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NEW QUIZZES: UPDATED FILL-IN-THE-BLANK

In Quizzes, this feature allows Instructors to add content as part of the question stem and make portions of the content fillable in the student response. This change also allows instructors to create fill-in-the-blank questions with rich content such as scientific or mathematical formulas or a table. Additionally, instructors can format fill-in-the-blank questions to appear on separate, distinct lines.

When adding a fill-in-the-blank question, type a statement in the rich content editor and surround a word with backticks (**note:** see the word ‘red’ in the photo above, to indicate where a student fills in the answer. In the Answer Type drop-down menu, select the Dropdown option, enter the correct answers and distractor answers, if needed. Possible Answer Types include a dropdown, open entry, or word bank.

SYLLABUS: NEW ICONS

In the Syllabus, users can view updated icons for assignments, discussions, and quizzes in the Course Summary. This update allows users to differentiate between assignment, discussions, and quiz icons in the Syllabus Course Summary. Previously, assignments, quizzes, and graded discussions displayed the same assignment icon in the Syllabus.

RICH TEXT EDITOR: ICON MAKER

The Icon Maker tool is available in the Rich Content Editor and can be found just to the right of the Documents tool in the text editor’s toolbar. It allows users to design their own icon to serve as decoration or a clickable link. The tool has several background shapes and colors as well as unique icon designs. A recent update now allows instructors to edit the color of simple, single-color icons after saving them.
TLAC CHAIR FY23

We would like to announce and extend a big thank you to Dr. Culeta Byars (Nursing) who will serve as the FY23 chair of the Teaching and Learning Advisory Committee (TLAC).

Thank you also to our committee members:

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SOFTWARE RENEWALS
Renewed in May-September 2022

- Qualtrics (Core XM): $67,462.50
- PaperCut: $2615.00
- MediaSite: $20,521.00
- Adobe: $85,357.80
- SAS: $23,112.00
- ARCGIS: $25,000.00
- Microsoft Campus: $260,945.16
- Microsoft Premier Services: $20,178.00
- MatLab: $42,777.24
- Mathematica: $14,747.00

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SOFTDOCS REPLACES DOCUSIGN

The University will transition from DocuSign to SoftDocs. Beginning November 1, 2022, those continuing to use it will be responsible for the charges associated with new forms. Discussions are ongoing regarding the use of DocuSign and if it remains available. Those who use DocuSign forms can expect outreach in planning the transition to SoftDocs. More SoftDocs info can be found on the following website.

IT SECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING

Yes, it’s that time of the Year. Required IT Security Awareness training for UofM faculty and staff will be available October 3, 2022 through February 28, 2023. You will receive an email notifying you. Training is mandatory for each employee who receives an enrollment email with instructions for accessing the KnowBe4 system. For those who completed last year’s training before the deadline, training will take approximately 15 minutes. For all others, training is approximately 30 minutes. If you have questions or experience issues with the KnowBe4 system, email umtech@memphis.edu.