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Brightspace
Assignments
The new assignment creation experience | Updated
The new assignment creation experience defaults to **On**

Multiple rubric support in consistent evaluation experience | Updated
This feature is a continuation of the [Assignments - Consistent evaluation experience](#) | New feature that was introduced in the December 2020/20.20.12 release.

If an assignment includes multiple rubrics, they are all visible to instructors using the Consistent evaluation experience. Instructors are also able to choose the default scoring rubric. Previously, the consistent evaluation experience would only display one rubric on the assignment evaluation screen.

Course Export
Export file upload attribute for written response questions | New
Written Response quiz questions that allow for file upload can now be imported and exported from Brightspace Learning Environment. With the ability to import and export these questions users can share them with users from other instances of Brightspace.

Additional features for Mastery View in the grade book | Updated
To increase the value of the Mastery view in the grade book, originally released in [Brightspace Platform 20.20.12/December 2020](#), this release updates and adds the following new features:

- Three new calculation methods: **Highest Level**, **Most Recent Level**, and **Decaying Average**.
- A **Publish All** button for overall levels of achievement for all outcomes to all learners.
- A **Search by Student Name** field.
- A warning when the user attempts to change the default achievement scale.
- Removal of the **Clear Default** option in the **Achievement Scale** dialog.

Quizzes
Multi-select questions workflow on by default
Retake Incorrect questions only permission setting | Updated
Building on the [Quizzes – Improvements to the ability to retake incorrect questions in quizzes](#) | New feature released in December 2020/20.20.12, the role permission **Edit Quiz Properties** permission now controls the availability of the **Retake Incorrect Questions Only** setting on the **Assessment** tab. This change ensures that only instructors with the **Edit Quiz Properties** permission can set the retake incorrect questions only setting on a quiz. (Corporation, 2020)

Top Hat
Looking for learning strategies? This [complete article from Top Hat](#) combines strategies discussed in our Kern Kinetic3 course, as well as examples of how you can easily implement them in Top Hat.