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About the project

Status: complete/live. With instructors in control, the AI Design Assistant uses artificial intelligence to streamline the Blackboard course building process, giving subject matter experts a head start on creating engaging, effective Learn Ultra courses.

The AI Design Assistant was created in accordance with Anthology's Trustworthy AI framework, and makes Blackboard Learn the first major LMS to leverage generative AI capabilities to benefit instructors and instructional designers. [Learn more.](#)

Timeline

2023

- **Sept.:** AI Design Assistant became available for Blackboard Ultra Customers.

2024

- **Feb.:** OTS Digital Learning Platforms (DLP) team began testing AI Design Assistant in their staged environment.
- **Sept.:** Service request received for AI Design Assistant to be turned on in Blackboard. A demo was held for IITC, then all members were enrolled in a course to test, use and show AI Design Assistant to their departments and colleges, including the SGA.
- **Oct.:** feedback received and responded to by DLP.
- **Dec.:** [IITC](#) approved turning on the AI Design Assistant feature.

2025

- **Early Feb.:** project info live (on this webpage), email sent from the Blackboard Organization site to all instructors.
- **Feb.-March:** Demos, requests for Bb AI Champions.
- **March 19:** Bb AI Design Assistant available on Blackboard production.

Project Resources

Intro Course: Join the Anthology Blackboard AI Champion Course to understand, analyze, and create content using Anthology Blackboard AI Design Assistant. The course will be online March 23 - April 23 with asynchronous and synchronous components. [Learn more and register.](#)