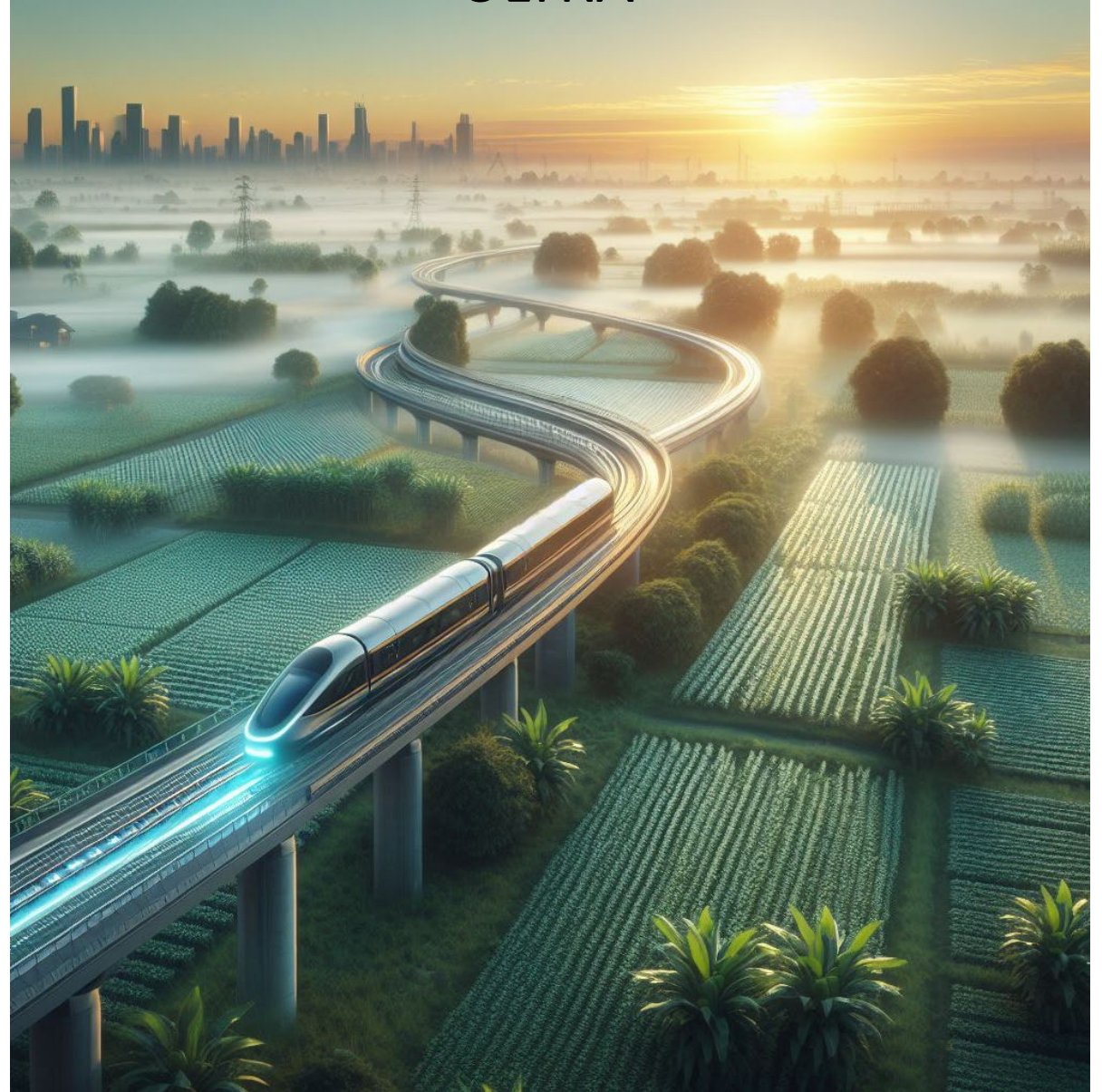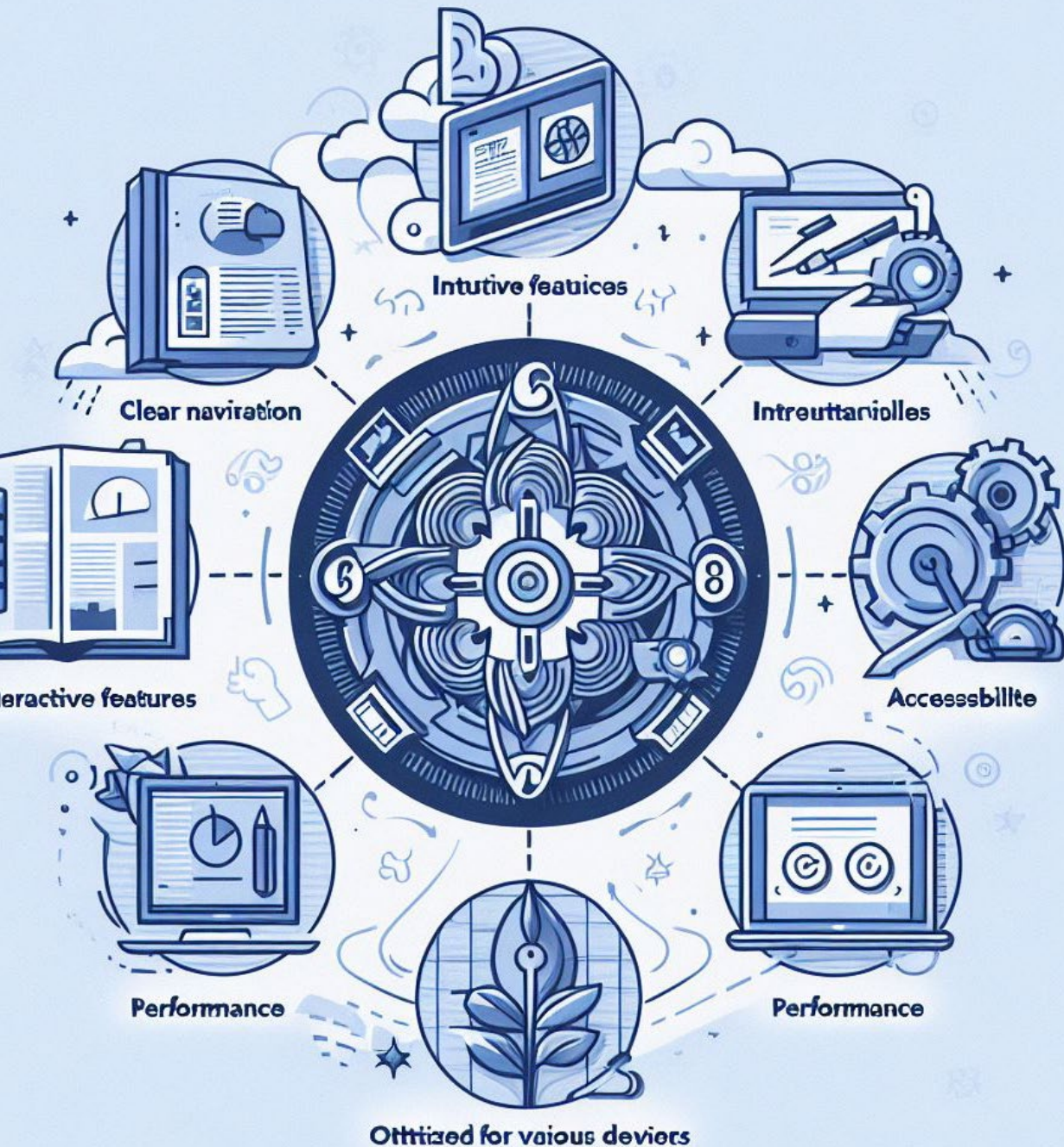ORIGINAL

ULTRA

Introduction

- Welcome, faculty members! Today, we'll discuss the transition from the Original Course View to the new Ultra Course View in Blackboard.

- Our focus: **Why it's advantageous to build fresh courses in Ultra** rather than relying on conversions.

1. Understanding the Ultra Course View

- **Ultra Course View** was designed from the ground up to enhance teaching and learning experiences.

- Key features:

- **Clear Navigation**: Intuitive design for easy access to course materials.

- **Interactive Features**: Engaging tools for student interaction.

- **Accessibility**: Prioritizes accessibility for all learners.

- **Performance**: Optimized for various devices.

2. The Temptation of Conversion

- Yes, Blackboard offers the ability to convert original to ultra, but let's consider the downsides:

- **Errors**: Conversions often result in unexpected errors or loss of content due to differences between Original and Ultra.

- **Messy Translations**: Content conversions may require substantial reworking (Examples content display and navigational levels)

- **Settings and Configurations**: Changes to object settings/configurations can cause confusion as new settings are added or modified in Ultra and other settings have been deprecated. .

3. The Case for Fresh Builds

- **Time Efficiency**: Rebuilding is generally quicker than fixing conversion, formatting, and layout issues.

- **Clean Slate**: Fresh builds ensure no hidden issues from past courses.

- **Thoughtful Design**: Opportunity to rethink course design, assessment alignment, and improvements. Taking advantage of the streamlining and new functionalities of Ultra.

4. Strategies for Fresh Builds

- **Start in a Development Shell**:

- Build in a separate shell, experiment, and test without affecting the original master course.

- Maintain the development shell for future iterations or as a master version.

5. Course Templates

- Colleges may choose to adopt a **Course Content Template**:

- Provides a basic course structure.

- May Include essential information and resources.

- Jumpstart your fresh build process.

What About?

- Courses with just a few items/links?

- Courses with multiple layers of navigation? (Nested past four levels, content is migrated up to the lowest available level)

- Complex courses (A lot of Content/Complex Adaptive Release)

Conclusion

- In summary, fresh builds in Ultra offer:

- **Efficiency**: Less time spent fixing conversion errors.

- **Quality**: A well-structured course with fewer issues.

- **Opportunity**: Reflect on design and enhance student experiences.

Example

- Levels of Navigation
- Streamline content and Design

Questions?