

## Educational Technology Corner | A2021

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### TECH TIPS

1. Zoom – for the best virtual meeting experience, make sure to keep your Zoom Client updated. The update menu item can be accessed under the user menu in the upper right corner.
2. Presenting in Teams? Check out how you can integrate PowerPoint Live.
3. Remember to create your Brightspace Community account. This gives you access to all the answers you could ever need, 24/7 access! And, best of all, it is FREE!

### BRIGHTSPACE

Accommodations – Improvements in Classlist, Quizzes, User Purge, and User Progress | New

This feature builds on the [Accommodations – Quiz accommodations | New](#) feature that was released in the February 2021/20.21.2 release.

The following improvements have been made in the Classlist, Quizzes, User Purge and User

#### Improvements in Quizzes for instructors:

- x Instructors can now grant learners special access in terms of quiz time multipliers (for example, 1.5x quiz time) or +minutes (for example, an additional 30 minutes). Refer to the Quizzes – Improvements to Special Access

Assignments – Brightspace Editor in the new Assignment Creation Experience | New  
Review the [Brightspace Editor](#) –

The Editor also includes the following new features:

- x Wordcount functionality that includes words, characters, and text selection.
- x Context menus while editing to enable quick access to text, link, and image editing options; including advanced image editing options (where image editing is currently available).
- x A new overflow menu with additional, infrequently used menu options.

Content - URL topics now Open as External Resource by default | Updated  
Previously, when a user created a new URL Content type, the Open as External Resource option was not selected by default. In some cases, this caused a Cross-Origin resource sharing (CORS) error to appear when viewing the content topics. Now, the URL Content type, such as a Google Team Drive Public link, has the Open as External Resource check box selected by default. Users can choose to deliberately remove the Open as External Resource option if necessary. If it is deselected, users are advised that D2L recommends opening links in a new window to prevent issues viewing the resource before saving.



Standards button and focuses on an outcome tag, the screen reader reads the tag content and provides guidance that they can press Delete to remove the aligned outcome.

Highlighting, note taking and reader location memory  
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