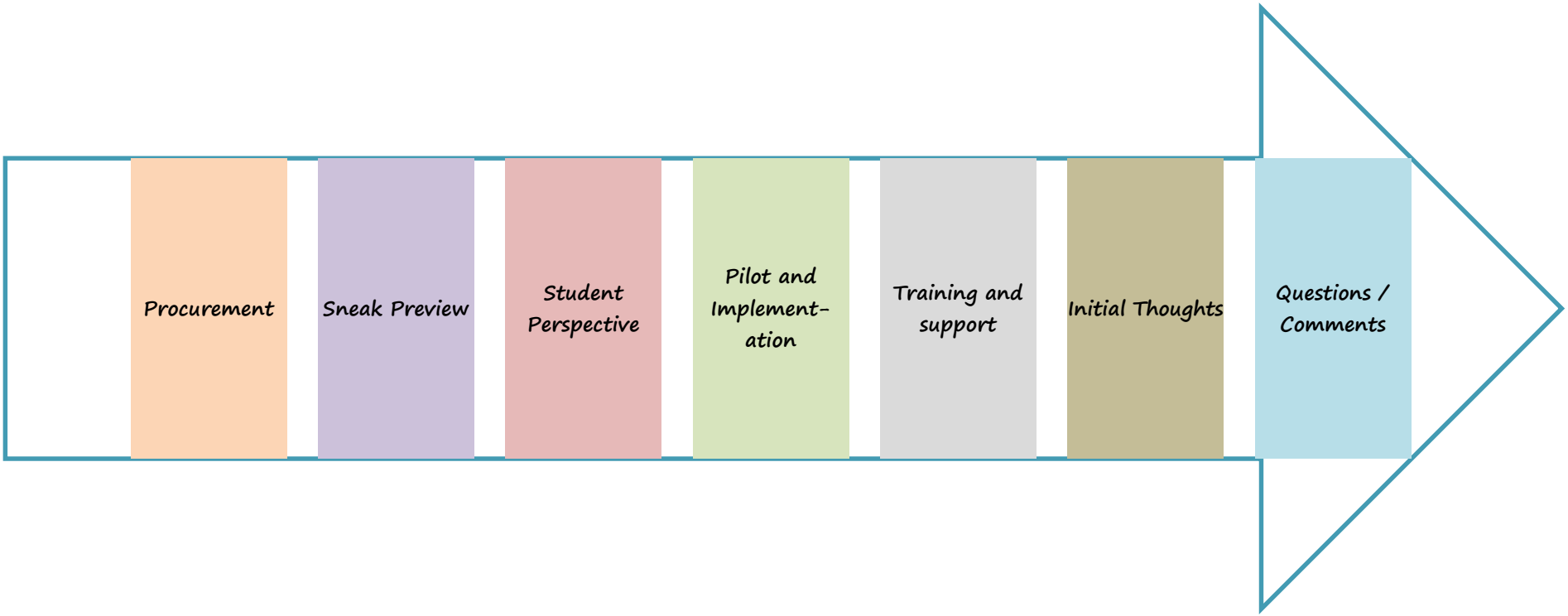
Learning Bytes

Goodbye Blackboard, Hello Brightspace: The VLE Review - the story so far and plans for implementation in 18/19

Learning Bytes Session
October 2017

What we are Covering



Procurement

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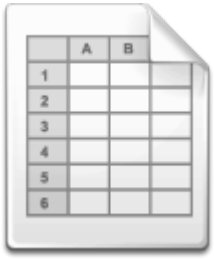
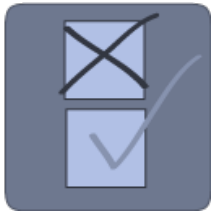
Functional Requirements Gather

- 14 Working Groups
- Comprises Academics, LTAs, Support Staff, Technical Staff
- Over 2000 Functional Criteria Defined
- Usability was a key requirement





Procurement

- 3 Companies Responded
- 3 Market Leaders
  - Blackboard (Blackboard Learn)
  - Instructure (Canvas)
  - D2L (BrightSpace)

Tender Scoring

- Team of 5:
  - Academics
  - LTAs
  - Technical
- Double-blind marking of each functional area

Usability Testing

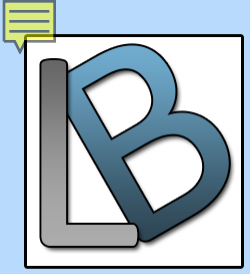
- Advanced Staff 8
- Basic Staff 20
- Student 15
- Admin 4

And the winner is…..

- Functional Requirements:
  - D2L BrightSpace
- Usability Testing:
  - D2L BrightSpace

Contract awarded

- Business Case signed off
- Contract awarded
- Legal T&Cs negotiated and contract signed



Sneak Preview

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Student Perspective

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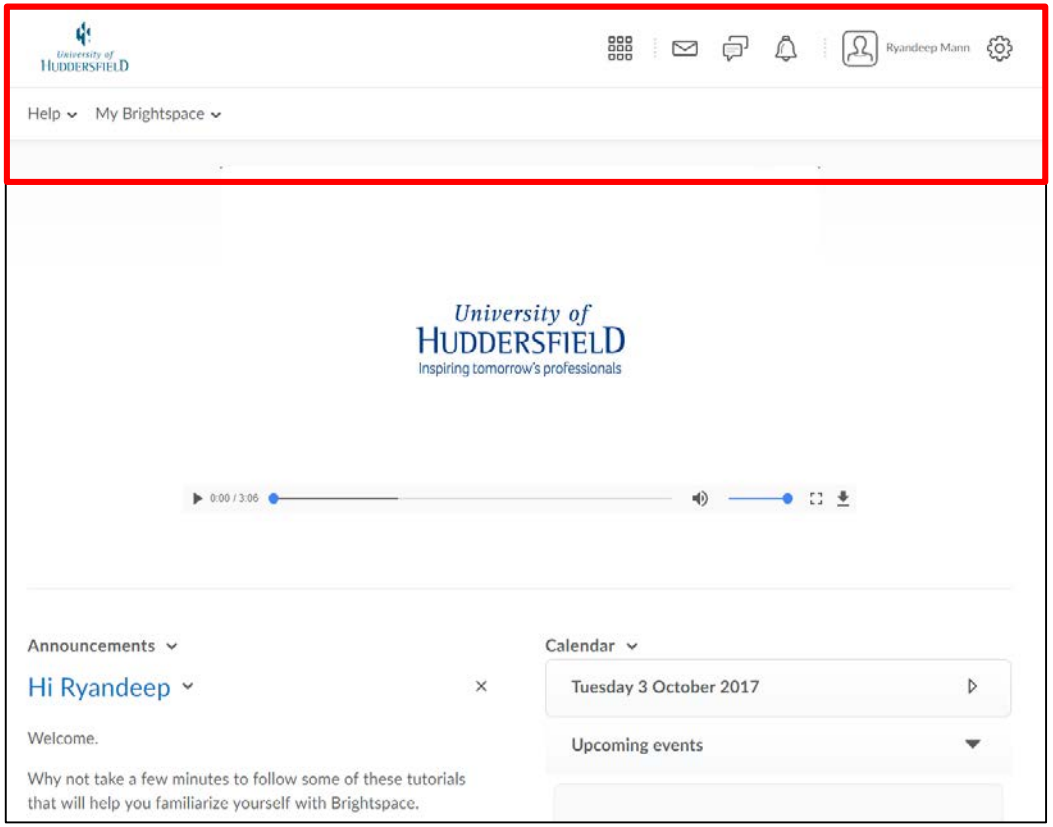
Simple Design

- Simple Yet Effective Design
- There Is A Clear Structure
- Bugs In UniLearn



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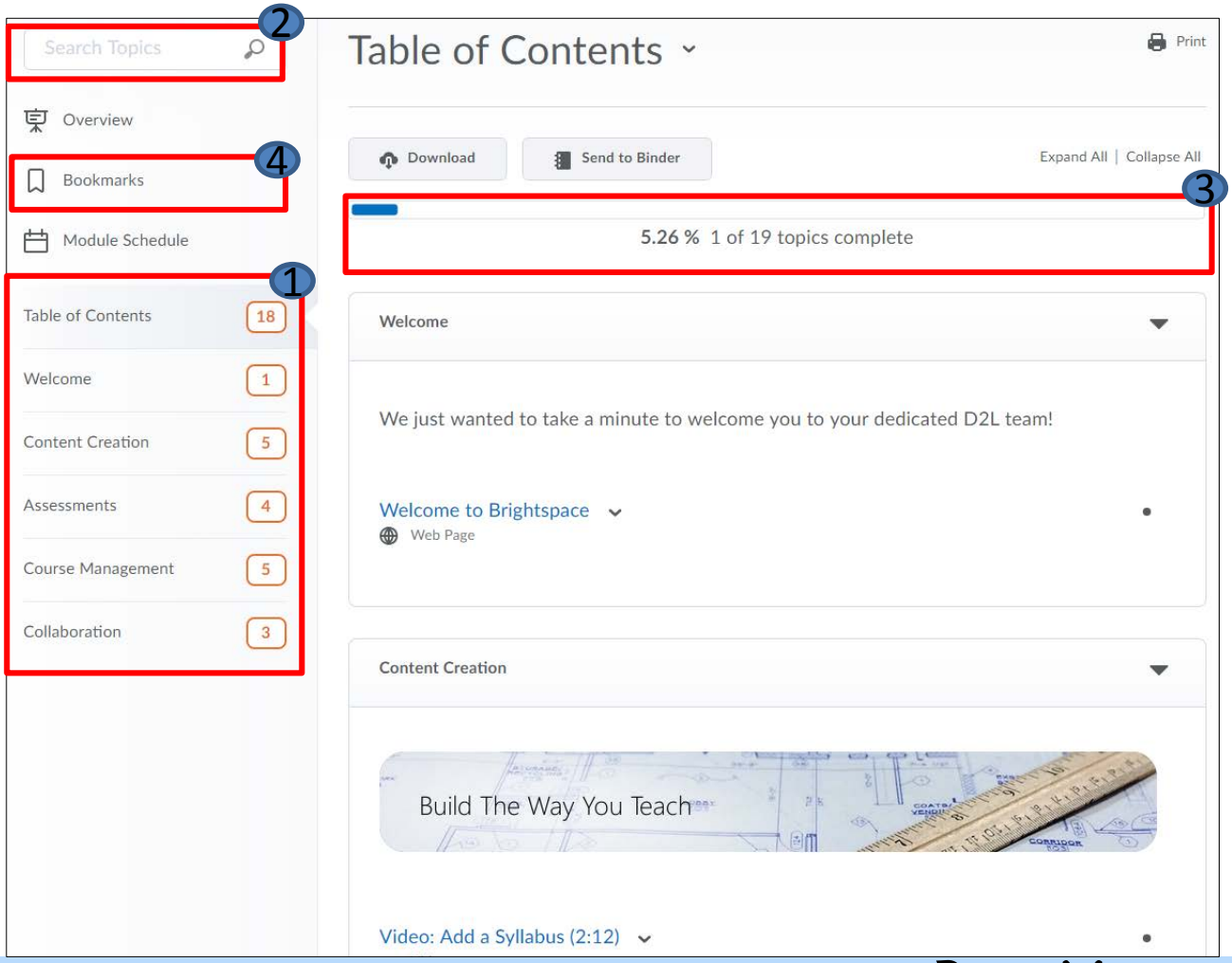
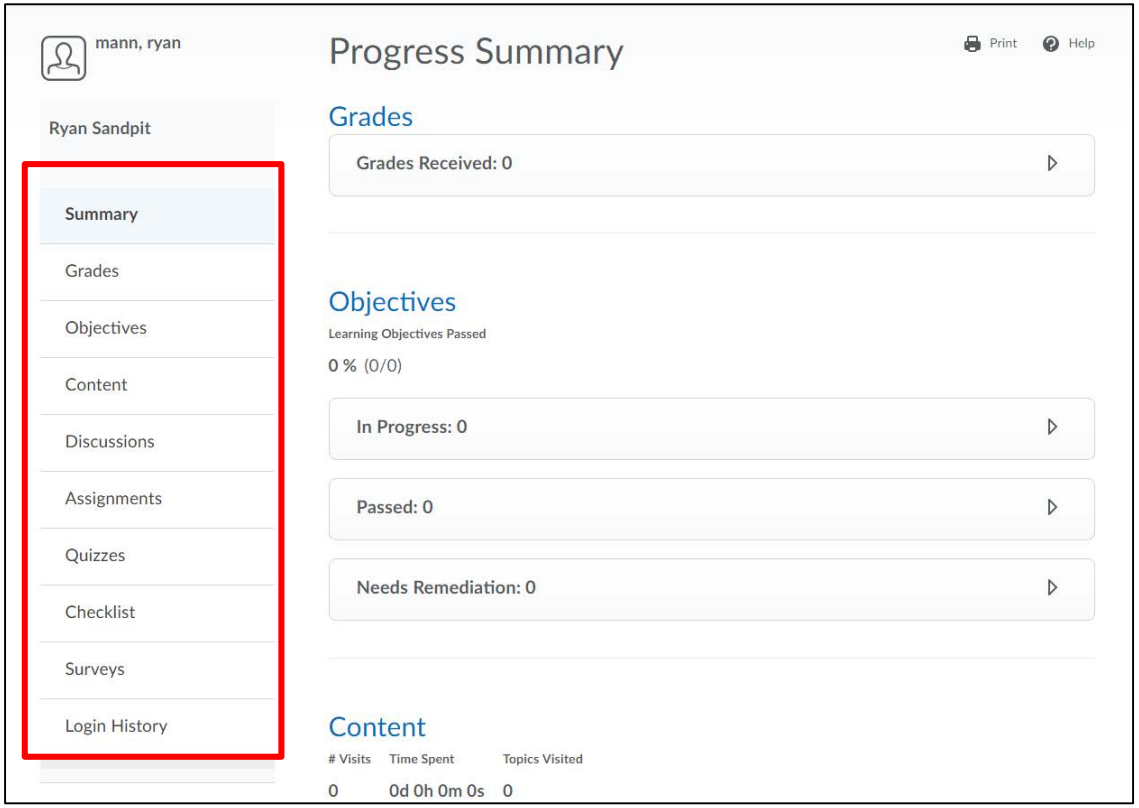


Ryan Mann

User Progress

- Check how well I am doing
- More in-depth
- More engaging experience



Pilot and Implementation

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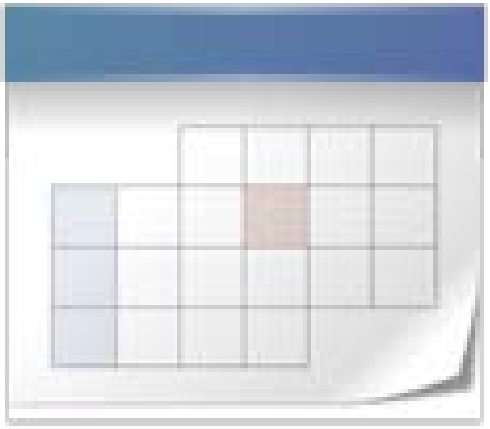
Small Scale Implementation

- Small Scale Implementation 17/18
  - 4 Courses, 4 Schools
- Institutional Roll Out 18/19

Currently Working on Plans for..

- Training
- Migration
- Integrations
- Best Practice and Structure
- Roll-over processes
- Marketing and awareness



Training and Support

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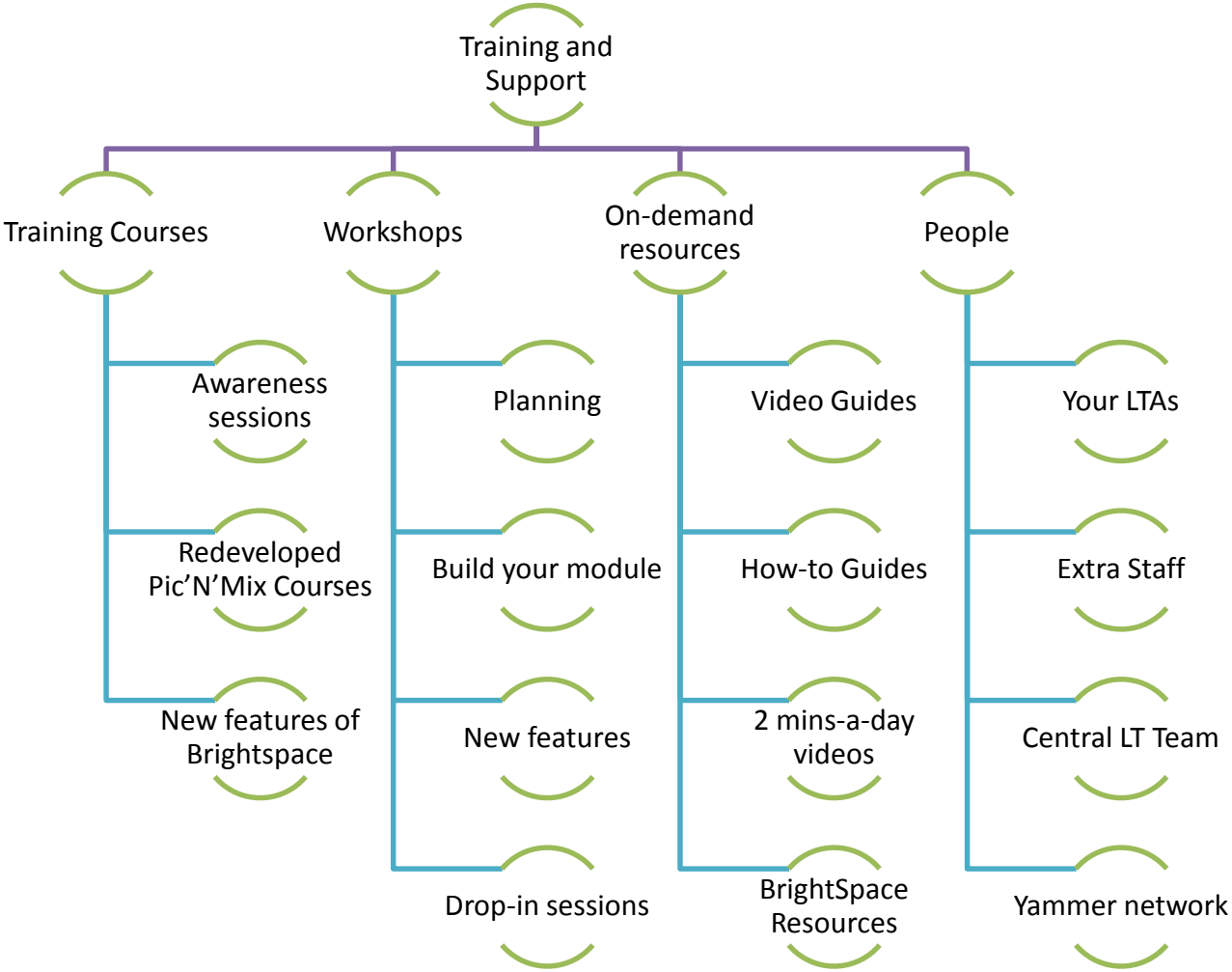
Training and Support
Training Courses
Workshops
On-demand resources
People
Awareness sessions
Redeveloped Pic'N'Mix Courses
New features of Brightspace
Planning
Build your module
New features
Drop-in sessions
Video Guides
How-to Guides
2 mins-a-day videos
BrightSpace Resources
Your LTAs
Extra Staff
Central LT Team
Yammer network

Initial Thoughts

Stephen White

Summary of Benefits

Sue Folley

- Clean and modern interface
- More intuitive to use, less clunky, more engaging
- Responsive interface – so better experience on mobile devices
- Drag and drop of files capability
- Most common file types can be viewed in-place
- Sophisticated release conditions for content
- Personalisation of announcements and some content
- In-built eportfolio system
- Useful features like video notes, bookmarks, notifications, links to content
- Much better analytics tools to view engagement/attainment/progress
- Links of specific content to awards/competencies/learning objectives
- Less downtime and more resilience as it is software as a service

Key to success

Thank you!
Any Questions
or Comments
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