We ❤ Blackboard
Blackboard Introduction for TAs @ CS – August 19, 2015

Background

- Blackboard – AU’s central generic course management system
  - Replacing several existing systems (including CourseAdmin @ CS)
  - CS started using Blackboard in Spring 2015
  - System has its + and -
  - AU conservative: AU runs a one year old version to ensure stability

- Our responsibility – make the best usage of Blackboard!

- Patience ... don’t expect the impossible ...

... help each other to find solutions ...
Forelæsere/Lecturers (= “Instructor” in Blackboard)

- Most lecturers used to use CourseAdmin
  ...and still obliviously hoping to find the same features in Blackboard 😞
  ...and definitely never used Blackboard as a student

- Several lecturers use `<iframe>` tags to maintain course content outside Blackboard (Aslan, Gerth, Gudmund, Henrik, ...)
  ...unrealistic that course pages are uniform across courses
Instruktorer/TAs (= "Teaching Assistant" in Blackboard)

- Powerful – essentially same privileges as instructors
  - can update webpages (if not <iframe>'ed)
  - can see and comment on all student handins
  - cannot enroll new instructors and TAs

- Experience Blackboard from both student and instructor view

TAs can have a high influence on how the department uses blackboard!
blackboard.au.dk is only for BSS courses
Course missing?  Ask lecturer to enroll you as Teaching Assistant
Menu  Manual setup. Recommended by week/topic
Front page  First menu item (title of course)
Edit mode  Enable to edit content
Course management  Handins, users, ....
Deltagerliste/Roster  Remember to press "Go"
Discussion board  Encourage web discussion
Announcements  Use this instead of emails to all students!
Course page (Edit mode)

Add menu items

Magic menus

Edit: On

Actions on current page
Course Management (Control panel)

- Only visible to Instructors and TAs
- **Grade Center** here you find handins to correct
- **Users and Groups** enroll students and manage groups (TA classes, handin groups, ...)

- **Søg brugere i grupper**
  Greasemonkey browser plugin by Mathias Rav
  https://github.com/Mortal/bbdyn
## User lists

(most students automatically enrolled through STADS)

### Table of Users

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Manual group membership management

Add Multiple Users to Groups

- Username: au517165
- First Name: Michael
- Last Name: Minh
- Role: Student
- Groups: [Add to Group]

Other users listed:
- au462659: Anton Broegaard, Bondesen, Student
- au449279: Jan Fogsgaard, Jensen, Student
- au521167: Magnus, Vestergaard, Student
- au510929: Mik Peter Thyrup, Haeh, Student
- au523773: Peter Sannholst, Hansen, Student
- au522275: Astrid, Christiansen, Student
- au523745: Camilla Arendt, Grey, Student
- au337600: Anton Vinther Brun, Madsen, Student
- au483330: Johnny Skaarup Redzin, Hansen, Student
- au338710: Christian Doormann, Moller, Student

Control Panel
- Content Collection
- Course Tools
- Evaluation
- Grade Center
Assignments

- Blackboard supports many types of assignments
  - individual assignments
  - group handins
  - peer reviewing
  - quizz
  - discussion board activity
  - ...

# Grading handins

## Grade Center: Group: Hold DA1

### Grade Information Bar
- **Last Name**: Andersen, Chau, Christiansen, Flye, Gafitt, Grey, Høeg
- **First Name**: Sin Nygaard, Sophie Truc Mai, Astrid, Kaspar Lodahl, Mona, Camilla Arendal
- **Student ID**: 20088382, 201404403, 201404423, 20114486, 20140873, 201404538
- **Total**: 6
- **Afsøring 1**: 6
- **Afsøring 2**: 1.00
- **Afsøring 3**: 1.00
- **Afsøring 4**: 1.00
- **Afsøring 5**: 1.00

### Assignment Details
- **Grade**: LAST GRADED ATTEMPT
- **Attempt**: 1/1
- **Submission**: Algorithm og Datastrukturer 2 (2015, Q4)
- **Group Members**: Group Hold 1, Group Hold DA1

### Grade Center Options
- [View Grade Details](https://bb.au.dk/webapps/gradebook.do/instructor/enterGradeCenter?course_id=33802_1&cvid=5774094&close)
- [Quick Comment](#)
- [Exempt Grade](#)
- [Group Attempt Gruppe DA1 - 05-422915 1.00](#)

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TA classes and group handins

One way (dADS2): 2 "group sets" with "self-enroll"

Each student self-enrolls into one TA class and one group
### TA classes

- Students enrolled into courses & Blackboard through ”STADS”
- Students assigned to ta classes through study plan (læseplanen)
- **By letting students ”self-enroll” into TA classes**
  - Students confirm that they attend the course (many ghost students during first year)
  - Changing TA classes does not require TA action (except for an ok)
  - TAs should ”self-enroll” to their class

- The TA class / ”Hold” groups give
  - possibility to communicate with TA class
  - ”SmartView” in ”Grade Center” for each TA class
Creating group handins (for lecturers)

- Each group assignment must be assigned to a set of groups
  - A set of empty (handin) groups are created before the course starts
  - All group handins can be made available at the beginning of the course by assigning them to these empty groups
  - Students “self-enroll” when groups get known (or when first handin)
Two pages with information on signing up to groups & TA classes and handins
Configuration of groups (for lecturers)

www.cs.au.dk/~gerth/blackboard/groups.php
Resources

- **CourseAdmin → Blackboard** (slides, NFIT login)

- **Creating group sets for handin**
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- **Søg brugere i grupper (Search users in groups)**
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- **BB support**
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