SYNCHRONOUS COURSELINK QUIZZES HAVE ARRIVED!

A Review of the Summer’s Major Updates to the Quizzes Tool

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While we are coming together today in a virtual space, it is important to recognize the physical space that connects us and brings us together. The University of Guelph and its campuses are situated on the treaty lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit. We understand that these lands are connected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum and continue to be home to diverse communities of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples. By acknowledging the land, we reaffirm our commitment to decolonization and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples and our responsibility to the land on which we live, learn, and play.
AGENDA

Quizzes: Updates and Changes for Instructors
• Removal of the old quiz create/edit experience
• New synchronous quiz option
• Changes to quiz timing options

Quizzes: Updates and Changes for Students
• Show/hide the quiz timer and timer warnings
• Ability to view the quiz description during the quiz
• Updated quiz results page

Wrap Up
• Where to find support
• Question & Answer Period
REMOVAL OF THE OLD QUIZ CREATE/EDIT EXPERIENCE

Updates and Changes for Instructors
In late July, the ability to access the Quizzes tool’s old create/edit experience was removed from CourseLink.
When creating or editing quizzes, you can no longer toggle off the new experience and use the old one.
The only interface available for creating quizzes in CourseLink is the new create/edit experience.
WHY A NEW CREATE/EDIT EXPERIENCE?

CourseLink is built on the Brightspace by D2L Learning Management System (LMS), and they are in the process of updating various tools to:

- Improve user experience and accessibility
- Create consistent experiences
- Simplify language
- Provide consistency between grade items and tools

The new quiz create/edit experience is part of a larger LMS interface refresh that also includes Content, Dropbox, Rubrics, and Discussions.
The new creation experience has 4 main areas of focus:
1. Details
2. Settings
3. Questions
4. Save & Visibility
COMPARING THE EXPERIENCES

Old Experience
Difficult and time consuming to locate and enable features

Multiple tabs that reload the page and can only be viewed one at a time

Several (sometimes unrelated) settings grouped together in each tab
COMPARING THE EXPERIENCES

New Experience
Single page access to all settings with improved organization

- Simplified primary panel
- Visibility toggle
- Each roll-down panel summarizes modifications made
- Advanced options grouped into roll-down panels next to the primary panel for quick access.
CONSISTENT EXPERIENCE – DISCUSSIONS, DROPBOX, & QUIZZES

With the new create/edit experience, Quizzes now have the same interface as Dropbox Folders and Discussion Topics
As part of the shift to the new quiz create/edit experience some older features have been removed:

- Toggle Quiz Description On/Off
- Quiz Introductions (auto-moved to Description field)
- Toggle Page Header/Footer On/Off
- Student View Preview (grade display preview)
- EPortfolio Artifacts (add results to eP)
LOOKING FOR MORE IN-DEPTH INFORMATION?

• An entire session detailing the new quiz create/edit experience was held in April 2023:
  – CourseLink Tool Spotlight: Quizzes (New Quiz Building Experience)

• While today’s session is dedicated to Quizzes, there is also a recording of a similar session for Discussion Topics:
  – CourseLink Tool Spotlight: New Discussion Creation Experience
NEW SYNCHRONOUS QUIZ OPTION

Updates and Changes for Instructors
NEW SYNCHRONOUS QUIZ OPTION

• After the CourseLink update at the end of July 2023, a new option to create synchronous quizzes became available when creating/editing quizzes
• Before that, only asynchronous quizzes could be created

Timing

Quiz Start
- Asynchronous: Timer starts when the learner launches the quiz
- Synchronous: Timer starts on the start date

Start Date: 2:00 PM Canada - Toronto, Sep 1 2023
Time’s Up: 3:00 PM Canada - Toronto, Sep 1 2023
SYNCHRONOUS QUIZZES VS. ASYNCHRONOUS QUIZZES

What are the differences between Asynchronous and Synchronous Quizzes?

Asynchronous
Individual Students vs. Quiz

Synchronous
Entire Class vs. Quiz
SYNCHRONOUS QUIZZES VS. ASYNCHRONOUS QUIZZES

Asynchronous Quizzes
• What you are accustomed to using in CourseLink
  – Typically, have defined start and end dates/times (access window) and a specific amount of time to complete the quiz
  – Windows are typically longer than synchronous quizzes
• Each student may begin the quiz any time during the defined access window (could be an hour, a day, a week, etc.)
• Once a student starts the quiz, they always have the full allotted time (30 mins, 60 mins, etc.) to complete the quiz
• Students begin the quiz during the allotted window when they feel ready to take the quiz
• Work well for low-stakes assessments and in remote delivery or hybrid delivery
SYNCHRONOUS QUIZZES VS. ASYNCHRONOUS QUIZZES

Synchronous Quizzes

- **Always** have defined start and end dates/times (access window) and a specific amount of time to complete
  - Usually, short windows that align with the length of the quiz
- **All students** are expected to begin the quiz at the **defined start time**
  - If a student starts late, they **only** have however much time is left
    - E.g., a 1-hour quiz starts at 1pm, student starts at 1:15pm, they only have the remaining 45 minutes to complete the quiz
- Work well for low-stakes and high stakes assessments and in face-to-face or blended delivery (can work for hybrid and remote as well)
- Offers avenues for improved academic integrity:
  - Give the quiz in class like a pen and paper test with live invigilation, can pair with Respondus LockDown browser, less opportunity for a student to take the test earlier and share info with other students, etc.
CONSIDERATIONS FOR SYNCHRONOUS QUIZZES IN COURSELINK

• By default, all quizzes in CourseLink are still created as asynchronous quizzes
• If you have quizzes you created in the past, they are also still set as asynchronous
• When creating a new quiz or editing an existing quiz, you now have the option to set it as a synchronous quiz
• Give some thought to how long the quiz should be (quiz timer) and what is the latest you would like a student to be able to begin the quiz late (End Date/Time)
• Inform your students if your quizzes are synchronous/asynchronous (this is new for them too!)
HOW TO CREATE SYNCHRONOUS QUIZZES IN COURSELINK

To create a synchronous quiz in CourseLink, begin by creating or editing a quiz and then:

1. Access the **Availability Dates & Conditions** Panel
2. Set a **Start Date** and time (required)
3. Set an **End Date** and time (recommended)

![Availability Dates & Conditions Panel](image)
CREATING SYNCHRONOUS QUIZZES IN COURSELINK

4. Access the **Timing & Display** Panel
5. Set a **Time Limit** (recommended)
6. Select the **Timer Settings** option
7. Under Quiz Start, select Synchronous
8. Adjust When the Time Limit Expires options (Optional)
9. Press the OK button to confirm the change
Lack of Synchronous Quizzes Indicator

There is no obvious indicator to instructors or students that a quiz is set as synchronous or asynchronous

- Instructors see a “Timer starts” indicator under Timing & Display when they edit the quiz

- Students see a “Timer starts” indicator under Start Time and an end time under Time Limit before starting the quiz
CHANGES TO QUIZ TIMING AND SUBMISSION OPTIONS

Updates and Changes for Instructors
CHANGES TO QUIZ TIMING OPTIONS

There are 4 major changes to Quiz Timing options:

1. “Automatically submit the quiz attempt” option **added**

2. “Grace Period” option **removed**

3. “Prevent the student from making further changes” and “Allow student to continue working but automatically score zero” options **removed & replaced** by “Automatically submit the quiz attempt”

4. “Allow the student to continue working” option has been **changed** to “Flag the attempt as exceeded time limit and allow the learner to continue working”
OPTION ADDED: “AUTOMATICALLY SUBMIT THE QUIZ ATTEMPT”

• All timed quizzes in CourseLink now have the option to automatically submit quiz attempts
• This is now the default setting for all time-limited quizzes
• When set, students’ quiz attempts are automatically submitted with their work saved when the timer expires
• This option is intended to solve the issue of students not submitting their attempts once their time is up
  – Often required instructors or support to submit attempts on a student’s behalf

When The Time Limit Expires

- Automatically submit the quiz attempt
- Flag as "exceeded time limit" and allow the learner to continue working
- Do nothing: the time limit is not enforced
OPTION REMOVED: GRACE PERIOD

Before the update:

• All timed quizzes in CourseLink had a default 5-minute grace period added (which could be adjusted or removed by the instructor)

• The grace period was never displayed to students but allowed them to submit late without penalty

• It was originally intended to account for additional time required by students on slower dial-up Internet
OPTION REMOVED: GRACE PERIOD

After the update:

• Quizzes no longer have a Grace Period option under Timing settings

• All quizzes that used a Grace Period previously, have had it removed and the quiz time ends at the indicated time
  – E.g., a 60-minute quiz ends after 60 minutes, not 65
OPTION REMOVED & REPLACED: ALLOW STUDENT TO CONTINUE WORKING BUT AUTOMATICALLY SCORE ZERO

Before the update:

• Would allow students to continue to write their quiz after the timer expired
• If a student submitted after the timer expired, they received a zero grade
• Instructors could score the attempt manually and apply any appropriate late penalties if desired
OPTION REMOVED & REPLACED: ALLOW STUDENT TO CONTINUE WORKING BUT AUTOMATICALLY SCORE ZERO

After the update:

• Quizzes no longer have the “Allow student to continue working but automatically score zero” option under **Timing** settings

• All quizzes that used “Allow student to continue working but automatically score zero” previously, have had that setting replaced by the new “Automatically submit the quiz attempt”
OPTION REMOVED & REPLACED: PREVENT THE STUDENT FROM MAKING FURTHER CHANGES

Before the update:

- Would allow students to stay in their quiz attempt after their time expired, but not make any further modifications
- A student’s only option was to submit the quiz
- In some cases, students would simply close the web browser or not complete the submission process
  - This resulted in attempts remaining as “in-progress” status and prevented them from being graded
OPTION REMOVED & REPLACED: PREVENT THE STUDENT FROM MAKING FURTHER CHANGES

After the update:

• Quizzes no longer have the “Prevent the student from making further changes” option under **Timing** settings.

• All quizzes that used “Prevent the student from making further changes” previously, have had that setting replaced by the new “Automatically submit the quiz attempt” option.
  – This should significantly reduce the number of unsubmitted attempts that remain “in-progress”.

![Options for when the time limit expires]

- Automatically submit the quiz attempt
- Flag as "exceeded time limit" and allow the learner to continue working
- Do nothing: the time limit is not enforced
OPTION CHANGED: “ALLOW THE STUDENT TO CONTINUE WORKING”

Before the update:

- Would allow students to simply continue their quiz attempt after time expired
- There was no indicator to the instructor that time had elapsed before submission (was visible in the log)
- Often used for ungraded or practice quizzes
OPTION CHANGED: “ALLOW THE STUDENT TO CONTINUE WORKING”

After the update:

- The “Allow the student to continue working” Timer setting’s name has changed to: “Flag the attempt as exceeded time limit and allow the learner to continue working”
- With this setting enabled, any submissions after the timer expires will include an indicator flag for the instructor
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- Creating a quiz – New Create/Edit Experience
- Setting up a synchronous quiz
- Setting the timing options
UPDATES AND CHANGES FOR STUDENTS
QUIZZES TOOL - UPDATES AND CHANGES FOR STUDENTS

While you won’t see these changes directly as an instructor, it is important to understand them as it may impact your quiz design and communications.
QUIZZES TOOL - UPDATES AND CHANGES FOR STUDENTS

Three are 4 important changes to the quiz tool for students:

1. Student can now elect to hide the quiz timer
2. Students receive timer warnings at certain intervals
3. Students can now view the quiz description in the quiz
4. When the quiz is complete, students are taken to an updated quiz results page
HIDE/SHOW THE QUIZ TIMER

- The option to show or hide the timer is intended to reduce anxiety during quiz taking for some students
- The timer is displayed by default
- Students hover over the elapsed time & select **Hide Timer**
- Once a student sets their preference, the setting preserves across all quizzes, but can be changed back by clicking **Show Timer**
QUIZ TIMER WARNINGS

• Up to 3 warnings are now displayed to students at certain points to support awareness of the remaining quiz time:
  – 1-minute remaining on the quiz
  – 5-minutes remaining (only on quizzes with 10 minutes or longer quiz time limit)
  – Half of the elapsed time (only on quizzes with 20 minutes or longer quiz time limit)
Students now have the option to review quiz description information without leaving the quiz. This is a nice feature if you use quiz descriptions to provide important information to your students. Students now see a link called Quiz Information that appears below the list of questions (left panel).
UPDATED QUIZ RESULTS PAGE

• After submitting a quiz, students are directed to a new Quiz Results page that:
  – Confirms that their work has been saved and submitted (Instructors may add their own additional text if desired)
  – Indicates if attempt has been scored or if it is pending evaluation
WHERE TO FIND SUPPORT AND RESOURCES FOR QUIZZES
QUIZZES SUPPORT & RESOURCES

Online Resources
• OpenEd Documentation & Support – Quizzes Tool
  https://support.opened.uoguelph.ca/instructors/courselink/tools/content/instructor-tool-quizzes
• Breakdown of the New Quiz Creation Experience (D2L Community Site)
  https://community.d2l.com/brightspace/kb/articles/5578-welcome-to-the-new-quiz-creation-experience
• Summary of the Summer Updates to Quizzes (D2L Community Site)
  https://community.d2l.com/brightspace/kb/articles/6098-quiz-timing-improvements
• The New Quiz Building Experience (W23 ITS Programming)
  https://opened.uoguelph.ca/instructor-resources/winter-2023-programming#CourseLink

CourseLink Support
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Instructional Technology Specialist (ITS) Team
• Request a consultation: https://bit.ly/UG-ITS-Consult
• Email: insttech@uoguelph.ca
Related Upcoming Programming in F23

Our ITS team has 2 more quiz-related sessions planned as part of our instructional technology programming for F23:

- Oct. 11 - Introducing the CourseLink Quiz Printing Tool
  [https://opened.uoguelph.ca/instructor-resources/fall-2023-programming#PrintingTool](https://opened.uoguelph.ca/instructor-resources/fall-2023-programming#PrintingTool)

- Oct. 19 - Leveraging the New Synchronous Quizzes Option in CourseLink
  [https://opened.uoguelph.ca/instructor-resources/fall-2023-programming#SynchronousQuizzes](https://opened.uoguelph.ca/instructor-resources/fall-2023-programming#SynchronousQuizzes)

Please feel free to register for these or any of our other F23 programming sessions!