Tips for posting Videos to Blackboard

1. Consider your student's needs

The diversity of internet connection types among students makes it important to pay attention to the size of files when uploading content. For example, a student using a broadband connection would be able to download a 10MB file in approximately 1 minute or less, whereas a student using a 56K modem connection (there still are some out there) would spend about 30 minutes downloading the same file.

2. Understand your course quota

Everyone recently had their quota upgraded to 1.5 gb. If you upload a file this size, you have quickly reached your quota. For this reason it also may not be wise to try and upload an HD recording from your cell phone. If you choose to upload a video file directly into Blackboard, that file should be no larger than **100MB**. Unfortunately, Blackboard is not a streaming server and media files will degrade system performance.

3. Understand the files types supported by Blackboard

Blackboard Learn supports these media file types:

- **Audio: AIFF, MP3, MIDI, MP, WAV, and WMA**
- **Video: ASF, AVI, MOV, MOOV, MPG, MPEG, QT, SWA, SWF, and WMV**

4. Understanding your alternatives

There are other options besides uploading video directly into Blackboard. You can link to a video from Vimeo or Youtube, or you can embed them into your course site.

KBCC Recommendation –We have Yuja, which you can use to store your video media, as well as other files. Yuja also has support for YouTube and Vimeo videos. Students can also access your videos from Yuja. See Blackboard Support for more information.

Blackboard has listed these recommendations for instructors:

Video - You can also put your video on Blackboard by uploading it to a streaming video site and then "embedding" the video right in your Blackboard course site. It is always better to stream the video from sites such as [YouTube](#), [Vimeo](#), or [Picasaweb](#) than to upload the file just to Blackboard.

Use Mashups - upload slide decks to SlideShare, video to YouTube, or images to Flickr. You can easily embed these elements in your course with the Blackboard Learn Mashups tool. To learn more, see [How to Create Mashups](#).

Course Files or Content Collection - look for large file sizes and unused files and folders that you can delete.

Reduce File Sizes - before uploading, reduce file sizes for:

- <u>Microsoft Office Files</u> - Use the tools available in Microsoft Office to reduce file size for Powerpoint and Word files. The Reduce File Size option is located in the File menu. You can also save files as PDFs before uploading, which often makes smaller, read-only versions of the files.
- <u>Images</u> - Use a graphics program to resize images for screen viewing before uploading. You can also use an online service such as http://www.shrinkpictures.com or http://www.picresize.com.
- <u>Audio</u> - Use software to resample or trim audio files to reduce their size.