Blackboard Mashups

Mashups allow Instructors to add content to a Course that is from an external Web site. The content displayed in a course will still reside on the external Web site. Mashups are displayed in the following ways:

*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.

**Blackboard incorporates Basic Mashup types:**

- **Flickr:** a site for viewing and sharing photographic images.
- **Slideshare:** a site for viewing and sharing PowerPoint presentations, Word documents, or Adobe PDF Portfolios.
- **YouTube:** a site for viewing and sharing online videos.
- **Ensemble:** a site for sharing and hosting online videos and audio recordings.

**Creating a Mashup Item**

Steps for creating a Mashup item are different based on where you are creating them. They can be created directly from the build content menu or from within the text editor.

**Creating a Mashup from the Build Content Menu**

Selecting the Build content button will display the menu below. In the lower right hand corner of the menu, you will find the Mashup Menu. Creating a Mashup this way will display it directly in the course content area.
Creating a Mashup Item from the Text Editor

1. Navigate to the content area of your course
2. Select “Build Content”
3. Select “Item”
4. Select your desired mashup from the mashup icon in the toolbar:

   ![CONTENT INFORMATION](image)

5. Create and/or Search for the content
6. Select “Preview” to examine any item
7. Click “Select” for any desired item
8. Change the name of the Item (Required)
9. Type a description if desired
10. Set Mashup Options
11. Select “Submit”