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MyLO and MyLO
Manager. What's
Coming?

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- Everything discussed in this presentation is subject to change.
- No guarantees every feature discussed today will end up being implemented.
- At any stage feel free to interrupt saying you do / don't like what is spoken about and add your own input.
- This presentation is being recorded and feedback will be taken on-board.

INTRODUCTION



- MyLO and MyLO Manager (and related tools) have stayed pretty much the same as they were implemented in the MyLO 2012 Project.
- This year (and in to next year) we will be applying a major upgrade to MyLO and improving and adding new features to MyLO Manager.
- Early look at to where we are at what will be happening and what you can expect to see coming.

Following Products



brightspace™
by D2L

Version 10.4



Version 3



Ultra View



Integration

UPGRADE OF INFRASTRUCTURE



- MyLO cloud hosted infrastructure will be completely replaced with newer up to date hardware.
- Will allow for better reliability, performance and uptime.
- Required to implement the continuous delivery model.
- Moving from Service Pack 13 to Service Pack 20 which will resolve a raft of bugs.
- <https://mylo.utas.edu.au/d2l/lor/viewer/view.d2l?ou=6607&lolidentId=91374>
- Occurring next week! 30th June

CONTINUOUS DELIVERY



- Change in the design practice of MyLO to improve the current software delivery process
- Allow for rapid and incremental delivery of new functionality
- Replaces “Big Bang” releases (example Version 9 to 10 to 11).
- Regular monthly additional features that are incrementally
- Allows for admins to test and release new features easier

VERSION 10.4 FEATURES



- Around 60 new features will be available in the new version of MyLO
- Most of these have been implemented based on feedback provided on the Product Ideas Exchange site (<https://community.desire2learn.com/d2l/home>)
- Some examples follow

ILP Core

New Faculty UI

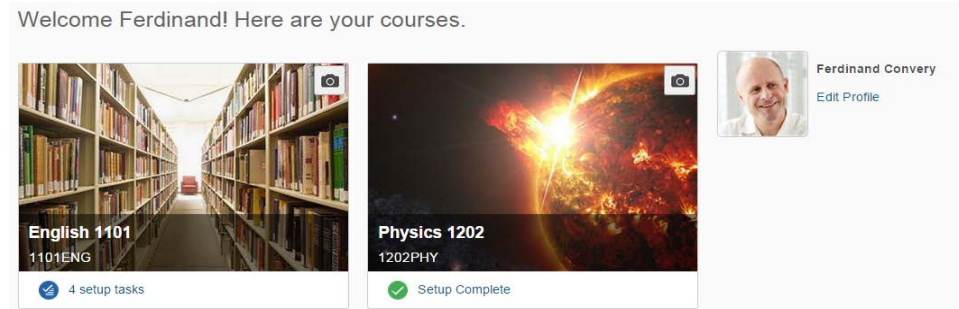
Simplifying the user experience was a priority with the Spring 2015 Release. So was speeding up common tasks. Our goal is to empower Brightspace users with the freedom to teach and learn the way they want to.

Why did we do it?

- To enable simple navigation and to help staff quickly set up their units

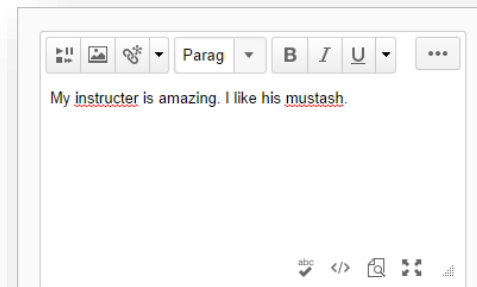
Benefits:

- The checklist and clear callout regarding if the unit is active or not helps instructors get their courses ready quickly.



HTML Editor

- What is it?
- The browsers' native spell checker has been enabled in the HTML Editor, while maintaining the MyLO spell checker since it works well for screen reader users.
- Why did we do it?
- This feature was requested in the product idea site.
- Benefits
- Improved user experience.



Video Topics

It is now possible to create “Video Topics” in the Content Tool, and the user experience for creating video topics has been improved. This work includes the following:

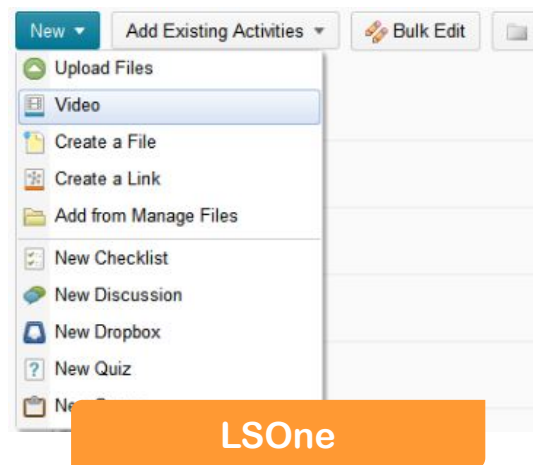
- The action staff use to create videos can be found under the “New” menu in the Content tool, the item labelled “video”.
- “Video Topics” appear in the Content Tool with a special video icon, to distinguish them from other types of file or link topics.

Why did we do it?

- Videos are a key content type for staff, who want to add lectures and other multimedia content to their unit.

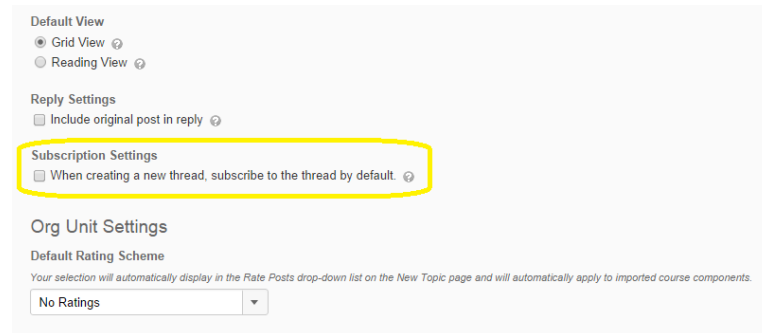
Benefits:

- Improvement to the user experience of this common workflow.



Discussions

- What is it?
- Ability to turn off 'Subscribe to this thread' default setting.
- Why did we do it?
- Allows users to limit notifications on discussions to what they are interested in. This feature was suggested in product idea site.
- Benefits
- An improved user experience with Discussions.



Default View

- Grid View
- Reading View

Reply Settings

- Include original post in reply

Subscription Settings

- When creating a new thread, subscribe to the thread by default.

Org Unit Settings

Default Rating Scheme

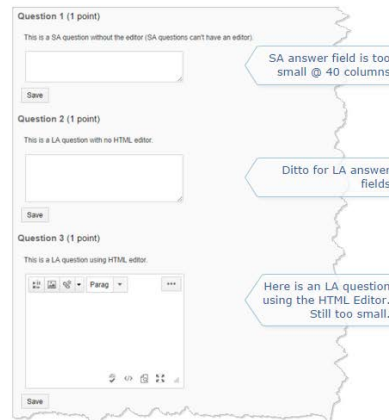
Your selection will automatically display in the Rate Posts drop-down list on the New Topic page and will automatically apply to imported course components.

No Ratings

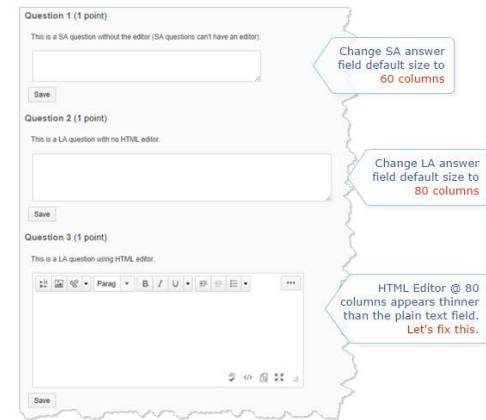
Quizzing

- What is it?
- Larger default size for Quiz answer box
- Why did we do it?
- This feature came through the product idea site
- as the previous default size was inadequate.
- Benefits
- Improved usability for Quizzes

Old Defaults



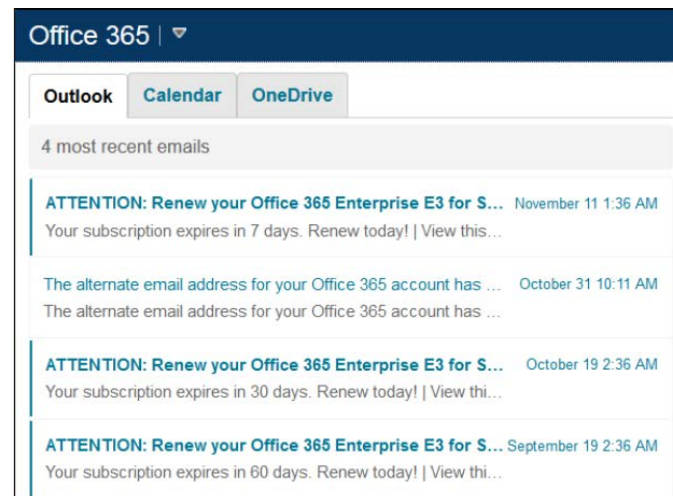
New Defaults



Office 365 Integration



- What is it?
- Foundational work for Office 365 Integration. Single Sign On is available, and a small widget has been created to link to O365 email, calendar and OneDrive
- Why did we do it?
- This is foundational work for an initiative to integrate Office 365 within the LE.
- Benefits
- Integration with Office 365



MYLO MANAGER



- In the very early stages of scoping out new features to be added.
- Always interested to hear from people on improvements
MyLO.Support@utas.edu.au
- List of improvements we are looking to implement for the next release – again this is in the investigation stage and is not complete.
- <https://wikis.utas.edu.au/display/IT/MyLO+Manager+--+Version+3.0>

MYLO MANAGER



- Real Time Enrolments
 - When a student selects a unit in eStudent it will appear in real time in their MyLO list.
- Tool usage across Organisation levels
 - Reports on tool usage across different levels (disciplines, schools, faculties)
 - Example amount of dropboxes, discussions, files etc in each unit
- Expansion of the Unit Information area
 - More options to customise this area
 - Open for idea?
- MyMedia Booking automation
 - No longer require a booking for MyMedia
 - Information automatically creates the booking
 - Option to Opt Out

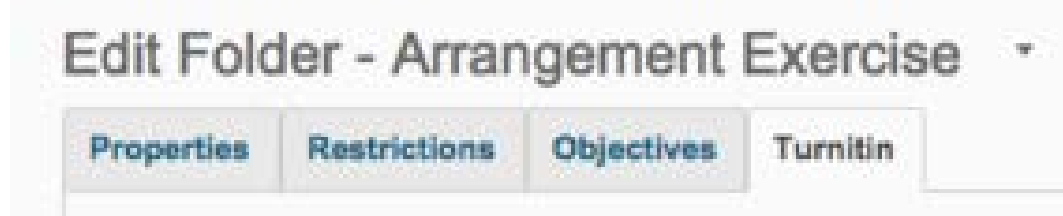
MYLO MANAGER



- Implementing Student Management Semesters
 - All SM semesters are transformed into standard semesters make all semesters available
- Unit Rollover
 - Units can be selected to be rolled over automatically each year so manual creation is not required
- Ongoing Units
 - Allow units to be created as ongoing without the need to re-create each year
- Export Grades to Student Management
 - A button on your grade book that you can click that will export all of your results directly to the Student Management system.
- Previous delivery improvements
 - Auto populate the previous delivery section to make it easier to find the last offering of that unit.

TURNITIN INTEGRATION

- Easier to setup– A Turnitin Tab when setting up a dropbox



- Integration to setup and use the Turnitin PeerMark tool directly in MyLO.
- Accounts in Turnitin will now be linked to a unit making it easy to identify who a paper belongs to in Turnitin (No more U3842854325)
- Non Supported file types can be submitted and GradeMark and PeerMark used (images, videos etc.)

BLACKBOARD COLLABORATE



- Complete re-build of the end user Interface
- Using new WebRCT so that there is no software required to run
- For more information and a demonstration stick around for Rebecca's presentation at 11.40am!

ACTIVE LEARNING PLATFORM (MyMedia)



- Move from a University hosted system to a cloud based solution
- New user interface and classroom engagement features.
- For more information around the changes to this system come at 1.30pm here to see Leah to discuss in detail.

QUESTION TIME



- Feedback / Ideas / Likes / Dislikes / Improvements?
- MyLO.Support@utas.edu.au