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Mastering December 2016 Updates

Thank you for using Pearson Mastering™ in your course. As with everything we do at Pearson, our mission is to provide learning experiences with positive and measurable outcomes for students. This includes continuously improving our Mastering products for you and your students. To that end, we are excited to share upcoming changes to your Mastering that will be available on December 19, 2016.

Accessibility

The Mastering Content Player and Assignment Lists have been updated for improved accessibility regarding keyboard navigation, screen readers, and color contrast, which provides complete accessibility for assignments with only multiple choice questions.

The student Assignment List has been updated for improved accessibility. Icons for assigned activities (i.e., homework, quizzes, Learning Catalytics activities) have been updated. All icon colors meet accessibility standards.

A critical part of our continued efforts to improve the accessibility of Mastering courses, is the conversion of answer type capabilities. The December 2016 release features conversion of all Sorting answer types from Flash to HTML5, which enables better easier answer submission for students, while also enhancing instructors' abilities to create their own Sorting questions in the Simple Editor for Instructors.

Student Course Home Beta Release (Standalone Mastering Users ONLY)

Students using standalone Mastering courses will now have the option to select an updated homepage view that improves accessibility. The student Course Home Beta view helps students easily identify upcoming assignments as well as their completed activities, so they'll always know exactly what is expected of them.

For those students who opt in to the student Course Home Beta, Learning Catalytics assignments will now be more visible to and readily-accessible for students. Once an instructor chooses to make Learning Catalytics activities available for student use, a Learning Catalytics

tab will populate on the left-navigation bar, and a course announcement will be created. This announcement alerts students to the new ability to access Learning Catalytic activities.

Dynamic Study Modules

Instructor Dynamic Study Modules (DSM) settings have been updated to make assigning DSMs from term-to-term and even easier. Additionally, DSMs are now synced to the title of the Mastering course as well as the Course ID, which means that users with DSMs in multiple courses can quickly identify which DSM activities correspond with which courses. This update also makes it much easier for instructors to access the robust reporting provided for DSM activities. Learn more about [Dynamic Study Module reports](#).

eText Updates

1. For students who did not initially purchase Mastering with eText access, a redesigned landing page will help them quickly purchase access for the associated eText and see instructions on downloading the eText 2.0 mobile app.
2. All Pearson eText titles have been updated from Flash to HTML to improve accessibility compliance on key browsers like Firefox and Google Chrome. **Pearson eText 2.0:** The instructor Table of Contents has been updated for full accessibility to allow keyboard shortcuts to drag-and-drop and expand capabilities.
3. For both instructors and students, notes taken within Pearson eText 2.0 can now be exported as PDF or CSV files for access on other technologies.

My Courses Portal (Modified Mastering ONLY):

For instructors using Modified Mastering, we have continued to make important updates to the Educator Portal based on user feedback. These updates include:

1. Larger clickable space for accessing the course.
2. Making the Course IDs able to be copied and pasted directly from the course tile.
3. Adding visual indicators (including a hover message) that highlights the ability for courses to be dragged and dropped within My Courses pages.
4. The ability to copy Modified Mastering courses to new edition.

We are very excited about these updates to Mastering. Please contact your Pearson representative if you have any questions about the updates. Learn more by visiting the [Mastering training and support site](#). If you use Modified Mastering, visit the [Modified Mastering training and support site](#).