

Creating Learning Modules



Creating & Managing Content

Content in Blackboard can be built into organized learning modules to support a learning objective or build a unit of study. A learning module enables the student to follow a structured path for progressing through content.

The diagram illustrates the process of creating a learning module. It starts with a document icon labeled "Edgar Allen Poe". An arrow points to a "Table of Contents" page, which lists various sections: "I. Biography" (with sub-items like "Edgar Allen Poe", "The Life of Edgar Allen", etc.), "II. Stories and Poems" (with sub-items like "The Black Cat", "The Tell Tale Heart", etc.), and "III. Assessments for Poe Unit" (with sub-items like "Poe Discussion 1", "Poe Assessment", etc.). An arrow then points to a "Biography" page, which contains a paragraph about Edgar Allan Poe and a quote: "Those who dream by day are cognizant of many things which escape those who dream only by night." -Edgar Allan Poe.

HOW TO CREATE A LEARNING MODULE

To begin building and managing learning modules in your course, first make sure that your course has its [Edit Mode](#) turned on and have a [Content Area button](#) in your course menu.

1. In your course's menu, click your Content Area button. On the Content Area page, roll your mouse over **BUILD CONTENT** and choose **LEARNING MODULE**.

The screenshot shows the Blackboard interface. On the left is the course menu with "Weekly Lessons" selected. On the right is the "Weekly Lessons" content area. The "Build Content" dropdown menu is open, showing options like "Item", "File", "Audio", "Image", "Video", "Web Link", "Learning Module", and "Course Link". The "Learning Module" option is highlighted in yellow, and a red box with the word "CLICK" is placed over it.

2. A **CREATE LEARNING MODULE** form will appear. Complete the following parts:
 - a. **Learning Module Information** – Give the folder a descriptive name and brief instructions for this unit of study.

b. **Learning Module Options**

- i. **Enforce Sequential Viewing of the Learning Module** – If desired, select “yes” to force students to progress through the content in the order that you arrange it.

c. **Standard Options** – Indicate the availability and tracking settings you would like to use.

- i. **Permit Users to View Content** – Turn this **ON** to allow students to view the folder.
- ii. **Track Number of Views** – Turn this **ON** to gather viewing statistics
- iii. **Display After/Until** – If you would like to further define when the folder becomes available to students, use the date-picking tools to schedule a start and end time.

d. **Table of Contents**

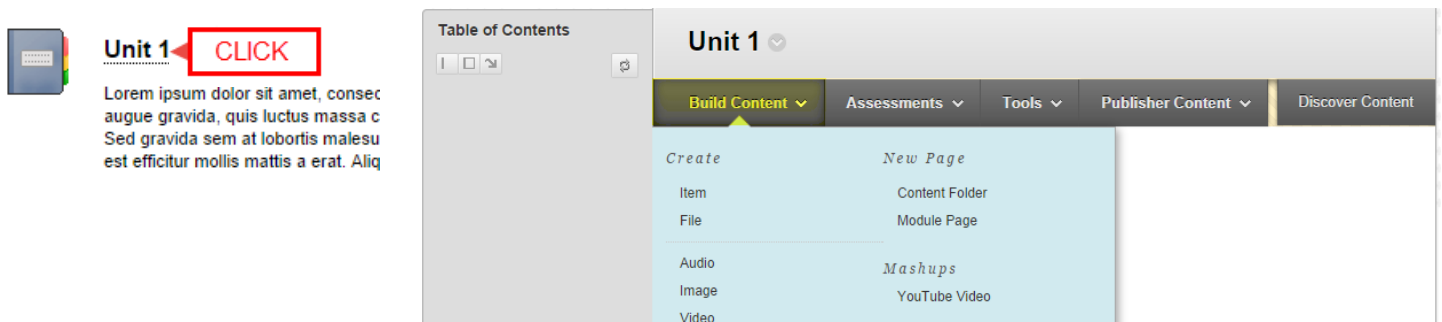
- i. **Show Table of Contents to Users** – Select “yes” to show the learning module’s table of contents to students.
- ii. **Hierarchy Display** – Choose how you would like the table of contents to outline the items in your learning module (ie. numbers, numbers, roman numerals)

e. When you are done, click **SUBMIT**. The folder will now appear within the Content Area page.



HOW TO ADD CONTENT TO A LEARNING MODULE

Click on the link to your new learning module. Just like a Content Area page, the learning module will provide you with a toolbar to build content, assessments, and tool links. You may drag and drop content in the order that you would like it displayed, as well as nest content within folders.



As you build and organize your materials within the learning module, the learning module's table of contents will automatically be built and displayed to the left of the content.

INSTRUCTOR VIEW

Table of Contents

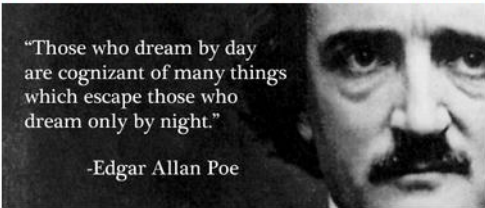
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 - b. The Life of Edgar Allen
 - c. Everyone Loves a Horror
 - d. Poe Museum
 - e. Tales of Horror - Films
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 - a. The Black Cat
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- III. Assessments for Poe Unit
 - a. Poe Discussion 1
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Edgar Allen Poe

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Biography

Edgar Allan Poe (born Edgar Poe; January 19, 1809 – October 7, 1849) was an American author, poet, editor, and literary critic, considered part of the American Romantic Movement. Best known for his tales of mystery and the macabre, Poe was one of the earliest American practitioners of the short story and is generally considered the inventor of the detective fiction genre.



Stories and Poems

Inside this folder, you will find a bone-chilling collection of horrors the likes you have never seen before. Dare you read these tales?



Assessments for Poe Unit

Complete these assessments to prove your learning.

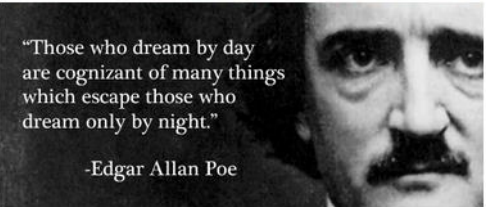
STUDENT VIEW

Table of Contents

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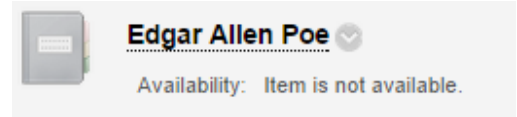
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Learning Module Availability

A learning module that is *not available* to students will appear to instructors as a grayed out folder icon and display a message stating the learning module is not available. Students do not see unavailable folders.



A learning module that is available to students will display to you with a full color icon.



Editing Learning Module Information

When **EDIT MODE** is turned on in the course, you may edit a learning module's settings. By following these steps:

1. Roll your mouse over the name of the folder and click the gray context button that appears.
2. In the context menu that appear, click **EDIT**.
3. You will be taken to the **EDIT LEARNING MODULE** page, where you can edit the learning module's settings.

