Educational Technology Corner | December 2020

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Tech Tips
Zoom is now integrated with Brightspace and Panopto! This integration offers:

1. Scheduling of Zoom course sessions through Brightspace. When scheduled, a Zoom link will be sent to the Brightspace course calendar, for students to access the Zoom course session.
2. Dramatic decrease in latency versus the Panopto livestream.
3. Automated transfer of Zoom recordings to the course Panopto folder.
4. Zoom Breakout rooms are available for class session use.

[View step-by-step directions](.).

Brightspace
December 2020 Updates include:

- Updated the [Creating Question Library questions](.) topic to include the new multi-select question experience.
- Updated the [Retake incorrect questions in subsequent attempts](.) topic to include information about the retake attempt in the Attempt Log and the User tab.
- Added [Grade book Mastery View](.) content
- Added the [Consistent evaluation experience in Assignments](.) topic.
- Updated the [Using the New Engagement Dashboard](.) topic to include the Discussions Activity
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Top Hat
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Enhancing the student experience on mobile
We heard that students were experiencing slow loading times on our mobile app—and that wasn't okay in our books. To help them access their course materials faster, we are committed to improving our speed and load time up to 30% by the end of this term.

Improving the loading times of questions
We launched some new question types this fall, including [File Submission](.), [Graded Calculation](.) and [Tables and Graphs](.). But they just weren't performing at the speed we wanted. We are focused on optimizing these questions to provide you with more flexibility for your projects and labs.

Top Hat Community

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, we created Slate, a standalone messaging app purpose-built for higher education. Over the past six months, our customers have told us how much they love this tool for creating engaged learning communities in their courses, so we've decided to rename it to reflect what it does best. Going forward, Slate will be called Top Hat Community—and you'll see this name change in the app early next week. [Learn more about introducing Top Hat Community in your class](#)