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TECH TIPS

Do you use peer grading in your courses? Consider distributing a rubric via Qualtrics. Peers can complete the rubric during a presentation. You will have a consolidated source of data for the presenter. And you can make the evaluations anonymous!

Virtual Reality

Interested in how Virtual Reality can enhance the student experience? An OEI project over the

Figure 1: The new Discussion Evaluation Screen, Work in Progress

Also consistent with Assignments is the header panels with the activity name display, navigation - either back or iterating through submissions, and the learner's name and profile card. The draggable divider will work the same here, too! The best part? It stays where you put it. This also means that the adaptive mobile view is just as useful in this view with the evaluation tools tucking into a neat drawer when.

The differences in the display of the Discussion topic and replies are slight. One change that may be noticeable is that the title of the topic or the reply is a link. It will open the post in a new window so that the evaluator can get an idea of the context in which the post was made. Some of our most popular PIE items for discussions are around providing more context. We hope that this helps!

Figure 3: A reply to a post, linking out to that post to give more context, Work in Progress

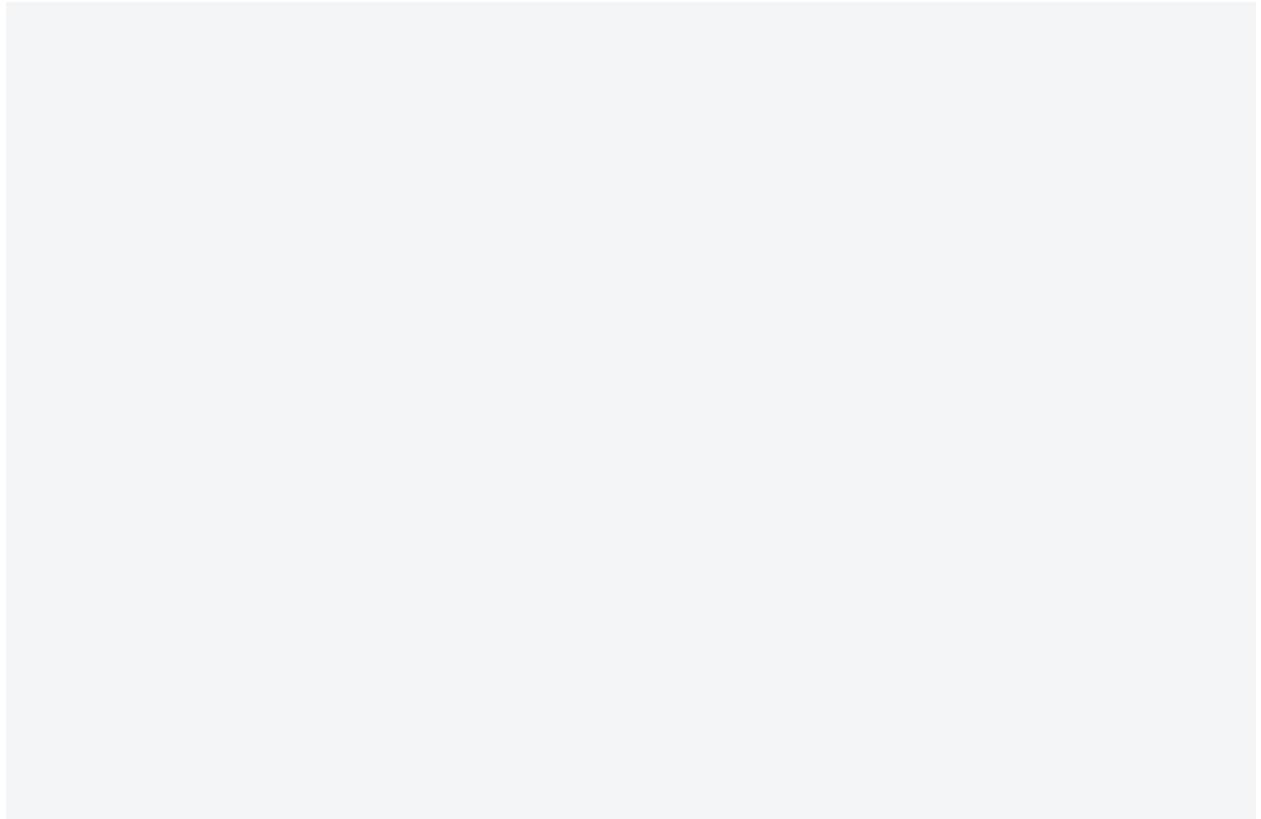


Figure: The updated look and feel of the new Assignment creation screen

The primary panel on the left contains common, frequently used fields that are always displayed. These fields are most relevant to learners and are the core details instructors want to add like a due date, instructions, and attachments.

The panel on the right organizes additional, more advanced options such as start and end dates, rubrics, annotation tools, and Turnitin. These options have been logically grouped and labelled in a way that resonates with instructors and makes them easily discoverable. While these options are

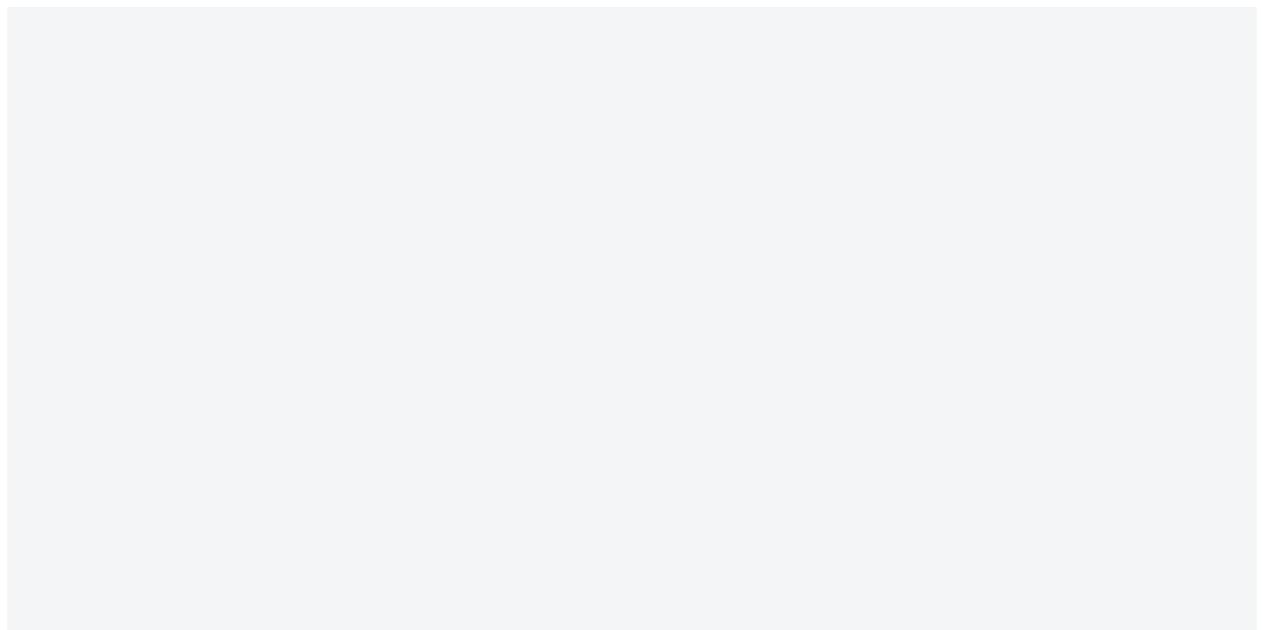


Figure: The new add to grades workflow

Sharing your feedback

A key benefit of opting in early is the ability to share feedback directly with the Assignments team at D2L. As an instructor, if you are opting out of the new experience, a prompt appears encouraging you to leave feedback on the new experience. This feedback is monitored and directly influences our product roadmap, user research, and development planning.