

***bFree*: A Blackboard™ Course Content Extractor**

Frequently-Asked Questions

What is *bFree*?

- *bFree* is a tool for viewing, searching, and extracting Blackboard course content.
- A course is extracted and presented as an outline that reflects the actual organization of the course.
- *bFree* is a desktop application that operates on Blackboard archive (and export) zip files.
- *bFree* is free of charge and can be freely distributed.

Why should I use *bFree*?

- To convert your Blackboard course into a standalone web site.
- To share course materials with colleagues who do not have access to Blackboard.
- To have your course in a standard, portable format.
- To move your course materials from Blackboard to another online environment.

Please make sure that your distribution of copyrighted materials conforms to copyright laws and fair use policies.

What can I do with *bFree*?

- Explore the course hierarchy; everything is on one page!
- Preview course content.
- Search for text in titles, descriptions, texts, wikis, forums, announcements, and file names.
- Extract any or all content as simple files or as a web site.

How can I preview content?

- Select an item in the outline, and it is automatically previewed.
- Texts, images, web pages, and wiki and forum entries are displayed in the *bFree* window.
- *bFree* opens Word, PowerPoint, and other applications to preview their own documents.

How can I search titles, names, and text entries?

- Enter the target text into the Search area and press Return or Enter.
- When the text is found in an entry, that entry is automatically previewed.
- You can find the first, last, next or previous instance of the target text.

How can I extract course content?

- To extract a single file, select it and choose the Save the Selection Only menu item.
- To create a standalone web site, choose the Extract as a Web Site menu item.
- To simply save all the course materials, choose the Extract as File/Folders menu item.

What are the system requirements for using *bFree*?

- *bFree* works on Windows, Mac OS X, and Linux systems with the latest Java Runtime Environment.
- *bFree* operates on Blackboard course archive or export zip files.

Where can I get *bFree* and its documentation?

- The official *bFree* web site is: <http://its.unc.edu/tl/tli/bFree>.
- *bFree* contains complete documentation.