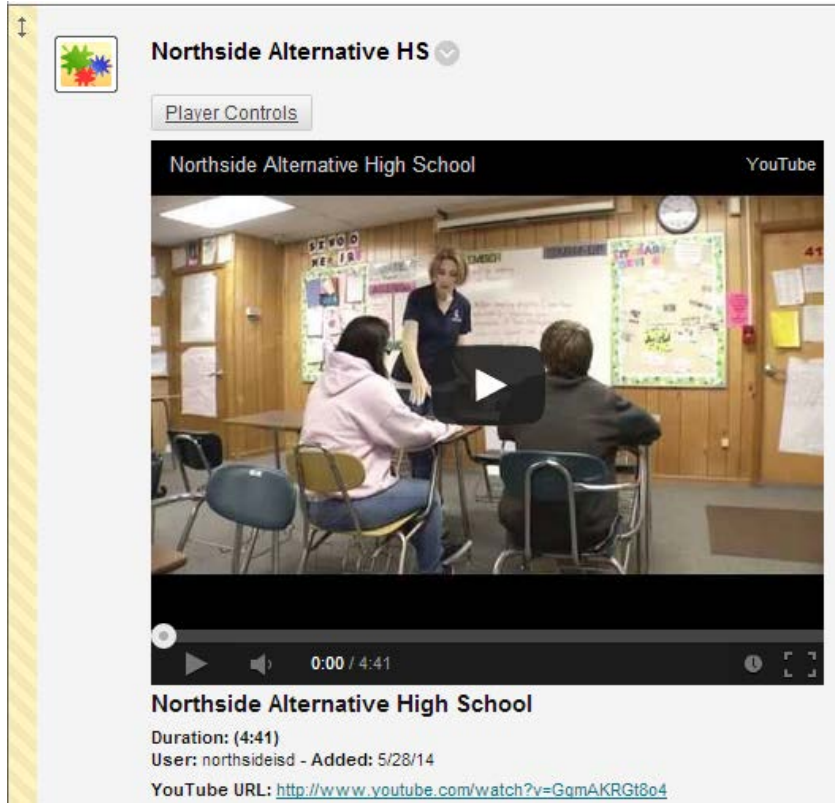
Display Until

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

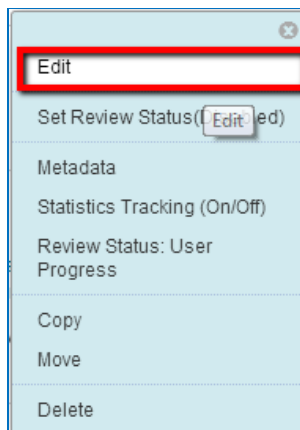
10. Click **Back** to return to the previous screen, **Preview** to examine the Mashup, or **Submit** to finish posting it.



The Mashup will appear listed with other items in the Content Area.



To edit any Mashup item after creation, click its contextual arrow and select **Edit**. **Note:** *The Mashup Options section does not appear on the Edit page, so you cannot change the way the Mashup is displayed in the content area.* There are other options, including **Copy** and **Delete**.



To add a Mashup in a Text Editor box that allows it, click the **Mashups** button on the bottom toolbar, and select the appropriate type.

