






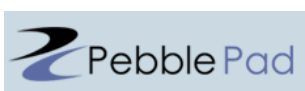



QUICK GUIDE | Learning Edge

Learning Edge is the umbrella term for the suite of Edge Hill University teaching and learning systems that can be accessed online.



It currently comprises:

	<p>The Core VLE <i>Blackboard Learn, Version 9.1, Service Pack 7, is the system at the heart of Learning Edge. It is where programme/module content presentation, communication and collaboration takes place. The basic system functionality can be, and is, extended through Building Blocks, Plugins and simple weblinks.</i></p>
	<p>The Mobile Application <i>This free app gives students and teachers access to their programme/module courses, on a variety of mobile devices, including iOS™, Android™, Palm® webOS™ and BlackBerry® devices.</i></p>
	<p>The Virtual Classrooms Tool <i>This facility provides a live, virtual classroom environment with features that include audio, video, application sharing and content display, and MP4 capabilities. The pilot license enables up to 2000 users to trial this technology.</i></p>
	<p>The Plagiarism Detection & Prevention Tool <i>This tool provides opportunities for plagiarism checking and feedback. It is primarily intended as a formative tool to support the development of student's academic writing skills but has been used in some Faculties (Health and areas of FAS) to facilitate summative online submission and feedback processes.</i></p>
	<p>The Online Assignment Submission Tool <i>This is a tool we are hoping to introduce soon. It will extend the existing Blackboard Assignment tool functionality to offer enhanced online submission functionality including: Batch file download/upload, receipting, options to accommodate assignments completed offline, controlled feedback, grade return and much more.</i></p>
	<p>The Digital Content Repository <i>This content repository 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.</i></p>
	<p>The Online Surveys Tool <i>This facility enables staff to gather feedback electronically and has been growing in popularity with faculty staff. It is increasingly being used for module evaluations.</i></p>
	<p>The ePortfolio Tool (Faculty of Education only) <i>This facility has been used primarily with ITT trainees to enable them to evidence the teaching standards and with MTL participants to create digital assessment portfolios. This system is being phased out (and will be superseded by the Campus Pack ePortfolio system).</i></p>
	<p>The ePortfolio & PDP Tool <i>This system provides students and staff with a personal online portfolio space, with facilities such as blogs, journals, podcasts and wikis as well as PDP, CV and other portfolio template solutions. Tutors can also embed Campus Pack content within Blackboard course areas. This new system will be available from January 2012 and phased introduction will be supported.</i></p>