

Inserting Images in Blackboard Discussion Board Posts

You can upload your graphic to a server and then link the image to your Blackboard message. The starting point is creating an account with a service such as ImageShack (if you upload one graphic at a time, there is no fee for storing your images). After you establish your account with such a service, you can follow these instructions to illustrate your Blackboard posts.

Use only your own original artwork or other people's graphics that are in the public domain. Do not use copyrighted images without permission of the artist or copyright owner. (Most graphics on the Internet are copyrighted and not available for your use.) You can Google for artwork that is copyright free. You can also create simple graphics on your own with illustration software, PowerPoint ("save as" or export a slide as a graphic file such as .jpg or .gif), or Word. You can also create your own photographs, but ask your models to sign permissions/releases.

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Maximizing Blackboard for Adult Learners

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1. Go to www.imageshack.us
2. Click the “Browse...” button.


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upload: file url

resize image? 320x240 (for websites and email)

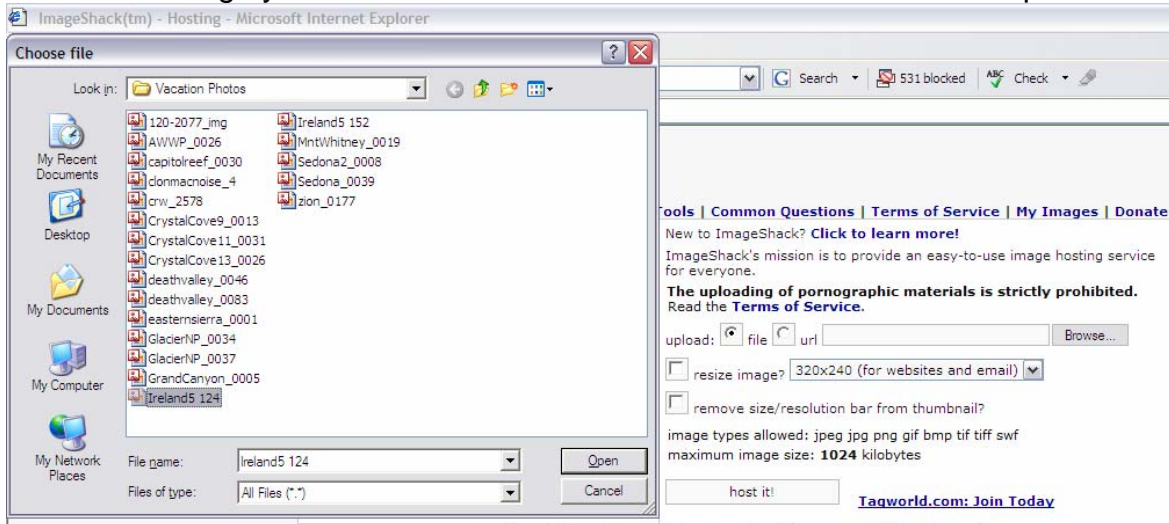
remove size/resolution bar from thumbnail?

image types allowed: jpeg jpg png gif bmp tif tiff swf
maximum image size: **1024** kilobytes

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3. Find the image you want to attach. Click on the file to select it. Click open.



The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window titled "ImageShack(tm) - Hosting - Microsoft Internet Explorer". A "Choose file" dialog box is open, displaying a folder named "Vacation Photos". The dialog lists several image files, with "Ireland5 124" selected. The "File name" field at the bottom of the dialog contains "Ireland5 124" and the "Files of type" dropdown is set to "All Files (*.*)".

In the background, the ImageShack website is visible. It features a navigation menu with links for "Tools", "Common Questions", "Terms of Service", "My Images", and "Donate". A message states: "New to ImageShack? [Click to learn more!](#) ImageShack's mission is to provide an easy-to-use image hosting service for everyone. **The uploading of pornographic materials is strictly prohibited. Read the [Terms of Service](#).**"

The upload form includes the following elements:

- upload: file url
- resize image? 320x240 (for websites and email)
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4. Click "host it!" (at bottom of screen).

Welcome, **google.com** visitor!

To upload an image, click "Browse...", select an image, click OK/Open, and then click the "host it!" button. After a short while, your image will upload. Depending on your use for the image, use any one of the provided linking codes.

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upload: file url C:\Documents and Settings\Cath...

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5. Highlight the line of text for the direct link to image. Copy the link (Control-C).

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Upload another image.

Tired of uploading images one by one? Registration allows batch image upload! [Link to this page.](#)


`<a href="http://img516.imageshack.us/my.php?image=ireland51247ov.jpg" target="` Thumbnail for Websites

`[URL=http://img516.imageshack.us/my.php?image=ireland51247ov.jpg][IMG]http://in` Thumbnail for forums (1)

`[url=http://img516.imageshack.us/my.php?image=ireland51247ov.jpg][img=http://im` Thumbnail for forums (2)

ImageShack allows large images to be hotlinked via thumbnails. Use the above links in order to hotlink your thumbnail on a website, forum, or message board. It will appear exactly as shown on the right, with complete clickable functionality.

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`[URL=http://imageshack.us][IMG]http://img516.imageshack.us/img516/2876/ireland5` Hotlink for forums (1)

`[url=http://imageshack.us][img=http://img516.imageshack.us/img516/2876/ireland51` Hotlink for forums (2)

`<img src="http://img516.imageshack.us/img516/287` Hotlink for Websites

`http://img516.imageshack.us/my.php?image=ireland51247ov.jpg` Show image to friends

`http://img516.imageshack.us/img516/2876/ireland51247ov.jpg` Direct link to image

6. Open your Bb message text box; click on the “attach image” icon.

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Title

Description

The screenshot displays the Blackboard message editor interface. At the top, there is a title field containing "Image Test #2". Below the title is the "Description" section, which contains a rich text editor. The editor's toolbar includes various icons for text formatting (bold, italic, underline, list, indent), alignment, and editing (undo, redo, link, unlink). The "Attach Image" icon, which shows a picture of a landscape, is highlighted with a red arrow. The main text area of the editor is currently empty, with the text "Attach Image" appearing in a small box above the cursor.

7. "Insert image" screen will appear. At "Specify URL," paste the link (Control-V).
8. At "Alt Text," write a 1-3 word description of the image. At bottom, click Submit.

http://online.twu.edu - Insert Image - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Insert Image

1 Select Image

It is not possible to upload content directly to this area. It is possible to link to a file in the Content System or enter a URL to link to a file.

Link from Content System

or Specify URL

2 Image Options

Set Width

Set Height

Border ▼

Alt Text

3 Submit

Click **Submit** to finish. Click **Cancel** to quit.

9. The image may appear in a small, distorted square. This is OK. Click submit.

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Image Added



Note: This content type (Image) will display directly within the Text Box Editor. Resize and reposition the image by clicking dragging the border. Click **Preview** to preview the page.

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Cancel

Submit

10. The image will appear in the message box. Click on the image to resize it.

