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THE canvas CORNER THE LATEST IN CANVAS

CANVAS SUMMER RECAP:

Here's a recap of all the releases within Canvas that happened over the summer break:

Canvas Release Highlights! [May - In this release highlights](#), there were updates Canvas Studio navigation and messaging students in the Gradebook.

Canvas Release Highlights! [June - In this release highlights](#), there were updates to the SpeedGrader and adding Studio media to comments in assignments.

Canvas Release Highlights! [July - In this release highlights](#), there were updates to the "Assign To" process and account notifications.

LUCID AVAILABLE IN COURSE NAVIGATION (ALL USERS)

A Lucid integration link is available in course navigation. This update ensures that Lucid tools, like digital whiteboarding, are more accessible to instructors and students, allowing them to utilize the free service offered by Instructure's partner, Lucid. In the Course Navigation, click the Lucid link to access the integration.

Learn more about Lucid Education Suite (All Users)

[Getting Started with the Canvas and Lucid Visual Collaboration Suite.](#)

[How do I set up the Lucid Education Suite in my course as an instructor?](#)

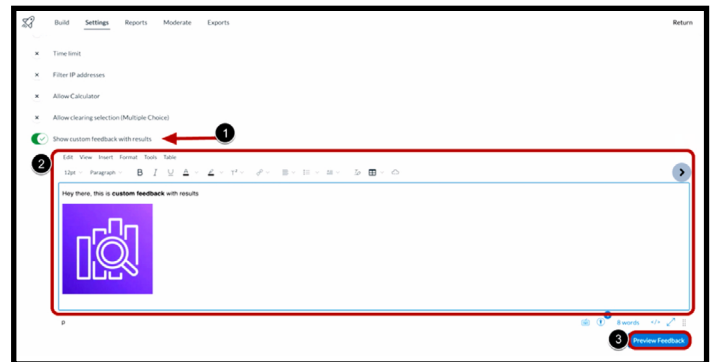
[How do I set up the Lucid Education Suite in my course as a student?](#)

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NEW QUIZZES - CUSTOM RESULTS FEEDBACK (INSTRUCTORS)

In New Quizzes, instructors can customize the feedback displayed to all students after they complete a quiz. This feature allows instructors to reinforce key concepts, guide students on next steps, provide additional information, and enhance their overall understanding of the material.

SHOW CUSTOM FEEDBACK WITH RESULTS TOGGLE

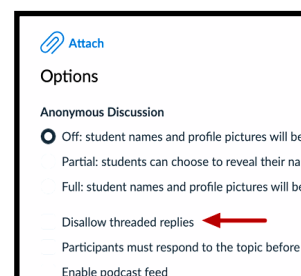


In the New Quiz Settings, toggle on the Show Custom Feedback with Results option [1], then add the custom feedback in the Rich Content Editor [2]. To preview custom feedback, click the Preview Feedback button [3]. **Note:** By default, the Show custom feedback with results setting is toggled off.

DISCUSSIONS - DISALLOW THREADED REPLIES (INSTRUCTORS)

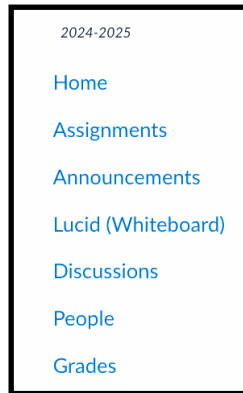
Instructors can disallow threaded replies in discussions. This update enables instructors to restrict threaded replies, a feature available in legacy discussions. Instructors can select the Disallow threaded replies checkbox on the Discussion Edit page.

Note: Once there are threaded replies in a discussion, this setting can no longer be changed.



LUCID LINK TEXT UPDATE (ALL USERS)

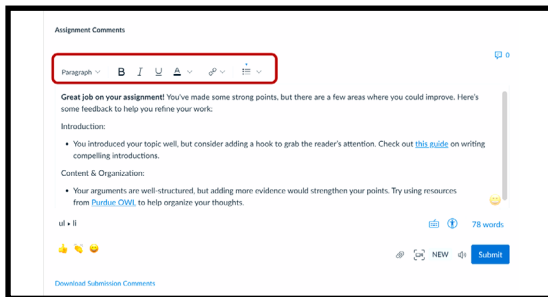
When enabled in Course Navigation, the Lucid link text is updated to Lucid (Whiteboard). This update allows instructors and students unfamiliar with Lucid to quickly grasp its value and the tools now available to them for free through Canvas. When enabled in the Course Navigation, the Lucid link text is updated.



RICH CONTENT EDITOR FEATURES AVAILABLE (INSTRUCTORS)

In SpeedGrader, specific Rich Content Editor (RCE) features are available when commenting. Additionally, instructors can edit comment drafts. The available RCE features include:

- Heading
- Bold
- Italic
- Underline
- Font color
- Insert Hyperlink
- Bullets



Note: Instructors and students can view formatted comments in all locations where comments are accessible.

This change allows instructors to provide students with more detailed and formatted feedback by emphasizing key points, organizing information clearly, and including external resources directly in their comments. This enhanced feedback improves communication, making it easier for students to understand and take action on the input. In SpeedGrader, instructors can use specific Rich Content Editor features to draft a comment.

SPEEDGRADER - EQUATION EDITOR ADDED TO RICH CONTENT EDITOR (INSTRUCTORS)

The Equation Editor function is added to the Rich Content Editor in SpeedGrader. This feature enables instructors to incorporate math equations into their comments on assignments. When writing a comment in SpeedGrader, click the Equation icon to add math equations. Then, the Equation Editor displays for instructors.

SECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING



IT Security Awareness training is required annually for every employee and emeritus faculty member with an active account at the University of Memphis. [Your training for this academic year](#) is now available. Please complete your training by Oct. 31.

If you have any issues accessing the training, contact

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SOFTWARE RENEWALS

The following contracts were renewed.

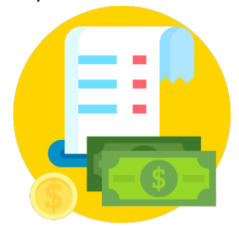
September 2024

HOTS - \$1,635
Mathmateca - \$16, 630
MatLab - \$52,183
MS Campus Lic - \$316,191.89

May-August 2024

Wrds - \$52,200
Papercut - \$3,030
HLM - \$7,050
LumineroTevera- \$12,900
MediaSite - \$20,055
SigmaPlot - \$2,035
Kumo Cloud Storage (Ind Univ) - \$ 7,172.88
Illiad/OCLC - \$9,138.62
ChemDraw - \$5,376
LabStats - \$23,400
SAS - \$25,596
Adobe - \$93,444.90
ArcGIS - \$25,000
Fusion - \$3,500
Azure - \$16,000
PackBack - \$3,430

Sonocent - \$10,820
AMPAC - Semichem - \$1,500
Ivanti / Xentegra - 4.995
Exam4 - \$7,325
MS Premier Srv - \$20,178
Visual 3-D \$2,400
Wyse - 10,000



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