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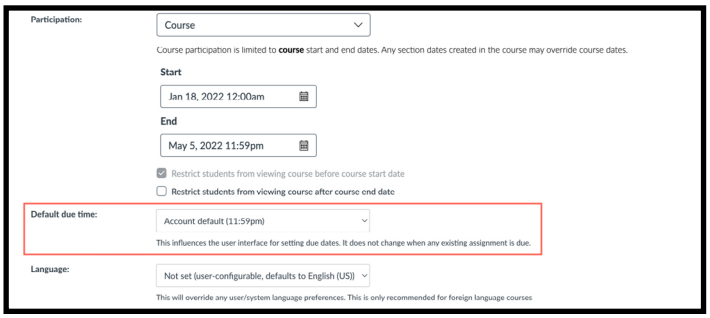
THE LATEST IN CANVAS

ASSIGNMENTS: DEFAULT DUE TIME

Canvas has introduced a new feature to help with setting the time when assignments are due. The new feature, Default Due Time, can be found in each course's settings.

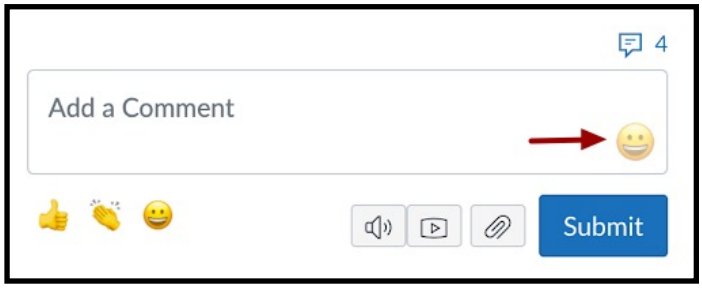


When setting the due date/time, the time will default to 11:59pm on whatever day is chosen. This time can be changed manually.

This new feature allows you to choose a different default time for the course, which may be benefitial if you regularly require assignments to be completed at a time other than 11:59pm.

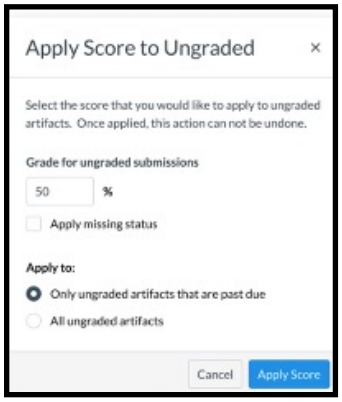
ADD EMOJIS TO COMMENTS

Say it with a smile! Emojis have become a way to add richness to communication. Now, you can add emojis to your assignment comments in Speedgrader.



This addition may be helpful if you feel that your feedback on assignments is not conveying your full meaning to the students who receive it. Emojis are also available for students.

Additionally, Canvas has removed inappropriate emojis before they have a chance to become an issue.

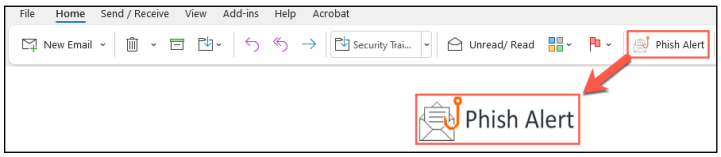


APPLY SCORE TO UNGRADED ITEMS

Another new addition in Canvas this month is the "Apply Score to Ungraded" feature. We have had the option in gradebook settings to automatically apply a score to missing items in the gradebook after the due date has passed. Unfortunately, that does not cover all use cases.

This feature will allow you to apply a grade to all ungraded assignments in a grade item from the grade item menu. It is accessible using the three dots at the top of any gradebook column. The feature includes options to grade all ungraded items or only those that are past due.

NEW IN OUTLOOK: REPORT PHISHING



Outlook users at the UofM will be able to report phishing emails using a new feature: the Phish Alert Button. Reporting these emails helps to protect our community from fraud, identity theft and financial loss. Learn about the Phish Alert Button and how to use it.

ensemble video

ENSEMBLE IS SUNSETTING

The Ensemble contract ends August 31, 2022 and will not be renewed. To prepare for this move, the service will be available for "Read Only" on Monday, May 16, 2022. The UM3D team is prepared to assist with training in Canvas Studio.

UM3D has documentation for downloading and transferring your videos to Canvas which is available here. Canvas Studio will be a replacement product for Ensemble. UM3D will conduct trainings on uploading Ensemble videos into Canvas Studio; see their event calendar for available training dates. This is available to all faculty, If you have staff members or graduate assistants that are working on videos for your department, email UM3D for special permission to assist in accessing Canvas Studio.

Thank You!

Information Technology Services (ITS) is committed to collaboration with faculty in technology decisions, especially those impacting teaching and learning. Each year, we reach out to college Deans requesting representation on an ITS governing body for teaching and learning. This group commits two major semesters of their time to help guide decisions on technology that help achieve student success goals and academic excellence. We would like to extend a sincere **Thank You** to each member of the FY22 Teaching and Learning Advisory Committee, Chair, Timothy Flohr and the rest of our esteemed committee members.

NAC DEPLOYMENT TO ACADEMIC BUILDINGS

(OnGuard Client)

Network Access Control, aka port security, is a tool we use to perform advanced endpoint posture assessments to ensure compliance is met before devices connect. When it is turned on, if you plug into a port with a device lacking the OnGuard NAC client, it will prompt you to install it. It will check if the local firewall is enabled, anti-virus program is installed, and that updates are turned on. ITS will be deploying NAC OnGuard client on all university-owned machines. Most students use wifi, which is not impacted by the NAC deployment. Having OnGuard deployed to all university-owned machines offers safeguards against vulnerabilities.

RECORDING STUDIO

Information Technology Services is excited to offer a recording studio. This is for faculty who are seeking to pre-record lectures utilizing state of the art equipment. This space is available by reservation Monday - Friday, 9:00am to 4:30pm. A technician will be on hand to assist with setup and guide your experience. Assistance exporting the capture to an appropriate format will be provided. Just remember, bring your USB device or cloud storage location with you. For more information about the recording studio, please see our website.

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