

QUICK GUIDE

Learning Edge is the umbrella term for the following teaching and learning systems accessed via the Edge Hill University webpages.

Blackboard learn⁺

Blackboard is the VLE at the heart of Learning Edge and online home for programme or module information, resources, learning materials, assignment submissions, communication and collaboration.

Blackboard collaborate[™]

Collaborate is a real-time virtual classroom (web conferencing) tool that lets you add files, share applications, and use a virtual whiteboard to interact. Each Learning Edge Course is supported by a dedicated virtual classroom.



Blackboard Ally automatically converts course resources into a variety of formats: for reading on mobile devices, Electronic Braille for the visually impaired, and audio for learning on the go. Ally also gives staff pointers for making small changes to uploaded resources to improve accessibility.



Blackboard & Blackboard Instructor are free mobile apps that give students and teachers access to their programme and module courses, on a variety of mobile devices, including iOS[™] and Android[™]



Turnitin provides opportunities for:

- Plagiarism checking and prevention
- Online submission, grading and feedback

Primarily intended as a formative tool to support the development of student's academic writing skills, many departments also use it to facilitate summative submission and feedback processes.



Panopto provides lecture capture, screen-casting, video streaming, and video content management. It is a video platform for training, teaching and presenting and is accessed through Blackboard courses. Panopto software can be utilized by staff in faculty classrooms and as an additional learning tool for students.



Box of Broadcasts is an on-demand TV and Radio Service for Education. Staff and students can record programmes from over 65 free-to-air channels, and search an extensive archive. It provides the ability to create clips, and compile playlists which can be embedded in Blackboard.



LinkedIn Learning offers online tutorials on many different topics for different levels of experience.

The service is licensed for both students and staff to use. Staff can embed individual videos or add links to playlists in a Blackboard Course.



Vevox is a live polling and quizzing interaction tool that tutors may use in sessions with students.

Padlet



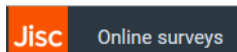
Padlet enables the use of 'digital walls' for collaboration and interaction. Tutors may set up activities using Padlet.

Qwickly



Qwickly is a multi-course Blackboard tool which allows staff to:

- Manage attendance
- Push announcements through multiple courses
- Manage course availability centrally
- Review all items for grading



Online Surveys, provided by JISC, is a staff tool for gathering feedback electronically and is often used to facilitate module evaluations.

It can also be used by staff undertaking research.

eShare



eShare is a digital content repository which provides staff with online hosting space for their reusable teaching and learning content.

Files uploaded into the repository can be linked to from within Blackboard courses.