

# Major Features in D2L 2020 Upgrades (January to December 2020)

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## **Overview**

As of **June 2, 2018**, Minnesota State D2L Brightspace environments have been migrated to D2L’s cloud hosting services, and moved onto D2L’s [continuous delivery \(CD\) model](#). On D2L’s CD model, we receive monthly updates for our D2L Brightspace Production environment.

D2L Brightspace upgrade release notes are available as Knowledge Articles at our [D2L Knowledge](#) site (view [how to login instructions](#)):

- [March 2020 \(version 20.20.03\)](#) release notes
- [February 2020 \(version 20.20.02\)](#) release notes
- [January version 20.20.01](#) release notes
- January to December 2019, versions [10.8.9 to 20.19.12](#)

After each upgrade, users will see these new features in D2L Brightspace.

- Starred (\*) items are new features that all users will experience.
- Remaining items are features that will be available to faculty only.

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## **Announcements**

### **Display author information (March 19, 2020 release)\***

- When creating or editing an announcement, teacher can select the 'Display author information' checkbox, displaying their first and last name to students in an announcement item

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## **Assignments**

### **New Assignment List View (January 16, 2020 release)**

- Instructors see the new Assignments list view by default, and can no longer opt-out of the new list view.

### **Streamlined access to assignment inline feedback (February 19, 2020 release)**

- When students view assignment inline feedback, the link directly opens the annotated PDF instead of redirecting to the assignments feedback page.

### **Assignment Grader banner removed (March 19, 2020 release)**

- From the assignment's Submissions page in the Assignments tool, the Download Assignment Grader banner has been removed

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## **Brightspace Learning Environment**

### **Internet Explorer no longer supported (January 16, 2020 release)\***

- As of January 1, 2020, Internet Explorer is no longer supported; users accessing D2L Brightspace with Internet Explorer will need to switch to a [supported browsers](#).

### **Chromium-based Microsoft Edge browser support (January 16, 2020 release)\***

- As of January 15, 2020, D2L Brightspace will support the new Chromium-based Microsoft Edge browser. Refer to the [Microsoft Edge](#) page for further details.

### **Geolocation data warning when uploading jpg images (February 19, 2020 release)\***

- When users upload .jpg files in any file upload area within D2L Brightspace, a data warning may appear informing the user that the file may contain geolocation data.

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## **Brightspace Pulse**

### **Pulse reflects additional language preferences on your device (January 16, 2020 release)\***

- Brightspace Pulse is now available in additional languages to reflect the language preferences on the user's device.

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## **Course Reset**

### **New Course Reset tool to empty a course shell (February 19, 2020 release)**

- With assistance from your D2L campus Admin, instructors can now reset a course back to its empty shell using the new Course Reset tool

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## **Discussions**

### **Bulk Publish and Retract Feedback when assessing discussions (January 16, 2020 release)**

- Instructors have new multi-select options to **Publish Feedback** and **Retract Feedback** to make scores and/or feedback visible to students or save draft/retract from the students' view, replacing the **Save** and **Save and Close** buttons.

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## **Groups**

### **Set self-enrollment start date and edit self-enrollment capacity (January 16, 2020 release)**

- Instructors can set a start date, and increase or decrease the capacity of self-enrollment groups.

### **Set self-enrollment start time and expiry time (March 19, 2020 release)**

- When setting up groups that allow students to self-enroll, instructors can now add an exact time when enrollment opens, and an exact time when self-enrollment expires.

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## **Import/Export/Copy Components**

### **LTI links preserved in Copy Components (March 19, 2020 release)**

- LTI links are preserved when copying components into a course, which eliminates the need to delete and re-add LTI links in copied courses. Now, LTI links in newly copied courses should work as expected as long as the LTI follows this best practice.

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## **Profile**

### **Limit to Personal Info long text fields (January 16, 2020 release)\***

- In the Profile, the Personal Info long text fields are limited to 4000 characters each.

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## **Quick Eval**

### **Temporarily or permanently dismiss activities from Quick Eval (January 16, 2020 release)**

- Instructors can select activities in their Quick Eval list and dismiss them temporarily or permanently

### **Dismiss activity until next submission and course level filtering (February 19, 2020 release)**

- Instructors can select an activity in their Quick Eval list and dismiss it until the next student's submission
- When accessing the Quick Eval tool from the course navbar, instructors can view items that are only available in the course

### **Support for anonymous marking in assignments (March 19, 2020 release)**

- Assignments created with the **Hide student names during assessment** option selected now display in Quick Eval with learner names and profile images hidden

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## **Quizzes**

### **Import questions from Brightspace LOR (March 19, 2020 release)**

- As part of the new Quiz Builder experience, users can import quiz questions stored in Brightspace Learning Repository (LOR).

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## **Rubrics**

### **Confirmation message for partially unevaluated rubrics (March 19, 2020 release)**

- The publishing workflow in the new Rubrics grading experience includes a confirmation message that warns the instructor when the rubric is not fully evaluated

### **Overall Score levels calculated after rubric criteria completion (March 19, 2020 release)**

- The Overall Score level is now only calculated after all criteria in the rubric have been assessed

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## **Video Assignments**

### **New overview screen for video assignment gradebook (March 19, 2020 release)**

- Teachers will see an updated gradebook page in Bongo Video Assignment when assessing students. Teachers will be able to quickly navigate to other students from a new left-hand panel, and be able to see a progress dashboard to view submissions that are ready to evaluate.

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## **Wiggio**

### **End of Life (February 19, 2020 release)\***

- Effective February 2020, Brightspace Wiggio is no longer available to users. Refer to [D2L Brightspace February 2020 \(20.20.02\) knowledge articles](#) for additional information, as well as steps to export content from Wiggio.

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