To Migrate or Not To Migrate, that is the Question…

Is it better to migrate a course shell or build from scratch? And how long does it take to "tweak" a course after migrating to get it "ready?" It is difficult to provide an estimated time for the "post-migration clean-up" of a course moved from eCollege to D2L, it really depends on how much content and what type you have in your source shell. Yes, some hands-on work is necessary on a shell post-migration.

One faculty member reported it took just a few hours to tweak a migrated course. Another instructor did a great deal of extra application of templates, etc., and their post-migration tweaking took several hours for a single shell. The latter example is likely an extreme, and they did clarify that if they had just done the minor tweaking it would have taken far less time.

Migrate or Build From Scratch: Two possibilities

- o If you have a fully online/blended course shell with a lot of content built into the modules, several quizzes/exams, discussion forums, then consider migration as a good option.

- o If all you use is assignment drop boxes and/or just the gradebook, building from scratch **may** be a better choice.

Considerations:

What Migrates
(and some notes on how it transfers):

- Quizzes/exams actually **do** migrate in the process. There are some caveats to consider:
  - o Exam pools do not migrate, but the *questions contained within them do*. If you use exam pools in eCollege, you have access to the questions in D2L to rebuild the pools.
  - o Quizzes need to be re-linked into the corresponding module but from what I've seen that is far easier than rebuilding a quiz/exam from scratch.

- Modules transfer over, they just need eyes on to check the links within them. Many instructors have extensive amounts of content in the modules, lecture notes, etc., content that is essentially built "in-line" within the Visual/HTML editor in eCollege. Those come over as HTML pages and retain their relative position in the left-hand navigation. In other words, Week 1 module in eCollege will show up as Week 1 module in D2L.

- Discussion forums do migrate; we encourage a bit of cleanup on this piece to simplify the instructor/student experience.

- Doc Sharing items do migrate, but would have to be put into a module in D2L. There is no such tool/feature as doc sharing in D2L. Again, building a module to share those resources with students is a relatively straight-forward process.

What does NOT migrate
(linked on our website):

- Assignment drop boxes do not migrate. So they would need to be rebuilt in D2L. (They are called assignment submission folders in the new LMS.)

- Gradebooks do not migrate

- PathBuilder

- ClassLive Pro Recorded Sessions

- Rubrics

- Announcements