



Springboard (D2L)

What is Springboard?

- ◆ Springboard is our centrally supported learning management system.
- ◆ It is powered by Desire2Learn (D2L).
- ◆ Springboard can be used to develop web-based courses for distance or online education, or to create resource-rich course sites for on-campus courses.
- ◆ Springboard automatically contains a course shell for every course in the Registrar's Course Schedule. Instructors choose if and when to activate courses for student access.

Why Would You Use It?

Most instructors use Springboard to:

- ◆ Post documents or multimedia files for students.
- ◆ Provide weekly updates via the News tools.
- ◆ Deliver online quizzes, surveys, and tests.
- ◆ Host threaded discussions.
- ◆ Create a course calendar.
- ◆ Use an assignment dropbox.
- ◆ Provide a private grade book for each student.

Springboard space is also available upon request for other University purposes, such as committees, research teams, student groups, or departments.

How Do You Get Training?

Training for Springboard is available through a variety of delivery modes:

- ◆ Instructor-led training is offered in the Computer Center by the Software Training department. To view the current schedule of sessions and enroll, login with your UANet ID and password then look for the keyword *Springboard!* at: <http://www.uakron.edu/seminars>
- ◆ Written step-by-step guides and video tutorials can be accessed from the Springboard login page under *Instructor Resources* and *Student Resources*: <http://springboard.uakron.edu>

- ◆ View over 200 short video tutorials (3-5 minutes) through Zipline under Atomic Learning by searching for the Application *Desire2Learn*: <http://my.uakron.edu>

How Can You Get Help?

Technical support is available through ZipSupport:

- ◆ Web: <https://footprints.uakron.edu/>
- ◆ Email: springboardhelp@uakron.edu
- ◆ Phone: 330-972-6888

Where Can You Learn More?

- ◆ DDS Springboard page: http://www.uakron.edu/it/instructional_services/dds/springboard/
- ◆ Springboard login page (see *Instructor Resources* or *Student Resources*): <http://springboard.uakron.edu>
- ◆ DDS blog: <http://blogs.uakron.edu/dds/>

Is There A Mobile App?

Desire2Learn has two mobile apps:

- ◆ **Desire2Learn Assignment Grader.** Assignment Grader allows faculty to download, grade and provide feedback on student assignments.
- ◆ **Desire2Learn Binder.** Binder allows students to download course content for offline access and note-taking.

At this time, both apps are only available on iPad. D2L has announced plans to release Android versions in the future. Both apps require a free D2L EduDentity account.

Getting to Know Springboard

The screenshot shows the Springboard homepage with the following elements and callouts:

- 1 Additional Links:** Points to the yellow navigation bar containing 'Instructor Resources', 'Student Resources', 'Latest News', 'System Check', and 'Help'.
- 2 Login Window:** Points to the 'Login' box on the left, which includes fields for 'Username' and 'Password', a 'Login' button, and a note: 'Please note, your password is case sensitive. Forgot Password?'.
- 3 Recent News:** Points to the 'Latest News' section, which features a heading 'Instructors – STOP! Before you add course materials...' and a paragraph about merged courses.
- 4 Instructor Resources:** Points to the 'Instructor Resources' sidebar on the right, which lists links for 'Start the Semester: Checklist', 'Springboard Quick Reference', 'End the Semester: Checklist', and 'More...'.
- 5 Student Resources:** Points to the 'Student Resources' sidebar on the right, which lists links for 'Student FAQs', 'Springboard Quick Reference', and 'More...'.

The screenshot shows a course page titled 'Welcome - Diving Into Online Learning' with the following elements and callouts:

- 6 Minibar:** Points to the top navigation bar of the course page, which includes 'My Home', 'Calendar', and 'Help'.
- 7 Course Tools:** Points to the yellow course navigation bar containing links for 'Course Home', 'Content', 'Discussions', 'Dropbox', 'Quizzes', 'Grades', 'Classlist', 'Chat', 'Surveys', 'eTutoring', and 'Online Services'.
- 8 Content Area:** Points to the main content area, which includes a 'Table of Contents', a 'Welcome' message, and a section titled 'Welcome to the Shallow Entrance!' with introductory text and a numbered list of course objectives.
- 9 Content Navigation:** Points to the 'Previous' and 'Next' buttons located at the bottom right of the content area.