

Educational Technology Corner | November 2020

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Tech Tips

Request your Zoom account, use any of the following methods:

- Visit servicedesk.mcw.edu (available from on-network, Citrix, or VPN). Click Submit Ticket, then Request Zoom Access and complete the required fields. After submitting you will be provided information on how to install Zoom on your computer.
- You can also use the AI Bot (BluMan) at the above site. Ask “how do I get Zoom access” and BluMan will walk you through the steps.
- Contact us at help@mcw.edu or (414) 955-4357, option 8.

Contact lists in Qualtrics

Create contact lists in Qualtrics, to keep your survey data tidy. This option allows you to send discreet links to survey participants. [Instructions are here](#) after signing into Qualtrics via OneLogin.

Interested in collaborating with other Brightspace users? Consider joining the [Brightspace Teaching and Learning Group](#). A free [Brightspace Community membership](#) is needed for access to this groups

Brightspace

Assignments – Date picker change | Updated

This feature updates the date picker component for the new assignment creation experience. The new date picker has a more streamlined design and requires a slight workflow change: to clear a date/time, the X alongside the time field has been replaced by a Clear option inside the calendar.

Brightspace Pulse – Dark mode for Android | New

Brightspace Pulse for Android now displays in Dark mode when Dark mode is enabled on your Android device. Using this mode can reduce eye strain and conserve battery power on your device.

Content – Enhancements to course content statistics | New

To provide instructors with additional insight about their courses, statistics in the classic Content experience now include more information.

To view course content statistics, as an instructor, navigate to Content, and then select Table of Contents > Related Tools > View Reports.

Grades – Display total points in Manage Grades | Updated

To improve usability of the Grades tool and reduce calculation errors, Manage Grades now

includes total points for grade categories and Final Calculated Grade. Previously, there was no indicator of the total points while users were managing their grade book, and instructors were required to manually add up the points from all grade items to check if the total matched their syllabus.

For weighted grade books, the total weight is displayed in addition to the total points. For formula grade books, the manually-entered max points is displayed instead of the total points. Totals do not include bonus grade items and do support grade item dropping.

Quiz Builder - Quiz preview available | New

Instructors can now view a preview of their quiz from Quiz Builder. Clicking the new Preview button on the Add/Edit Questions view of the quiz opens a quiz preview attempt in a new tab for a complete view of how the quiz appears to learners.

Quizzes - Retake incorrect questions in subsequent attempts | New

This feature introduces a new option for Quizzes Attempt settings that allows students to only retake their incorrectly answered questions from previous quiz attempts. Instructors can select this new option in the Assessment tab of a quiz. When the Retake Incorrect Questions Only check box is selected for subsequent quiz attempts, each learner only sees the questions they had previously answered incorrectly in the same order as the initial attempt (including quizzes with random sections and random questions).

Learning Object Repository

If you share content among different classes, you can easily do this with a LOR. A LOR (Learning Object Repository) is like a bridge between courses. Content can be stored in the LOR and displayed in a course content area. contact LMShelp for a consult on setting up the LOR. (Brightspace Community, 2020)

Top Hat

You can offer review questions for students via the Top Hat Assign tool. Start by logging into your Top Hat course.

Aquifer Webinars

November 30 - [Best Practices for Using Geriatrics across the Curriculum](#)