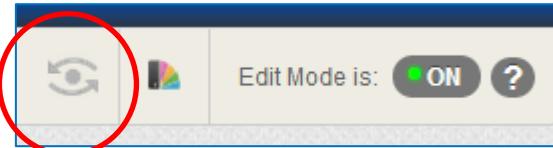


# Flexible Learning - Blackboard

## Student Preview Mode

Instructors want to be confident that their course is well designed and functions as intended—before students see it. Use student preview to review the course content and validate the course behaviors, such as those that control the availability of course content or require a particular interaction from the student to be triggered.

The  **Enter Student Preview** function appears in the top-right corner of your course pages, next to the **Change Course Theme** function.



### Enter Student Preview Mode

To enter student preview mode, click the  **Enter Student Preview** function, at the top-right corner of your course pages, next to the **Change Course Theme** function.

Student preview creates a student account, called the preview user account, logs you in as that student and enrolls you in the current course. When you enter student preview mode, the student preview bar appears at the top of every page. The bar displays the text "Student Preview mode is ON" and has **Settings** and **Exit Preview** functions.



Student preview mode is active only in the courses where you enabled it. You are still an instructor in the rest of Blackboard Learn. However, the same preview user account will be used when you enter student preview mode in more than one course.

### Understand Your Preview User Account

When you enter student preview mode and are logged in to your course with the preview user account, your preview user appears in the course roster and is visible to all students enrolled in the course. Students and administrators can easily identify this as your preview user account by the way it is named: its last name is your last name appended with “\_PreviewUser” and its username is your username appended with “\_previewuser”.

Users				
<a href="#">Enroll User</a> <a href="#">Remove Users from Course</a>				
Search: <a href="#">Username</a> <a href="#">Not blank</a> <input type="text"/> <a href="#">Go</a>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Username	First Name	Last Name	Email	Role
<input type="checkbox"/> jhansen	Joan	Hansen	jhansen@school.edu	Instructor
<input type="checkbox"/> jhansen_previewuser	Joan	Hansen_PreviewUser	jhansen@school.edu	Student

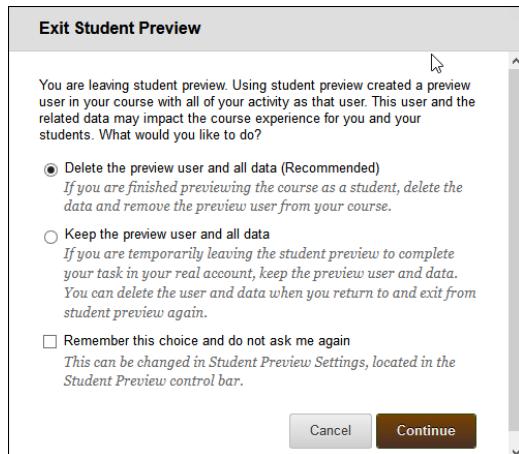
As a preview user, all the data

associated with your activities are captured by Blackboard Learn, such as submitted assignments and discussion posts. In fact, other students can interact with your preview user. For example, they can reply to your posts as though you were another student enrolled in the course.

## Exit and Delete Your Preview User Account

Click **Exit Preview** to exit the student preview.

When you exit the student preview, you are prompted to keep or delete the preview user and all its associated data.



### Delete the Preview User and Data

In the Exit Student Preview dialog, select Delete the preview user and all data (Recommended). If you want, select Remember this choice and do not ask again. The course will automatically complete your choice each time you exit student preview.

To change this setting at any time, click Settings in the student preview bar.

Deleting the preview user has the following effects:

- All activity conducted or created as the preview user is removed from the course permanently. This includes test attempts, assignment submissions, grades, and discussion posts. Also deleted is any interaction an enrolled student has with the preview user, such as replies to a preview user's discussion posts.
- The preview user is unenrolled from the course. If the user is not enrolled in another course, the preview user account is deleted.

### Keep the Preview User and Data

Select **Keep the preview user and all data** if you need to keep the user and data to see how student activity presents itself to you as the instructor, such as grade calculations. If you keep the data, the preview user account will appear in the course roster, Grade Center, and any place where you did something as that user.

When you save the preview user account, the dot in the middle of the  **Enter Student Preview** function icon turns green , indicating the preview user account is available for use.