May Monthly Update Notification - Changes Effective
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Grades

- The first column displaying learner Name is now "locked" so that instructors can now scroll through user grades without losing the context of which users grades they are looking for. (Previously the names column repeated every 5 columns.)
- The new locked Name column / header row is present on Chrome, Firefox, and Safari web browsers and is not present on Internet Explorer 11 and Microsoft Edge web browsers. The locked Name column /header row will not be active when using a small screen space such as a mobile device.

Manage Dates

- Offset other activity dates – In addition to offsetting start, end, and due dates, instructors have the option to offset other dates associated with activities. Affected dates are: discussion topic and forum locking dates, quiz submission view dates, quiz report dates, and survey report dates.
- Manual calendar events - Instructors can edit the start and end dates of events that were manually created and not tied to existing activities or content topics. As a result, instructors can manage all course dates from a single location.
- Improved sorting of items to follow tool sort order - Manage Dates display activities in the order in which an instructor would see them in their respective tools.
- Display of course start and end date - The course start date and end date appears at the top of the Manage Dates page and acts as a reference for instructors when operating on the dates of the various activities. If instructors have the Manage Courses > Change Start and End Dates permission, they can launch a dialog box and then edit the dates.
- The Tool column on the Manage Dates page has been removed - You can use the Type column to sort the Manage Dates page based on the tool-specific order.
- New links to the Manage Dates page - The new Review and Manage Dates button appears at the end of copy course components, course import, and course import advanced.

My Courses

- The My Courses tile area no longer automatically pins future courses; rather the area displays results by current enrollments or last activity in a non-pinned state. Users can still manually pin courses as preferred.
- Users with less than 50 total enrollments: course area will show manually pinned courses followed by current enrollments followed by future enrollments for a total of 12 enrollments.
- Users with more than 50 total enrollments: course area will show manually pinned courses followed by up to 12 last-accessed courses.

Rubrics

- Rubric previews can be opened in a pop up window or viewed directly from the discussion or assignment folder to which they are attached.
-Rubric previews now maintain a consistent appearance across all tools, and have a responsive display across all desktop and mobile devices.
- "Overall Score" row is removed in preview and replaced with a "Total" row for the entire rubric.

UPCOMING CHANGE TO USE OF RUBRICS IN D2L

- Beginning JUNE 15 2018 all rubrics should be associated with activities- discussions, assignments or quizzes- and not the grade item associated with those activities. Rubrics should only be attached to Grade Items, if those items are for recording grades for assignments not found within the course. You will be unable to associate any course activity to a grade item, if that grade item has a rubric attached at the grade item.
- Beginning JUNE 15 2018 any rubrics which are currently associated with a grade item that is also associated with a course activity, will be removed from that grade item and associated to the corresponding activity instead -when the course containing the rubrics is COPIED to a new course shell.
- Beginning JUNE 15 2018 students will be able to access completed rubrics at the Activity to which the rubric is associated AND the Grade Item associated with that activity AND Class Progress information for that activity AND the Class Progress Grades information for that associated activity. Students will also be able to access completed rubrics at Content when the activity is included there using the "Add Existing Activity" feature.