

# **Comparison of the Universal and LDAP Connectors**

**Blackboard Web Community Manager**

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## Introduction

The Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) Connector allows you to maintain user information in one centralized location and it enables single sign-on access. User credentials can be shared between your network and Blackboard Web Community Manager (WCM) user management systems.

The Universal Connector uses data provided by a source such as a Student Information System (SIS) to populate WCM. The Universal Connector does not authenticate user credentials.

## Comparison of Universal and LDAP Connectors

Here's a comparison of the Universal and the LDAP Connectors.

	<i>Universal</i>	<i>LDAP<sup>1</sup></i>
Authenticates users with WCM		X
User accounts created automatically in WCM when authenticated		X
Associates users with appropriate mapped LDAP groups and WCM groups		X
Creates student, teacher and other user accounts in WCM	X	
Creates class groups in WCM	X	
Creates teacher sections in WCM	X	
Associates students with WCM class groups	X	
Associates students as members of teacher sections	X	

<sup>1</sup> Includes Microsoft® Active Directory®, Novell® eDirectory™ and OpenLDAP®