

Educational Technology Corner | March 2019

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Tech Tips

- As Brightspace users, everyone is welcome and encouraged to create a [Brightspace Community](#) account.
- You can access Box directly from your desktop! This will allow you to store files or have a close at hand backup. Check the [Box Drive and Edit webpage](#) for a full description of this useful tool. You may need to reach out to IT support for install of this tool.

Brightspace

Looking for more content review options? Brightspace has a Question Pool feature. Questions pools can be used to give random questions in random order to students, for a complete review of content. It is easy to set up and can be used from year to year.

- [Video on how to set up a Question Pool in a Brightspace Quiz](#)
- [Brightspace Video Release Highlights 10.8.10](#)

Release highlights

Instructors can now use the built-in annotation toolbar in Assignments to provide contextual feedback with highlighting, free hand drawing, shapes, and associated commenting. This allows instructors to complete all their evaluation and feedback work directly in Assignments, without the need to use any external tools or applications. Annotations remain editable until the feedback is published by the instructor. If instructors want to add additional feedback after publishing, they can update the annotations and re-publish them.

The new SCORM engine now includes Interactions and Objectives reports and can be accessed by navigating to SCORM Reports from a course's reports page (Content > Table of Contents > Related Tools > View Reports > SCORM Reports). In addition, three new buttons appear on the screen to access reports for selected topics and users:

- Summary: Displays a summary of the attempts a user has made at completing quizzes.
- Interactions: Displays a list of the interactions corresponding to submitted answers to questions
- Objectives: Shows a list of the objectives defined within the SCORM package, and the user's progress toward attaining them

To offer a more streamlined and intuitive interface, the new Content experience (Lessons) has been significantly updated for learners. It includes the following:

- Enhanced table of contents: The new table of contents allows the learner to explore all available content within the course. At any time, the learner can choose an available module to view, and isn't forced to view modules in a specific sequence
- Full screen viewer for content: When a learner decides what they want to view, clicking a module or topic displays the item in a full screen viewer, allowing them to focus exclusively on the content.
- Completion tracking: New to the Content experience for learners, completion tracking allows a learner to see their overall completion of each module in the course, as well as completion of individual topics.
- End of module experience" When a learner reaches the end of each module, a dynamic page congratulates them on their achievement or reminds them about incomplete content topics.

Top Hat

Top Hat presents an active blog on all things related to Educational Technology. This month's feature is the blog on [Active Learning](#).

Aquifer

Aquifer offers a host of resources with our [Institutional Subscription](#). Take a look!