

Converting Blackboard Course Content to a Moodle Course

Blackboard and Moodle organize course material very differently. Therefore it is almost impossible to directly transfer a Blackboard course into a Moodle course. There are two free software tools that can help with the process. One tool is better at transferring documents between Blackboard and Moodle; the other tool is better at extracting documents from Blackboard and making them available on your computer hard drive.

[Louisiana State University Blackboard to Moodle Conversion Tool](#) – use this tool if you want to transfer your Blackboard course files to a Moodle course. The transfer process is quite simple.

[University of North Carolina Blackboard Extraction Tool \(bFree\)](#) – use this tool if you want to extract files from an archived Blackboard course and save them on your local drive. This tool is not very helpful for transferring files to a Moodle course.

Louisiana State University Blackboard to Moodle Conversion Tool

<http://moodleconverter.lsu.edu/>

This tool makes it very easy to transfer content from a Blackboard course archive file to a Moodle course.

1. Create an archive file of your Blackboard course. Contact your Blackboard administrator if you need assistance.
 - a. The archive file will have a name something like "ArchiveFile_..... .zip"
 - b. Have this file available on your computer, a CD, or a USB drive.

2. Open a web browser and go to <http://moodleconverter.lsu.edu/>
 - a. Click on the "Browse" button and locate your Blackboard course archive file.
 - b. Select "Topics" or "Weeks" as the way to organize your Moodle course.
 - c. Select the number of topics or weeks you want in your Moodle course.
 - d. Select the start date for your Moodle course.
 - e. Click "Upload Export File".

Blackboard to Moodle Conversion Tool
Step 1 of 3 Contact Help

1. Find Blackboard export file (your_course_name.zip):

2. (a) Organize your Moodle course by: Topics Weeks

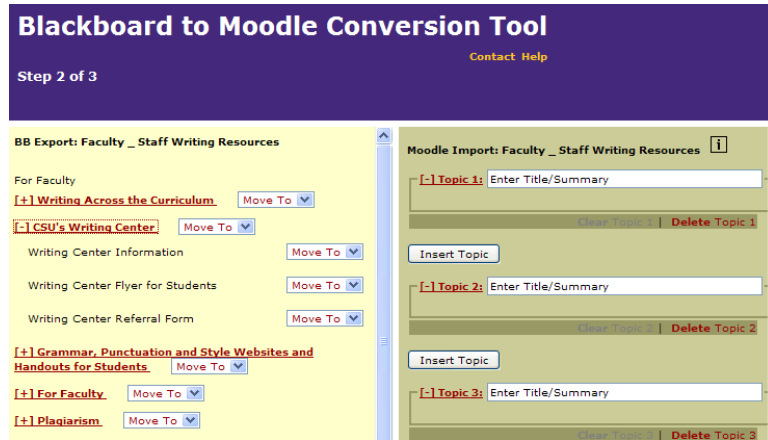
(b) Select default number of topics or weeks:

3. Select start date of your course:

3. Map your Blackboard course content to your desired Moodle course format.

The conversion tool has two columns.

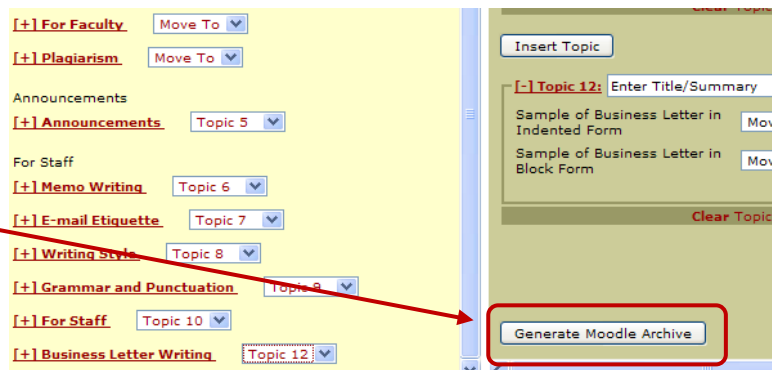
The left column contains documents from your Blackboard course. Each topic may be expanded to show individual documents in that topic. In the example to the right, "CSU's Writing Center" has been expanded to show individual documents.



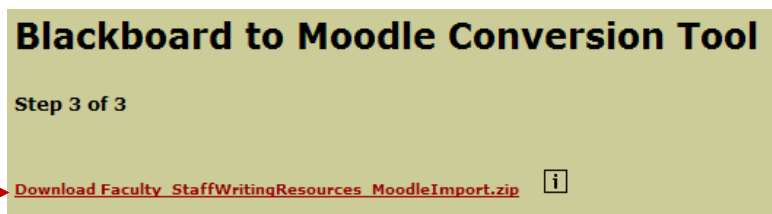
The right column lists the Moodle course topics or weeks. You may enter a title for each topic.

For each Blackboard course topic or document, select a Moodle topic or week to which it should be moved (use the "Move To" drop list).

4. When you have made all the selections, scroll to the bottom of the page and click "Generate Moodle Archive."



5. A Moodle course file will be created. Click on the download link and save the file to your computer or USB drive. Note the file name because you will need to upload this file later.

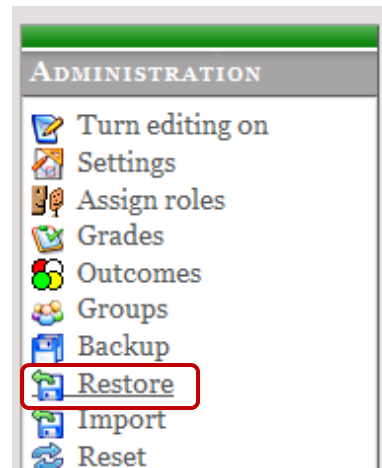


6. Login to the CSU Moodle site and select the course into which you want to import the data.

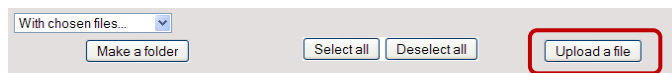


The new course must already exist as a template course. See your Moodle administrator if you do not have a course.

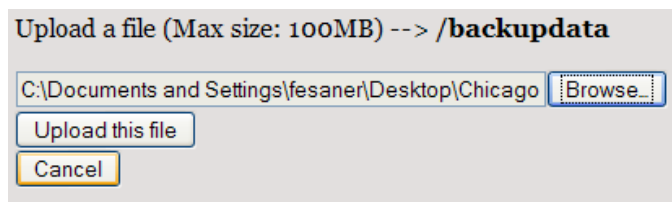
7. Go to the Administration Panel in your Moodle course and click on "**Restore.**" Be certain to select "**Restore,**" **not** "Import."



8. You will be in the Files area of your Moodle course. Click "Upload a file."



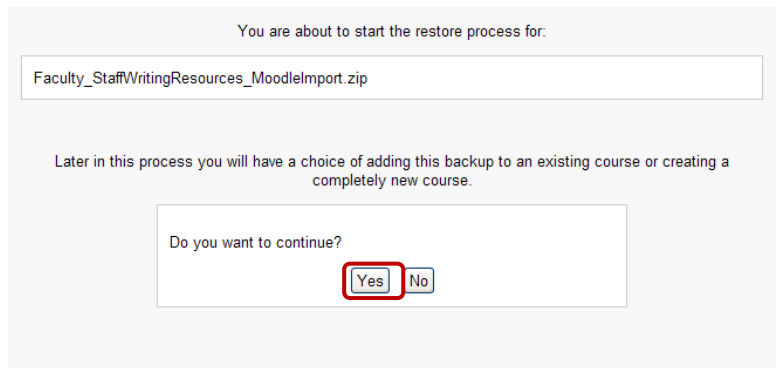
9. Browse to the file you saved in Step 5. Then click "Upload this file."



10. After the file uploads, click "Restore" in the Action column of the file.

	Name	Size	Modified	Action
	Parent folder			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty_StaffWritingResources_MoodleImport.zip	151.7KB	11 January 2010, 03:50 PM	Unzip List Restore Rename

11. Click "Yes" on the next screen.



- Scroll to the bottom of the next screen and click "Continue"

Users:	Course
Logs:	No
User Files:	Yes
Course files:	Yes
Site files:	Yes
Grade histories:	No

Continue

12. **Be certain you are in the correct Moodle course.** Click in the "Restore to" dropbox and select "Current course, adding data to it." If your course already has data and you want to delete that data, then select "Current course, deleting it first."

Restore to

Category

Short name

Full name

Course start date

Contact your Moodle administrator if you have questions about this step.

13. After making your selection, scroll to the bottom of the page and click "Continue."

14. Click "Restore this course now!"

Please note that this process can take a long time.

Depending on the size of your course, the process may take some time. Scroll to the bottom of the page that appears and click "Continue."

You should be in your new course and see all the Blackboard documents and links.

University of North Carolina Blackboard Extraction Tool (bFree)

<http://its2.unc.edu/tl/tli/bFree/index.html>

bFree is a software tool that lets you extract individual files from an archived Blackboard course. You may also export your Blackboard course as a series of webpages.

1. Create an archive file of your Blackboard course. Contact your Blackboard administrator if you need assistance.
 - a. The archive file will have a name something like "ArchiveFile_..... .zip"
 - b. Have this file available on your computer, a CD, or a USB drive.

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2. Open a web browser and go to <http://its2.unc.edu/tl/tli/bFree/about.html>

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3. Scroll to the Download section and click on "Click here to download bFree."

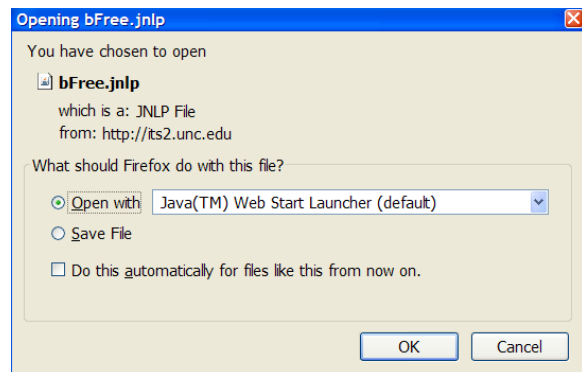
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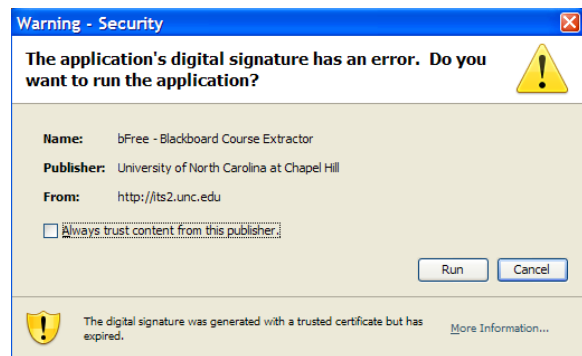
Be sure to create the desktop shortcut when prompted to do so. After you have the desktop shortcut, always use it to open *bFree*.

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4. Select "Open with" and the default Java Web Start Launcher.

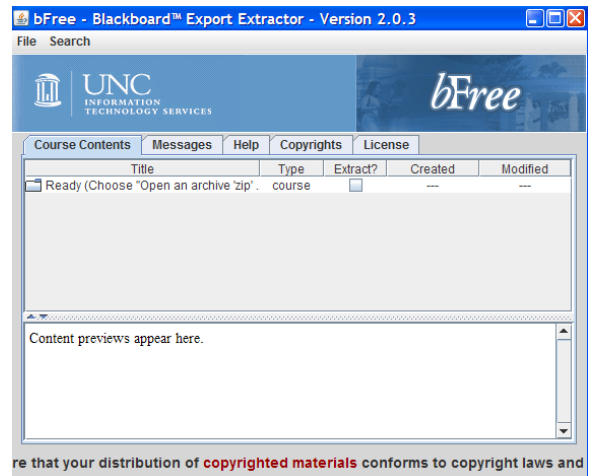
5. Click "OK"



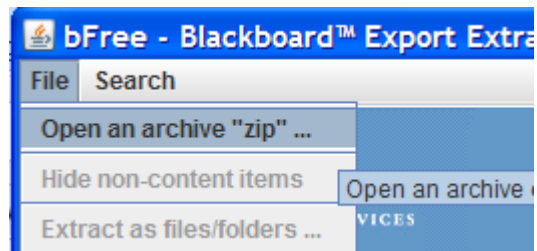
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6. Click "Run." It is OK to run the application even if there is a digital signature error.



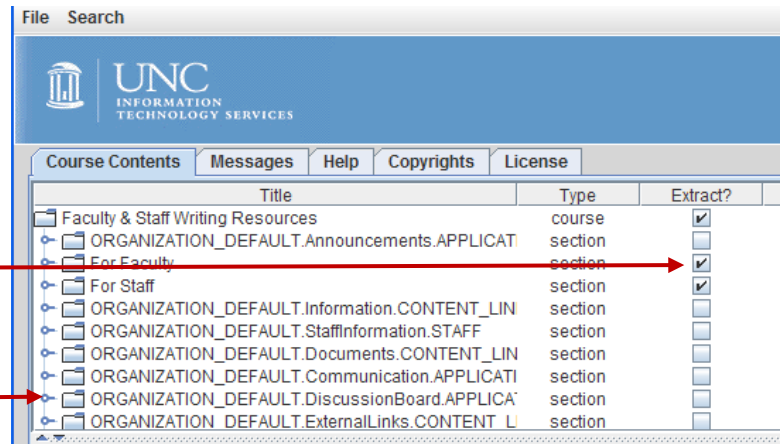
7. The bFree application should appear.



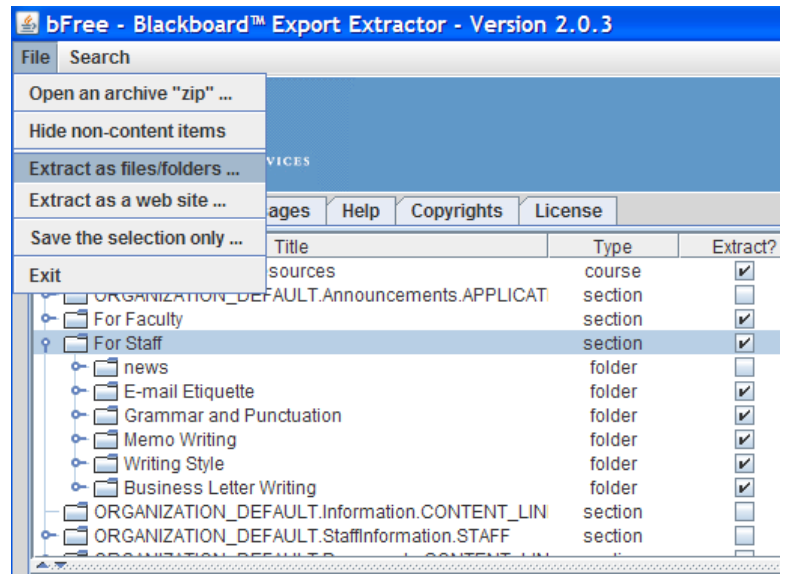
8. Click "File" in the top menu bar.
 - a. Then click "Open and archive "zip"..."
 - b. Browse and select your Blackboard archive file.



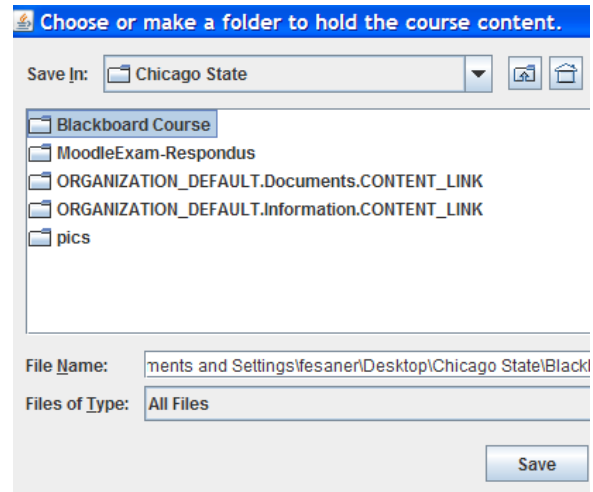
9. You should see the content of your Blackboard course.
 - a. Sections with content will have a check mark in the "Extract?" column.
 - b. You may expand sections by clicking on the small circle to the left of the folder.



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10. Select the files you want to extract.
 11. Select "File" from the top menu bar. Then click "Extract as files/folders..."



12. Browse to, or create, the folder in which you want to store the extracted files. Then click "Save" at the bottom of the window.



The extracted Blackboard course files will be saved in the designated folder. You can now access the documents.
