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D2L 10.3: Upgrade Quick Reference

A Guide for Instructors



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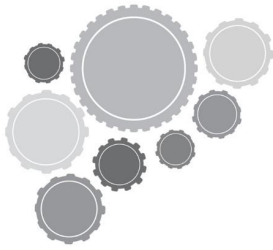
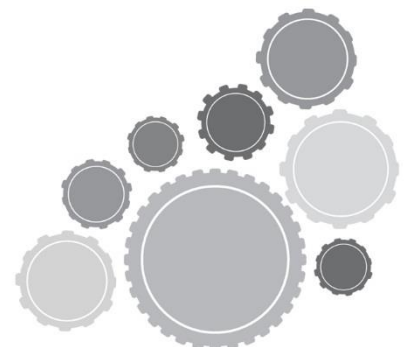
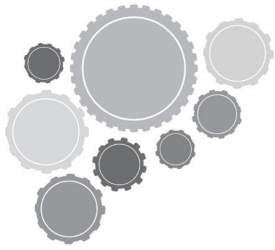


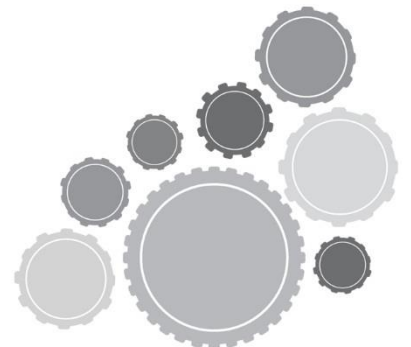
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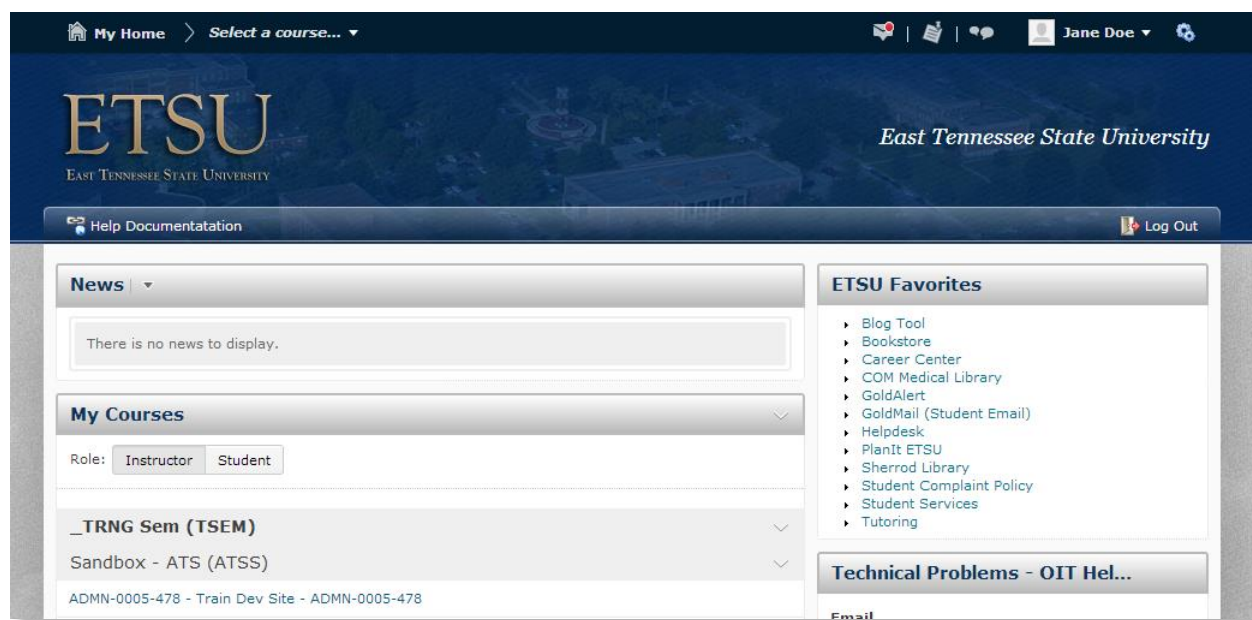


Introduction

ETSU's online learning environment, D2L, is upgrading from D2L 9.4.1 to D2L 10.3. This quick reference guide will introduce end-users to the new features of D2L version 10.3. Included in this upgrade are substantial changes to the look and feel of the learning environment. Version 10.3 offers a complete visual overhaul, organization and categorical changes, an entirely revamped content tool, and several other frequently-requested enhancements to various tools. The following is a brief overview of the major changes included in D2L Upgrade 10.3. Additional, in-depth materials can be found on our D2L support website: <http://www.etsu.edu/d2l/>.

In This Guide...

- A New Look
- Edit Course Updates
- Content Changes
- Discussion: New Features
- Dropbox: New Features
- Quizzes: Creation Made Easy



D2L 10.3: My Home

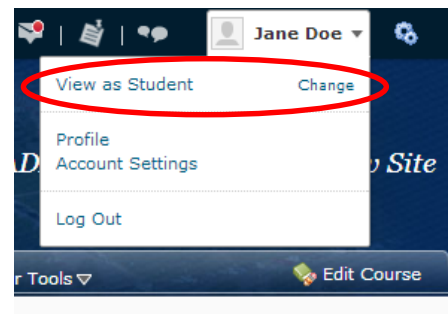
A New Look

The Minibar

The new minibar is located at the top of your screen. This new feature allows you to quickly navigate between courses, view messages and alerts at a glance, and access your account settings. The minibar is pinned to the top of the window and is accessible whether you are inside of a course or on the My Home page. The minibar is comprised of three major sections: the Course Selection dropdown menu, the Alerts panel, and your personal settings dropdown menu.



Role switching is another feature built into the new minibar. Now, you can toggle between the *Instructor* and *Student* views from within the personal settings dropdown menu.



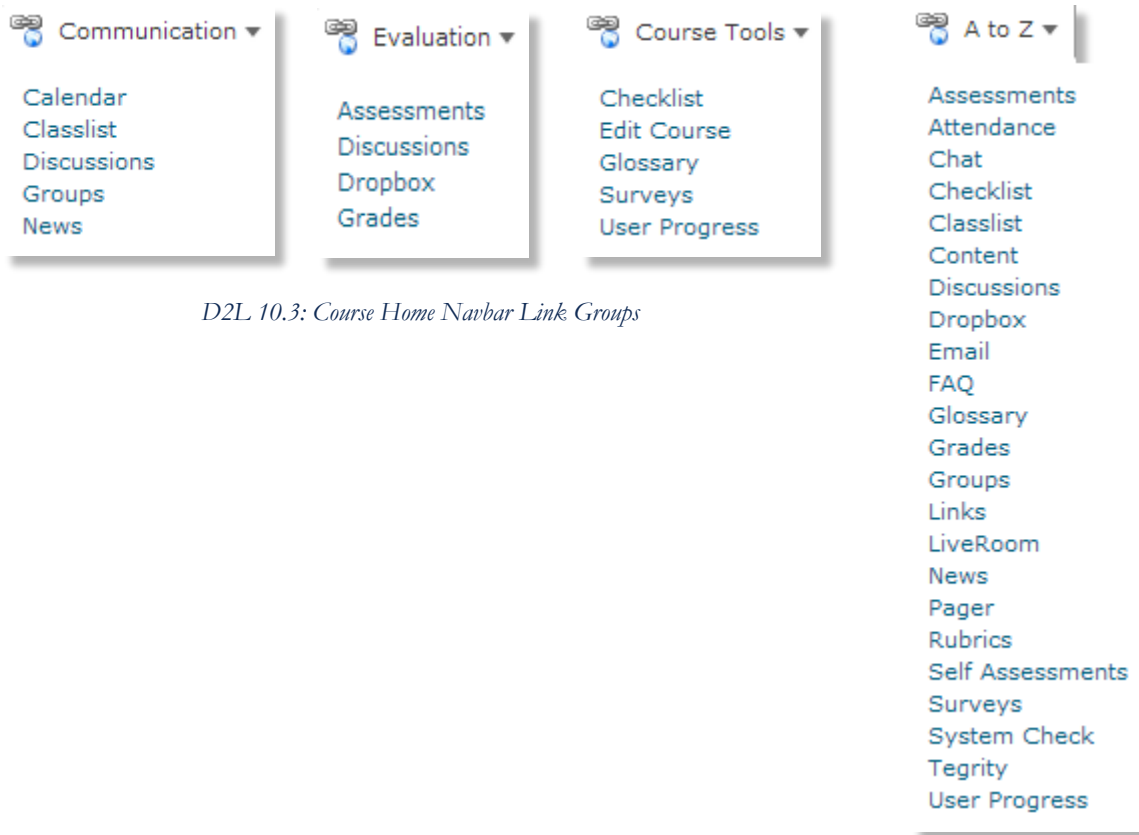
D2L 10.3: Role Switching

Default Course Home Navbar

In an effort to streamline the course homepage, we have customized a course home navbar which utilizes link groups that enable you to access course tools easily. The link groups are organized by function and then alphabetically within each group. An expanded list of all course tools and their link group classification is listed below.



D2L 10.3: Course Home Navbar

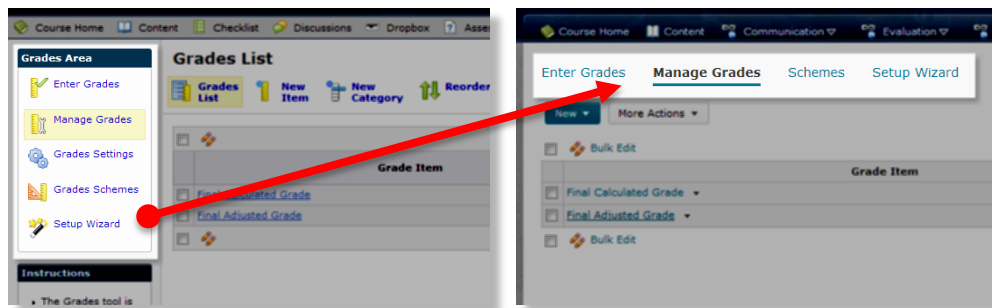


D2L 10.3: Course Home Navbar Link Groups

Other Menu and Navigation Changes

Left-Hand Menus Are Now Along the Top

You may be accustomed to navigating through major tools via a link group on the left-hand side of the page. In the new version, these link groups are located along the top of the main content area.



D2L 9.4.1 Grade Tools Menu

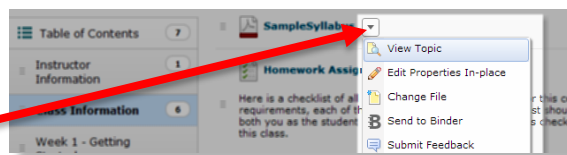
D2L 10.3 Grade Tools Menu

Right-Aligned Action Icons Are Now in a Dropdown Menu

Contextual action icons which were once located to the right of an item are now located inside of a dropdown menu attached to the item's title.



D2L 9.4.1 Contextual Action Icons



D2L 10.3 Contextual Action Icons

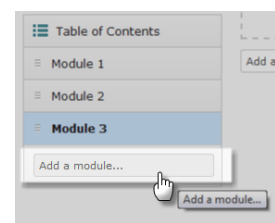
Changes to Edit Course

In addition to the standard Edit Course menu options, you can now gain access to all course tools. Additionally, there are two viewing options: alphabetically or by category, which is how the menu was organized in the previous version.

Major Changes to the Content Tool

Add a Module

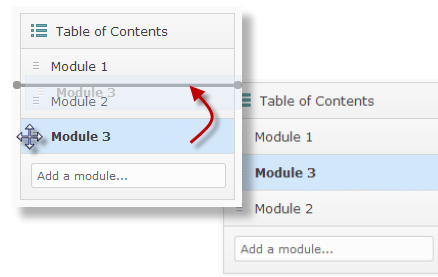
Adding modules is as simple as clicking inside the “Add a Module” textbox, typing in the new module’s name, and pressing the enter key.



D2L 10.3: Adding a Module

Organization Made Easy

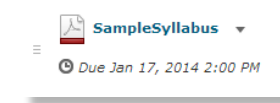
The new features of the Content tool also include the ability to drag and drop modules and sub-modules, making organization a breeze. Additionally, you can now drag and drop files from your computer directly into your D2L course.



D2L 10.3: Moving Modules

Descriptions and Due Dates

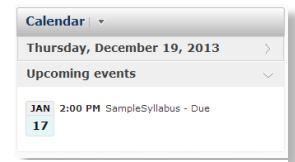
Descriptions and Due Dates are now integrated throughout the learning environment. You can add descriptions and due dates to a specific content topic or to entire modules. Once you configure a due date on a topic, the student will be able to see that due date inside the Content tool as well as within the course calendar.



D2L 10.3: Due Dates within Content

Automatic Updates

When you change an activity's attributes, a due date for example, that attribute will update through the entire learning environment. This updating service applies to all course tools and activities. Changing the due date of a quiz from inside the content tool will automatically update the quiz's due date in the Course Calendar as well as in the Quizzes tool.



D2L 10.3: Student-View Calendar with Content Assignment Due Date

Document Viewing

Students are now able to view certain file formats from inside of D2L instead of having to open up another browser window or having to save the file to a computer. Those alternative viewing options, however, are still available.



D2L 10.3: In-Line Document Viewing

Completion Tracking and User Progress

Your students will now see a visual representation of their progress from within the different sections of your course. Each item you add to your course has completion tracking options. By default, tracking is set to automatic. You can, however, change this setting to manual, which would then require students to manually check the checkbox of an item after they have read the document or completed the associated activity. User Progress functionality has also been expanded to allow you to view statistics throughout your course.



D2L 10.3: Completion Tracking

Major Changes to Other Tools

Aside from the major Content tool overhaul, most of the other course tools functionality remains the same in version 10.3. The more notable changes are frequently requested enhancements to the Discussion, Dropbox, and Quiz tools. These changes are briefly outlined below.

Discussion Board Updates

Restoration Capabilities

Remember that one time you accidentally deleted a discussion? In version 10.3, the discussion tool comes with restoration capabilities. You can now easily restore a deleted discussion topic. The best part? All student data restores as well.

Enhanced Posting Regulations

You can now require a student to start his or her own, unique thread before being able to view and respond to other topics.

Rating Options

In past versions of D2L, rating options were set at the course level. In the 10.3 upgrade, rating options can be configured on the topic level. Your students can now have the option of rating each other's topics on a 5-point scale, "liking" a topic, or "disliking" a topic.

Dropbox Updates

Restoration Capabilities

Remember that one time you accidentally deleted a dropbox folder? In version 10.3, the dropbox tool comes with restoration capabilities. You can now easily restore a deleted dropbox folder. The best part? All student data restores as well.

Feedback, Feedback, and More Feedback!

The feedback options in D2L version 10.3 have been greatly improved. You can now:

- Give feedback to students who did not digitally submit a dropbox item.
- Upload feedback in a batch.
- Enter feedback now, publish it later.

Quiz Updates

Quiz Creation Made Easy

Instead of juggling through several different tabs during quiz creation, the 10.3 upgrade now allows you to view and edit your quiz questions on a single page.