VitalSource Faculty Training

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Bookshelf Basics

❑ Mac, Windows, iOS, Android, & Online

❑ Every account includes:

   ○ 2 computers, 2 mobile devices, online access

❑ Synchronization across devices

❑ Notes and highlights

❑ Full book download

❑ 1 year online access, keep download as long as desired

Blackboard Building Block

❑ Builds the content into the courses

    ○ Single sign on directly to the content

❑ Usage analytics at the course level

❑ User-level launch preferences

    ❑ Bookshelf online or native apps

❑ Support resources in Tools section

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Notes & Highlights

❑ Synchronized across the users devices

- ○ 3 options: Private, Friends, Anyone

- ○ Subscribers need account email address

- ○ Mobile devices don't currently display the author

- ○ Unlimited highlighters

- ○ Ability to export notes and highlights

- ○ Copy and paste also creates the reference to the title

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Online/Offline Access

❑ End users are able to download the full title to the native applications

❑ Students can keep the download version after the course

❑ Students can access content directly, no need to use Blackboard as entry point

❑ Synchronization can only occur with internet connection

❑ Content updates available across all platforms

Platforms

❑ Mac/Windows: http://support.vitalsource.com

❑ iOS: Available in the App Store

❑ Android: Available in the Play Store

❑ Online: Firefox, Safari, Chrome, IE

  ○ If you encounter an issue with a particular browser, try another one

  ○ http://online.vitalsource.com

Steps for Faculty

❏ Click on e-textbook in your course

❏ Provide existing account details or create new account

❏ Accept EULA

❏ Access content online

❏ Launch native app to download content

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Steps for Students

❑ Click on e-textbook in your course

❑ Accept EULA

❑ Access content online through a reference account

  ○ Ref. Acct. allows for online access through Blackboard

❑ In order to access content through native apps the students

   need to finish configuring account

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Resources Available

❑ Videos that walk through features available any time

❑ Ed Tech staff at the HCT

❑ Follow up WebEx Sessions for additional questions

❑ Knowledge base

Functional Demo

❑ Faculty Access

  ○ Interacting with content

  ○ Note sharing

  ○ Tools available

❑ Student Access

❑ Online Resources

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Best Practices

❑ Faculty that share notes and highlights

    ○ Highest student satisfaction and adoption

❑ Encourage the use of note sharing among study groups

❑ Spend some time at the beginning of the semester exploring the content

❑ Remind students of the available online resources

Questions?

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