

Teaching and Learning Technologies
February 25th, 2016

Agenda

- The latest program updates (10 min)
 - Lightning rounds (5-7 minutes each)
 - Critiquelt and VoiceThread
 - Partner Resources wiki
 - Exploring the new Canvas UI! (45 min)
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Program Updates

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TLT Program Updates

- Start-up: hooray!
 - High-level program updates
 - AcTS 2.0
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CritiqueIT & VoiceThread

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Capabilities

- Asynchronous discussions with threaded replies
- Annotate video, image, audio, and text files
- Integration with SpeedGrader
- Ability to export
- Create slideshows

Limitations

- Not ideal for text annotation
- Annotations on video not synced with timeline
- File size maximum is 1.5GB
- Cannot edit assignment once it's created

Use Cases

- Foreign language learning
- Flipped/blended classroom
- Create and review student presentations
- Private student-instructor VoiceThreads



Capabilities

- Asynchronous discussions
- Annotate video, image, audio, and text files
- Annotations on video synced with timeline
- Edit assignment parameters
- Well suited to annotate PDFs

Limitations

- No option to export media with comments
- Two different interfaces (video/audio and image/text)
- Preferred browser is Firefox

Use Cases

- Collaborative annotation
- Video commentary or supertitles
- Peer review and editing
- Private student-instructor documents and comments

Partner Resources

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Partner Resources Wiki

We're retiring the School Liaison FAQ Wiki with 3 goals in mind:

- To provide our constituencies with better organized and more up-to-date resources
 - To acknowledge the fact that the groups we support are our partners. They are also not always “liaisons” - and don't even necessarily belong to Harvard Schools!
 - To be more intentional about the use of the space: to honor the collaborative and informal spirit of the space, while at the same time providing resources that our partners can rely on
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Partner Resources Wiki

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Partner Resources / Partner Resources Home

Edit Watch Tools




Welcome

Created by Christine McKeon, last modified on Feb 09, 2016

Welcome to the new Partner Resources Wiki!

Over the past year and a half, we've collected quite the arsenal of information about Canvas, University-wide policies, best practices, 3rd Party LTI tools – you name it! It started to become clear that we were outgrowing the old School Liaison Wiki space as our constituencies, our needs, and our processes evolved. So, we decided to build it again from the bottom up – and, while we were at it, we gave it a facelift and a new name!

We knew the resources in the space were in dire need of some re-organization, but we also wanted to make sure we were honoring the informal and collaborative spirit that inspired the Liaison Wiki in the first place. So, you'll find that this new space has been broken into 3 areas:

		
Collaborate	Find Resources	Stay Informed
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work with peers in other groups to explore LTI tools• Share resources that have been developed by your group• Pose (or answer!) a question	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read up on tools developed especially for Harvard• Find troubleshooting tips• Read up on our policies and processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subscribe to notifications for upcoming releases• View the monthly Check-in Agenda• Find events

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The **new** Canvas UI

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Overview

1. New UI Features
 2. Community Notes
 3. Transition Details
 4. TLT UX Testing
 5. Group Discussion
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THINGS CHANGE

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New UI Features

Why is Canvas changing to the New UI?

- Part of existing improvement cycle
 - Platform becomes more efficient
 - Core features remain consistent
 - Goal is to benefit end user
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What's new with the “New UI”?

- Course Cards
 - Recent Activity toggle
 - Left-hand Global Nav
 - “View Grades” in Sidebar
 - “Help” in bottom-left
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Community Notes

Notes from Canvas Community

- Responsive design (mobile)
 - Global Nav's new icons visible from all pages
 - User Account more prominent
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Quotations from Canvas Community

- “Overall, the transition has been MUCH easier than we expected, with very few bumps in the road.”
 - “I also think that it was important to let our instructors specifically know that this would not change how their courses functioned...”
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What have other schools highlighted?

- HMS: No issues!
 - U. Minnesota: “Help” in bottom-left corner
 - Stanford: Documentation emphasizes Course Cards
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Transition Details

New UI Timeline

- Previews in Test every Thursday
(Starting today! Right now!)
 - Available in Beta on May 16th
 - Officially turned on in Prod May 31st
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How are we preparing?

- Communication & training plan for university
 - Reviewing global JS & CSS
 - Revising docs with legacy UI
 - UX feedback sessions (contact your BA if interested!)
 - Working with Instructure UI lead to learn about design
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What can you do?

- Communication & training plan for local end users
 - Update local docs with UI agnostic images
 - Coordinate JS & CSS testing according to TLT's timeline
 - Explore Theme Editor with TLT for local needs
 - Prepare any changes for rollout in Prod
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TLT UX Testing

UX Testing Feedback: Benefits

1. Dashboard layout
 2. Course Card functionality
 3. Color-code & nickname courses
 4. Instructure: Improved usability
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UX Testing Feedback: Questions

1. Toggle for Dashboard/Recent Activity
 2. Course Card icons & notifications
 3. Course Card design
 4. “Logout” link
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Group Discussion

New UI Group Brainstorming

With those at your table, please brainstorm any additional benefits and challenges your users may encounter!

<https://harvard.test.instructure.com>

New UI Recap

- Thurs previews in Test, Beta May 16th, Prod May 31st
 - Clean, responsive UX improvements
 - Current site functionality will persist!
 - Reflects modern Web design & product development practices
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Thanks!

Wrap-up

Questions?

Comments?

Thank you!
