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**Souping up CE6 – how to inject
some extra awesome into your
online course**

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Introductions

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- Blackboard CE6 is a Learning Management System comprising a set of tools for course preparation, delivery and management.

Let me count the ways...

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- ...a vehicle for content delivery
- ...a platform for a community of practice
- ...an online classroom
- ...an online roleplay environment
- ...an engaging online arena with information, interactivity and interesting stuff

But each of these options need YOU!

Building an empire in CE6

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Sharing and integration – w00t!!

Learning Objects, YouTube videos, Flickr streams, SlideShare presentations...

No excuses for not having a multi-format, engaging online course!!

So what's today all about?

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3 sure-fire ways to get your course looking awesome, making the most of:

- Some of CE6's built in tools and functions
- Hijacking existing web content and tools
- Combining it all into one tasty, tasty serving of online goodness

First of all...

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<http://mywebct.westone.wa.gov.au>

Username: s00trainxx

For example: *s00train03*

Password: password

Task 1 –Learning Objects

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So who has time to handcraft their own high-quality learning objects in time for their course start?

Wanna know the quick way?

You'll need the following



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- Blackboard CE6
- The *Learning Object Repository Network* (LORN)
- Some idea of just what you're looking for.

Task 2 – The ease of embedding

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One of the benefits of Web 2.0 tools is that they all like to get along – AND they do all the hard work!

Use this happy integration to get some rich media happening in your course!

You'll need the following

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- A blank HTML page in CE6
- The *Embed* code from your website (this will vary depending on the site)
- The CTRL, C and V keys on your keyboard

Task 3 – Got the news?

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If someone offered you content for your course that automatically updated without you having to do a single thing, would you:

- a) Be intrigued and want to know more
- b) Accuse them of being a witch

You'll need the following

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- Your *Weblinks* tool in CE6
- A website or blog with an RSS feed
- The RSS 2 HTML website

Look at what you've achieved!!

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With a few easy steps, you've created the makings of an **engaging, professional** and, let's be honest, **totally sweet** online course.

But remember!

- You still need to be there!
- Keep the ball rolling!
- If it doesn't work, scrap it
- There isn't a one-size-fits-all model

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