

## What is a Blackboard playground space?

A playground space in Blackboard is a space which is used by an individual member of staff for experimenting with the tools available in Bb9, and for trying out different ways of structuring a course or presenting content. Course content can be deleted in order to start again with a blank space. Users may wish to try things out in the playground before adding them to a live course. Only the individual user has access to this area. One playground space is available for each member of staff. It can be activated from the University portal.

## Activating your Blackboard playground space

- 1. Login the <u>my.manchester.ac.uk</u> portal for staff.
- 2. In the top right corner of the My Manchester portal page, click A-Z
- 3. Select M for My Courses



## 4. Select My Courses (Blackboard).



5. When the My Course list opens, click Activate Playground near the top of the page

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6. A pop-up window will appear. Provide a title for your playground in the title field and click **Activate.** 

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A confirmation message should appear.

Once the activation process has completed (allow up to **24 hours** for this), a link to your playground space will appear in your course list.

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