

Add some Visual Interest to your course entry page. Create your own Blackboard Banner! Some options...

1. <http://www.mybannermaker.com>
 - a. On the homepage you will see a banner template. You will choose the Size, Background, Text, Border and Effects to turn that template into your own creation.
 - a. Size – recommended Leaderboard/Default Banner (728x90) or Full Banner (468x60)
 - b. Background – choose a Top and Bottom color, or upload your own
 - c. Text – recommended use only 1-2 lines of text choose the Font, Size, Opacity, and Angle
 - d. Border – choose Width and Color
 - e. Effects – choose Special Effects and Amount/Color
 - f. Save. Choose Download It, and click Save the Banner Choose either to become a VIP member or Free Click Download Banner, and Save File
 - g. Recommended - resave the image in GIF or JPEG
 - h. Then upload it!

2. <http://cooltext.com/>
 - a. On the homepage, choose a Logo Style for your banner creation.
 - b. Add the Logo Text.
 - c. Choose a Font.
 - d. Choose the Text Size.
 - e. Choose color of the text and/or background.
 - f. Click Render once and wait for a minute.
 - g. See the preview. Choose to Download the logo, Edit, get HTML coding or Email.
 - h. Download – Save File as a GIF or JPEG
 - i. Then upload it!

3. <http://www.flamingtext.com/net-fu/forms/banner.html>
 - a. On the homepage you will see a banner template.
 - b. Type your Text String and choose a Font Size w/ Font.
 - c. Select the Width and Height of the banner.
 - d. Choose a Horizontal and Vertical alignment.
 - e. Choose the Text Mode; Patter, Color or Transparent.
 - f. Select the Text Pattern and Text Color.
 - g. For the background, choose Sunken Text if you wish, the Background Mode, the Background Patter and Background Color.
 - h. Click Create Logo
 - i. Choose Download Logo – Save as a GIF or JPEG
 - j. Then upload it!

4. <http://www.linuxenvy.com/bprentice/Banners/Banners.html>

- a. Type the Banner Text
- b. Choose the Font Type and Size
- c. Decide how thick to make a Border
- d. Select the Text Color
- e. Choose a Background color
- f. Choose a User Type (recommend: "Regular")
- g. Click Submit
- h. You will see your banner –
edit the banner by clicking the back browser button
-or-
save the image by hovering over the image and right-click the mouse 1 time, then choose "Save Picture As" / "Save Image As"
- i. Save as a GIF or JPEG to your computer or disk
- j. Then upload it!