

Educational Technology Corner | November 2019

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Tech Tips

MCW IS offers courses on best practices for Office365 (and the individual software within this suite) and Security Awareness. This is a great way to keep current with the services and tools offered by the institution.

Brightspace

[Brightspace Instructor Continuous Delivery Updates November 2019](#)

Highlights:

- The Assignments page shows a count of new submissions and resubmissions in the New column, which you can opt-in /opt-out of displaying.
- Grade Schemes can now be used by instructors to evaluate assignments by associating Selectbox Grade Items to an assignment.
- Users can now insert images directly into the body of intelligent agent emails using the Add Image button in the HTML editor.
- When an instructor restores a learner's deleted quiz attempt, note the following workflow changes:
 - A deleted quiz attempt can only be restored if the learner does not have another quiz attempt in progress.
 - The Restore button only appears for the latest deleted quiz attempt.

Top Hat

Top Hat is much more than a polling software. There are options for moderated discussion, assigning homework, and attendance. You can add questions or interactive content via the Pages tool, under the create menu of your Top Hat course.

- After clicking on Create > Pages, you will see a Page template.
- Give your page a meaningful title.
- Hover over (1) Enter Your text here... Then click on the (2) Blue "+"
- A menu of interactive objection options will appear.
- For in depth information, see the Top Hat Professor Support documentation on [Creating a Page](#)
- For in depth information on Assigning Homework, see the Top Hat Professor Support on documentation on [Assigning Content](#).