Do I: Build from Scratch in Canvas? OR Import Content from Blackboard?

As you plan the best way to set up your course as you move to Canvas from Blackboard, consider this advice based on the experience of others who have made the move.

Starting fresh in Canvas will be faster than the work you may need to do when reconfiguring your course after importing content from Blackboard.

Designing from scratch in Canvas allows you to rethink your course layout and fosters new student-student and student-content connections.
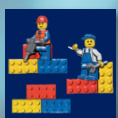
Canvas gives instructors more flexibility in presenting and organizing course content through modules, pages, and file folders.

Unlike Blackboard, Canvas doesn't have blog or journal tools; replacements are best created from scratch in Canvas.

The rubric, wiki, and group tools work differently in Canvas than they do in Blackboard and are best created from scratch.

If your Blackboard course uses content folders and content items, they should transfer into Modules and Pages in Canvas.

Files in Blackboard can be downloaded easily into a zip file and moved to Canvas all at once instead of uploading each one individually.

Text-based tests, surveys, and pools in Blackboard should import fairly well into quizzes and question banks in Canvas.

Discussion forums should import fairly well into Canvas and work in much the same way as they did in Blackboard.

Have questions? Email *canvas@moody.edu* for help in choosing the best solution for setting up your course.