What’s New in CourseLink?

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AGENDA

- Pronouns Settings
- Improvements in Intelligent Agents
- Copying Dropbox Folders
- Improvements to the Rubrics Tool
- The New Quiz Building Experience
- OpenEd Toolbox
- Keeping Up with New CourseLink Features
- Question and Answer Period
Pronoun Settings
Classlist/Discussions
ENABLING AND SETTING PRONOUNS

Anyone with a CourseLink account now has the option to set their pronouns (He/Him, She/Her, They/Them, etc.) for their account.

- Pronouns are set from the Account Settings option in CourseLink.

![Image showing account settings options]

ID: ITS Demo Instructor

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Account Settings
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Once the Account Settings are open, simply:

• Enable “Allow others to see my pronouns”
• Select “Use different pronouns”, then enter the pronouns

Note: UofG does not have a record of pronouns that can be pushed to CourseLink, so the “Use what my organization has on record” option, will not indicate pronouns.
**Pronouns on Classlist**

For any accounts with pronouns set and enabled to allow others to see them, they will display next to that user’s name on the Classlist.
PRONOUNS IN DISCUSSIONS

Pronouns will also be available if hovering over or clicking on a user’s profile image in Discussions.
IMPROVEMENTS IN INTELLIGENT AGENTS

Scheduling now includes One-Time Run!
WHAT ARE INTELLIGENT AGENTS?

The Intelligent Agents tool allows instructors to automate custom email communications to students based on a variety of conditions such as:

• When they last visited the course site
• The number of posts they made to a discussion topic
• Their score on a quiz or grade item
• And many, many more...

For more information on Intelligent Agents, you may view the recording and slides from S22’s CourseLink Tool Spotlight: Intelligent Agents
SCHEDULING OPTION IMPROVEMENTS FOR INTELLIGENT AGENTS

Intelligent Agents now allow for a one-time run option, rather than forcing the user to set a schedule.

- This new option allows:
  - Simpler creation of one-time run agent messages (Previously a complex schedule had to be set between dates that would only send once)
  - A defined time for when the message is sent (Previously messages were sent in a batch daily at 9pm)
**USING THE ONE-TIME RUN OPTION**

The One-Time Run option is located under the Scheduling section when creating or editing an agent.
COPYING DROPBOX FOLDERS

From one course to another directly
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Instructors can now copy Dropbox folders between their courses directly from the Dropbox tool, rather than using the Import/Export/Copy Components tool.

Why would you do this?

• It can save time if you have several courses using a similar Dropbox folder organization and settings
  – A Dropbox folder can be copied to up to 10 course sites at the same time
  – Associated rubrics and grade items can also be copied (if selected)
HOW TO COPY DROPBOX FOLDERS TO ANOTHER COURSE (STEPS 1 & 2)

1. Begin in the course site with the folders that have been created
2. Click the context menu for the folder you want to copy and select Copy to Other Courses

Note: You must have the Instruct-build-grade role in both course sites for this to work. This means that you cannot copy folders using this method between a DE course and standard course.
HOW TO COPY DROPBOX FOLDERS TO ANOTHER COURSE (STEPS 3 & 4)

3. Search for and select the course(s) to which you want to copy the Dropbox folder
4. Select if you want to also copy any associated rubric or grade items
HOW TO COPY DROPBOX FOLDERS TO ANOTHER COURSE (STEPS 5 & 6)

5. Review the list and select **Copy**

6. Go to the destination course site(s), make any required modifications, or set the folders as hidden from students
IMPROVEMENTS TO THE RUBRICS TOOL
RECENT IMPROVEMENTS TO THE RUBRICS TOOL

The rubrics tool has come a long way over the last several years and is now very simply to use.

Some of the more recent improvements include:
• The ability to copy Rubric criteria groups and rows
• The ability to reorder criteria rows
• A streamlined side-by-side assessment experience via Dropbox and Discussions
COPYING CRITERIA GROUPS

If you make use of multiple similar criteria groups within a single rubric, you can now copy a group as a starting point then make edits to improve efficiency.
Previously, there was no option to reorder criteria rows, just options to delete & add, but you can now reorder the criteria in rubrics using an intuitive drag and drop feature.
Streamlined Assessment (Dropbox and Discussions)

Rubrics can be attached to Dropbox folders or assessed Discussion topics!

• Previously rubrics opened in a full grid view overtop of the document preview or list of discussion posts, making it difficult to assess unless you had a second monitor

• Rubrics now open in the assessment panel in a vertical format allowing you to perform the assessment next to the document preview or list of discussion posts
STREAMLINED RUBRIC ASSESSMENT - DROPBOX


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**Criteria**

**Integration of Knowledge**

Proficient 3 / 4

The paper demonstrates that the author, for the most part, understands and has applied concepts learned in the course. Some of the conclusions, however, are not supported in the body of the paper.

Add Feedback

**Topic Focus**

Proficient 3 / 4

The topic is focused but lacks direction. The paper is about a specific topic but the writer has not established a position.

Add Feedback
STREAMLINED RUBRIC ASSESSMENT - DISCUSSIONS

Post: 1 thread, 1 reply

My Idea
Feb 18, 2022 11:39 AM ● 129 words

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Feb 18, 2022 11:39 AM ● 215 words

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THE NEW QUIZ BUILDING EXPERIENCE
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• To refresh and align the creation experience, D2L is updating LMS tools, such as Dropbox, Quizzes, and Discussions

• The Quizzes tool now has a new single-page Quiz creation experience available, which is similar to one now used for creating Dropbox folders

• The option to use the new experience can be toggled on or off for now, but eventually the new quiz building experience will permanently replace the old one
EXAMPLE: OLD QUIZ BUILDING EXPERIENCE
EXAMPLE: NEW QUIZ BUILDING EXPERIENCE

Ready to begin adding quiz content?
Click Add Existing or Create New to get started.
Demo: New Quiz Building Experience
OPENEd TOOLBOX

Extend CourseLink’s functionality!
WHAT IS THE OPENED TOOLBOX?

A collection of tools developed by OpenEd that extend the functionality of other tools (mostly CourseLink tools)
• The OpenEd Toolbox extends the functionality of:
  – CourseLink’s Classlist (Bulk Enroll)
  – CourseLink’s Groups Tool (5 tools!)
  – Grades Tool (Gradebook Column Copy)

• Toolbox leverages Application Programming Interface (API) to send and receive information to and from CourseLink
OPENEd TOOLBOX – ACCESS

• The OpenEd Toolbox can be accessed from the following url: https://apps1.opened.uoguelph.ca/toolbox/

• You will be taken to CourseLink the first time you access the OpenEd Toolbox to login (if you aren’t already), then you must authorize the app to access CourseLink
The toolbox is a suite of custom tools and utilities that further extend the functionality of OpenEd systems and the CourseLink Learning Management System (LMS).
**OpenEd Toolbox – Support**

- There is support documentation for the OpenEd Toolbox available online: [https://support.opened.uoguelph.ca/instructors/courselink/tools/content/opened-toolbox](https://support.opened.uoguelph.ca/instructors/courselink/tools/content/opened-toolbox)

- CourseLink Support can also assist with any questions you have about the available tools – [courselink@uoguelph.ca](mailto:courselink@uoguelph.ca) or x.56939
OPENEd TOOLBOX – PROGRAMMING

• There is a lot to cover for the OpenEd Toolbox, so it has its own dedicated session coming up

• If you’re interested in learning more about the OpenEd Toolbox, please register for November 29th’s Introducing the OpenEd Toolbox session: https://opened.uoguelph.ca/instructor-resources/fall-2022-programming#Toolbox
KEEP UP WITH NEW COURSELINK FEATURES
HOW TO KEEP UP WITH NEW COURSELINK FEATURES

• CourseLink updates on the last Friday of every month with new features

• A message is posted on that day through the Announcements widget on the CourseLink homepage with details on any new or modified features

• You may also view the updates page directly online: https://wp.opened.uoguelph.ca/courselink-update/

• Consider joining D2L’s Brightspace Community to learn about upcoming features and improvements (and make feature requests)