Differences between Blackboard Collaborate Classic and Collaborate Ultra

For the purposes of differentiating between Blackboard Collaborate applications, the Java-based application will be referred to as *Collaborate Classic* and the browser-based web conferencing application will be referred to as *Collaborate Ultra*. Collaborate Classic is the original Java-based web conferencing tool that is integrated into Blackboard Learn 9.1. Collaborate Ultra is Blackboard's newest web conferencing solution, which uses the web browser as the delivery medium.

Bb Collaborate Classic	Bb Collaborate Ultra
• Requires Java or launcher install and periodic updates.	• No Java, launcher installs or periodic updates. Entirely browser-based. The Chrome browser provides the best experience.
• Requires a course in Blackboard and eRaider login.	• Not tied to a course in Blackboard and does not need eRaider login. However, an initial request must be sent to blackboard@ttu.edu to get a Collaborate Ultra account created.
• Not ideal for committee meetings, dissertations/thesis presentations, and small group collaborations that are not course related.	• Convenient tool to quickly setup office hours, committee meetings, dissertations/thesis presentations, and small group collaborations that are not course related.
• Students must be enrolled in a course and login to Blackboard to access Collaborate Classic sessions.	• Students do not need to be enrolled in a course, or login to Blackboard to access Collaborate Ultra sessions.
• Includes extended whiteboard tools, application/desktop sharing and web tours.	• Basic whiteboard tools and application sharing available *(note: application sharing requires a specific Chrome extension)*.
• Large group collaboration supports up to 1000 participants.	• Small group collaboration supports up to 100 participants.
• Recordings are accessible in Blackboard Learn in Java format, but can be converted to MP4.	• Recordings are supported in MP4 format and can be downloaded and played without needing conversion.
• Supports grade center integration. If grade center integration is enabled, students can be graded for attending the	• Grade center integration not supported.

Bb Collaborate Classic	Bb Collaborate Ultra
Collaborate session. After the session ends, instructors can pull an Attendance Report which will allow them to push the points to the grade center.	
• Students must be given full Moderator privileges to present content.	• Students can be given the ability to present content without giving them full Moderator privileges by assigning the Presenter role.
• Uses the same system generated PIN for all users that only works for that session.	• Each PIN is unique to an individual session and a user in that session. This means that the PIN you see only works for you in that session. You are not able to use the PIN in another session or share your PIN with another user. PINs stop working when the session ends.

Please contact Blackboard Support at blackboard@ttu.edu if you have any questions.