You don't have to go far to Blackboard xpLor™

It has never been easier to create, manage and share rich learning objects with others at your institution and even around the globe – right from your LMS environment. Blackboard xpLor is a cloud-based, global learning object repository that is integrated with Blackboard Learn and enables authoring, copyright, sharing, and discovery of rich educational materials and open educational resources.

Blackboard xpLor goes beyond individual files. It is designed for rich learning objects like assessments, assignments, discussions, HTML pages, and more. These learning objects can even be organized into Collections that can represent everything from a learning unit to a complete course.

AUTHORING: Use familiar authoring tools to easily create, edit, align standards, and version learning objects without worrying about importing or exporting to your LMS.

SHARING: Share your learning objects globally as open educational resources, or with select groups or individuals. Set permissions and "publish" content into Channels, so others can find and use it with the conditions you define.

DISCOVERY: Find rich educational content, from individual learning objects to entire courses. With keyword search and filtering, narrow your search results to show you just what you need. Use Channels to "subscribe" to people, institutions, or disciplines to stay up to speed on the latest content available.

COPYRIGHT: Apply Creative Commons copyrights that are legally valid and clearly understandable to users. Furthermore, Blackboard xpLor can set permissions automatically to align with the copyright you have chosen.

DELIVERY: Add Blackboard xpLor content to your course without importing, exporting, or concern for compatible file formats. Via the LTI standard (a two-way link to dynamic content), your materials are seamlessly delivered to students in your course.

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Blackboard xpLor and the Content Collection: Working Together

Blackboard xpLor is the perfect complement to the Content Collection you are already using in Blackboard Learn. You now have a complete learning content solution.

The Content Collection is a file management system for your personal, course, and institutional documents, while xpLor goes beyond files and is global. Blackboard xpLor is a global learning object repository for assessments, assignments, discussions, HTML pages, and more. It leverages open standards so content can be shared across institutions and even across multiple LMSs.

"So when do I put content into xpLor vs. the Content Collection?"

I should put my content into **xpLor** when I want to...

- Reuse a learning object across multiple courses I teach
- Share a learning object with others within or outside of my institution
- Share a learning object across multiple LMSs
- Collaborate with others on a learning object
- Put a Creative Commons license on a learning object
- Create an Open Educational Resource (OER)
- Add a learning object to an existing xpLor Collection
- Publish a learning object to an xpLor Channel

I should put my content into the **Content Collection** when I want to...

- Reuse a file across multiple courses I teach
- Share a file with colleagues at my institution
- Share a file with others who are outside of my institution, using a Pass
- Collaborate with others on a file
- Manage a file or folder straight from my desktop using Blackboard Drive
- Make a file available to students for authoring, editing, or collaborating
- Provide granular permissions (Read, Write, Manage, Remove)
- Manage a file using eReserves