

## Educational Technology Corner | January 2020

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### Tech Tips

We now have the Brightspace Learning Object Repository available! This tool will allow for easy sharing of content between courses, or among courses within departments. The possibilities are almost endless. Send an email to [lmshelp@mcw.edu](mailto:lmshelp@mcw.edu) for information.

### Biolucida

The Educational Technology team is excited to announce that MCW's Biolucida is now available to you anywhere you have an Internet connection. You no longer need to be on campus or connected to the MCW network to be able to view MCW's digital microscopy collection. With this change comes a slightly different user experience that we are happy to share with you. [View Biolucida](#)

For access to Biolucida both in a web browser (e.g. Chrome) and through the Biolucida Viewer application, you will now use a shared account to log into Biolucida. **This account's password will be changed each semester** and the new credentials will be broadcast in messages such as this one. This account is to be used by all students accessing Biolucida.

For the Spring 2020 term (and usable immediately), the credentials (case-sensitive) for this shared account are:

- Username: MCWviewer
- Password: Spring2020VM

If you use the Biolucida Viewer, you will need to edit your existing connection by clicking the "globe" icon, selecting your connection, and clicking "Edit". We would recommend changing the URL to <https://vmscope.mcw.edu> (we no longer use http). Then, enter the above credentials and click "Save". Once you click "Connect", you will be automatically logged in and be able to see the MCW collections.

If you use a browser, navigating to the URL above will display "Username" and "Password" fields at the top of the page. Simply enter the above credentials and click "Log in".

Please remember that the images contained in Biolucida are MCW property and sharing them outside of MCW is prohibited and a violation of the MCW Honor Code.

We hope this change makes accessing MCW's digital microscopy easier and more user friendly!

If you have any problems with this new workflow, please contact the Educational Technology team at [lmshelp@mcw.edu](mailto:lmshelp@mcw.edu).

Many thanks to Brett Becker, MSc, for upgrading the Biolucida access!

## **Brightspace**

### [January 2020 Continuous Delivery Release Notes Video](#)

Does your department make use of [Brightspace Rubrics](#)? Sharing permissions have changed, making a rubric accessible across a department. Send an email to [lmshelp@mcw.edu](mailto:lmshelp@mcw.edu) for information.

The Quiz Builder Tool has a new look and feel. Menus and the interface are less cluttered, and a student view of each question is shown as you build the question.

If you create content using the HTML Page feature, document templates are now available. Watch this [video](#) on how to download and create more engaging content.

## **Top Hat**

- GIFs embedded in slideshows that are uploaded to Top Hat will now play
- Back-end improvements to load times
- Improvements made to the iOS app contributing to fresher and smoother student experience when answering Homework and Review questions.
- Improvements made to the copy and images associated with logging attendance for students using iOS 13.
- General stability and performance improvements for iOS users.
- Sorting feature added to course lobby for Android app users.
- Fixed visual bugs in fill-in-the-blank questions for iOS users.
- Fixed issue where Gradebook tab would not appear on initial entry to a course experienced by iOS users.
- Fixed various issues with slowness and crashes of Pages experienced by iOS users.
- Fixed issue with Long Answer questions assigned to Review experienced by Android users.
- Fixed LaTeX and iframe issues in Pages experienced by Android users.