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Discussion Checkpoints: Update Based on your Feedback

- Toggle and Setting for Default View (default is condensed view)
 - Smarter "Previous" and "Next" Reply Buttons
 - "Go to First Post" and "Go to Last Post" Buttons
 - No More Endless Clicking
 - Thorough Accessibility Audit
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- [Full blog post.](#)

SpeedGrader Options

Sort student list

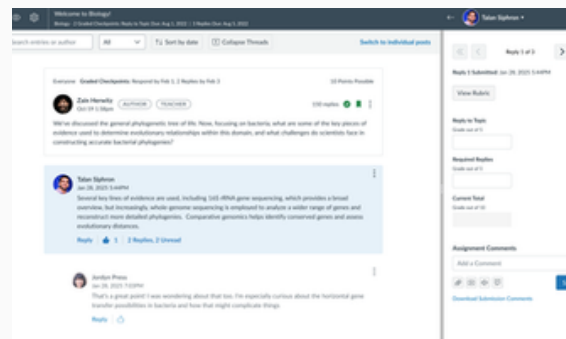
☐ Hide student names in SpeedGrader

Default Discussion View

☒ Show replies without discussion context

☐ Show replies in context

Cancel Save Settings



Link to latest Canvas Delays

[3/12 Deploy Notes](#)

[3/15 Release Notes](#)

[3/26 Deploy Notes](#)

[4/19 Release Notes](#)



Notification Tab Redesign

Summary: The Notifications tab in Account Settings is redesigned. The Email From format is changed to a drop-down menu. The From Name field displays only when the Custom From Name option is selected. When Custom From Name is chosen, the name field is required.

Change Benefit: The redesign of the Notifications Settings tab aligns with accessibility and UI standards. It also improves future compatibility, enhances performance, and streamlines maintenance.

New Quizzes - Filter IP Address

Summary: In New Quizzes Settings, instructors can filter IP addresses by entering custom group ranges or selecting from existing named group ranges.

Change Benefit: This feature allows instructors to enhance quiz security by restricting access to specific IP address ranges. Instructors can search for and select from pre-saved named IP address ranges. By filtering IP addresses, instructors can ensure that students take quizzes from approved locations, such as a school network or testing center, reducing the risk of unauthorized access or academic dishonesty.

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New Quizzes: Keyboard Support for Hot Spot

Summary: In New Quizzes, comprehensive keyboard support is added for setting target locations on Hot Spot question types.

Hot Spot Controls:

- Move Hot Spot: Use the Arrow keys to move the selected hot spot in small increments.
- Resize Hot Spot: Hold Shift and use the Arrow keys to resize the selected hot spot.
- Shrink Hot Spot: Hold Shift + Alt and use the Arrow keys to shrink the selected hot spot.
- Close Modal: Press the Escape key to close the hot spot control modal.

Student-Specific Hot Spot Targeting:

- Set Target Point: Press S to start targeting a point.
- Move Target Point: Use Arrow keys to adjust the position of the target.

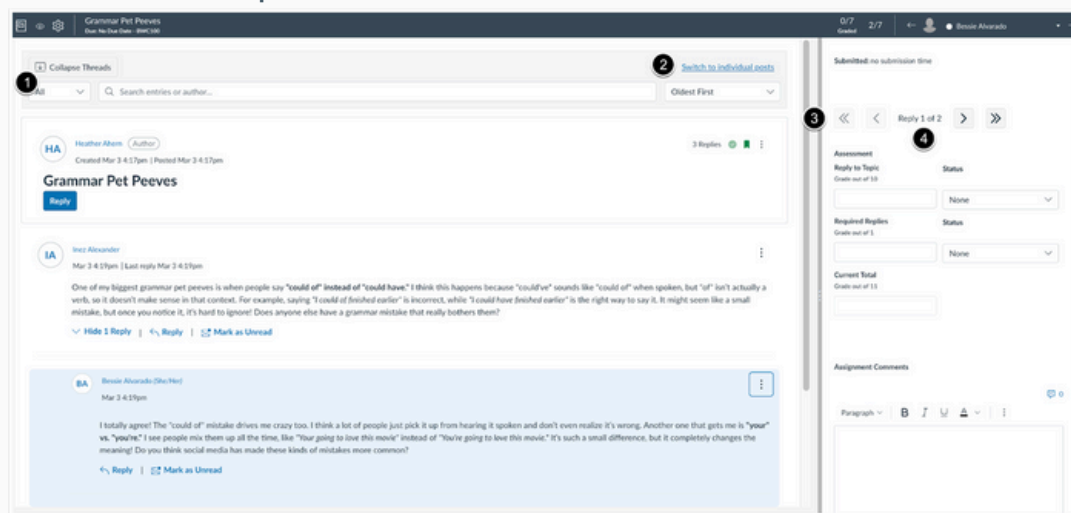
Save and End Selection: Press D to finalize and end the selection process.

Enhanced Usability for Discussion Checkpoints

Summary: When Discussion Checkpoints is enabled, several usability improvements are made to enhance the SpeedGrader experience:

- The header remains sticky.
- A link allows instructors to switch to individual posts.
- In SpeedGrader Options, instructors can set the default discussion view.
- Student navigation buttons include First, Last, Previous, and Next.
- Instructors can view the number of replies added compared to the required number of replies.

Change Benefit: These updates improve usability and efficiency for instructors using SpeedGrader with Discussion Checkpoints.





Discussions: Default View Settings

Summary: When creating or editing a discussion, instructors can configure the default view settings, including thread collapse/expansion and sorting options for learner, with the ability to lock these preferences if needed.

Change Benefit: Allows instructors to structure and aligns discussions with their teaching approach, guiding learner engagement and interaction.

Options

Anonymous Discussion

☒ Off: student names and profile pictures will be visible to other members of this course

☐ Partial: students can choose to reveal their name and profile picture

☐ Full: student names and profile pictures will be hidden

☐ Disallow threaded replies

☐ Participants must respond to the topic before viewing other replies

☐ Enable podcast feed

☐ Graded

☐ Allow liking

☐ Add to student to-do

☐ This is a Group Discussion

View

Default Thread State ← 1

☒ Expanded

☐ Collapsed

☐ Lock thread state for students ← 2

Default Sort Order ← 3

☒ Oldest First

☐ Newest First

☐ Lock sort order for students ← 4

Copy Course Page Enhancements

Copy course

Please enter the details for the new course.

Name

Basic Written Communication

Course code

BWC101

Term

Fall 2014 Term ← 1

Start date

Sep 1, 2024 at 2am

Term start and end dates cannot be modified here, only on the Term Details page under Admin. ← 2

Local: Sep 1, 2024 at 2am

Course: Aug 31, 2024 at 8pm

End date

Nov 1, 2024 at 2am

Term start and end dates cannot be modified here, only on the Term Details page under Admin.

Local: Nov 1, 2024 at 2am

Course: Oct 31, 2024 at 8pm

Content *

☒ All content

Note the following content types will be imported: Course Settings, Syllabus Body, Modules, Assignments, Quizzes, Question Banks, Discussion Topics, Pages, Announcements, Rubrics, Files, and Calendar Events.

☐ Select specific content

Summary: When a term is selected, the dates default to the term's dates. Instructors must contact their admin to update the term dates. If an instructor's time zone differs from the course timezone, both the local and course time zones are displayed.

Change Benefit: Provides a modern, consistent interface through the latest version of InstUI. Displaying local and course time zones improves scheduling accuracy for users working across different time zones.

Beginning date:

Mar 1, 2022 at 2am → change to Mar 5, 2022 at 12am

Local: Mar 1, 2022 at 2am Course: Mar 1, 2022 at 12am

Local: Mar 5, 2022 at 12am Course: Mar 4, 2022 at 10pm

Ending date:

Nov 1 at 12am → change to Nov 1, 2026 at 12am

Local: Nov 1 at 12am Course: Oct 31 at 10pm

Local: Nov 1, 2026 at 12am Course: Oct 31, 2026 at 10pm

+ Substitution

Cancel Create course



Import Content Page Enhancements

Summary: The Import Content page is updated to the latest version of InstUI, Instructure's internal design language. The import button text is updated to Add Import to Queue and when an instructor's timezone differs from the course timezone, both the local and course time zones are displayed.

Change Benefit: Enhances the user experience by updating the Import Content page to the latest InstUI version, providing a modern and consistent design. It also clarifies and improves workflow efficiency of the import process.

Login and Registration Enhancements (Beta Only)

Summary: When the New Login/Registration UI for Identity feature option is enabled at the Root Account level, the Login and Registration user interface is redesigned for accessibility and enables future identity enhancements.

Change Benefit: Ensures a consistent and seamless login experience by reworking the Login/Registration user interface to accommodate identity changes.

Note: User interface will vary with Theme Editor branding.