

Feature Comparison: Digital Drop Box and Assignment Tool

Feature	Digital Drop Box	Assignment Tool	Notes
Assignment description and requirements are integrated with the tool that students use to submit work	No	Yes	
Students can submit short answers entered directly into a form rather than in an attached file	No	Yes*	*4000-character limit on submissions
Students' submissions are integrated with the Gradebook tool	No	Yes	
Students can resubmit Assignments	Yes*	Yes	*However, instructors must first [clear a student's assessment attempt before the student can resubmit the assignment.
Work is automatically organized by assignment and individual student	No	Yes	
Instructors can quickly discern which students have submitted work and which have not	No	Yes	
Students can submit multiple files for an a single Assignment	Yes*	Yes**	* Digital Dropbox: students can send as many files as they wish, but must submit them individually. ** Assignment Tool: students can attach multiple files to a single assignment submission. Important: once a student has submitted an assignment, he or she cannot submit additional files until the instructor has cleared his or her Assignment attempt, which removes any files that the student had added previously.
Students' submissions are date/time stamped	Yes	Yes	
Instructors can enter comments into a Blackboard form and send these to individual students	No	Yes	
Instructors can download a student's file, add comments to	Yes	Yes	

the file, and return it to the student			
Instructors can download multiple files from students at the same time	No	Yes*	*Instructors can download all files submitted for a single Assignment. The files are compressed into a single .zip file, which can be opened in Windows XP with the Extract Files command.
Instructors can send/return a single file to multiple students	Yes*	No	*Select multiple users by holding down the Control key while clicking on students' names.
Instructors can enter notes on an individual student's assignment that are accessible to those with Control Panel access, but not accessible by students	No	Yes	
Instructors can remove multiple files from students at the same time	Yes*	Yes	*The only option for removing multiple files stored in the Digital Dropbox is to remove all of them, using Recycle Course>Digital Dropbox.