

# HOW DO I SHARE CONTENT WITH MY STUDENTS?

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Web: <https://tech.rochester.edu/services/learning-management-system/>

## CONTENT AREAS

Content is delivered through Content Areas in Blackboard. Your course shell may already have one or more content areas available. They are sometimes called Course Materials, Assignments, Learning Modules, Content, etc.

<https://tech.rochester.edu/services/blackboard-online-course-content/>

## CONTENT TYPES

The most common content delivered through Blackboard are files. Files can be provided electronically to students as **File** or **Item** types.

The **File** type allows you to provide access to files.

If supplemental text is needed to describe your content, use **Item** and add the file as an attachment.

Note: Any file that you provide to students will require access to the corresponding software to read that file.

<https://tech.rochester.edu/adding-text-and-file-content-to-your-blackboard-course/>

## LINKS TO EXTERNAL CONTENT

Use the **Web Link** type to create links to external sources. This will allow you to provide the URL and the new resource will open in a new tab when the student clicks it.

## VIDEO AND AUDIO CONTENT

Video (and audio) should be streamed, not uploaded directly to Blackboard. Uploading video to Blackboard can be draining on the system, both as you upload and when students attempt to view/listen.

Learn more about sharing video resources in [Share a Video Recording](#). Note that audio resources can be shared in the same manner.

## CAUTION

Avoid large files in your course. This includes audio and video files, as well as large PDF files, Powerpoint files, Excel or CSV files. Files larger than 500Mb should be examined to determine if they can be optimized for size.

