



## THE canvas CORNER

SEPTEMBER 2025 REVIEW

### THE LATEST IN CANVAS UPDATES

Welcome back! Accessibility and usability users can now enable a “Dyslexia Friendly Font” in settings to switch Canvas and the Rich Content Editor (RCE) to OpenDyslexic for improved readability. The RCE also defaults image dimensions to percentages and includes plus/minus icons for quick resizing. DocViewer now supports touch and stylus input on ChromeOS devices for easier annotations, and each discussion reply includes a copyable permalink for direct sharing.

### NEW QUIZZES: ENHANCEMENTS FOR INSTRUCTORS

**Text Blocks:** You can now add standalone text blocks to New Quizzes. These are useful for providing instructions or additional context that isn't tied to a specific question.

**Enhanced Moderation Tools:** The Moderation page has been updated to make it easier to manage accommodations. Instructors can now add time to an active quiz attempt and will see a more user-friendly interface.

**Enhanced Quiz Logs:** Instructors and admins can now view the Client IP address for each quiz question in the Activity Log, offering greater visibility into quiz activity.

**Detect Multiple Sessions:** A new quiz setting allows instructors to monitor if students are accessing a quiz from multiple devices or browsers. If detected, students are notified, and the activity is logged, helping to ensure fair and secure testing.

### NEW QUIZZES TRANSITION

The University of Memphis is transitioning all Canvas quizzes from the Classic Quizzes engine to the New Quizzes engine. By Spring 2026, all quizzes will be created using the new system. This transition will occur in phases, starting with the automatic conversion of Classic Quizzes to New Quizzes during the course copy process starting in Summer 2025 and forward. This fall will be the last semester during which Classic Quizzes can be created, as the university plans to reduce their usage to below 10%. The goal is to make New Quizzes the default quiz engine by January 2026.

For more details on these and other features, [visit the UM3D new quizzes transition website](#) or check out the [UM3D YouTube channel for training videos](#).

### YOUTUBE MEETS CANVAS



Canvas has teamed up with YouTube to bring its Player for Education feature directly into Studio. This integration allows YouTube Player for Education feature videos in Canvas Studio to stream without distractions, recommendations, or links back to YouTube. Viewers remain anonymous to YouTube through a “signed out” viewing state with captioning from YouTube to maintain accessibility. This means you will be able to use Canvas Studio to safely and confidently incorporate YouTube content into your instruction without exposing students to commercial distractions or compromising institutional data privacy standards. To take full advantage of the Player for Education, you must add YouTube videos to Canvas Studio. Clients will be able to feature any existing or new YouTube videos added to Canvas that will play without ads beginning September 22, 2025. Need help adding your YouTube videos to Studio? [Here is a step-by-step guide](#).



### TLAC SEEKS CHAIR FY2025-26

Shundra invited participants to volunteer as meeting chair for future sessions and encouraged feedback and sharing of experiences with IT services. Chair recruitment and responsibilities include starting meetings and overseeing subcommittees if needed. All committee members were asked to email if interested.

## REQUIRED ITS SECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING

Jarrold Taylor, ITS Security Communications Compliance Coordinator shared updates on this year's mandatory IT security awareness training, which now includes four required modules: security awareness, data privacy, securely working from home, and IT policy acknowledgment. The training takes 15–30 minutes, depending on prior completion. Access is provided through email links and the IT security webpage, with weekly reminders until the deadline and daily reminders afterward. Failure to complete on time results in restricted account access.

Student employees, including graduate assistants, must also complete the training if notified by email, based on HR job codes. In addition, phishing simulations will continue, and anyone clicking three simulated phishing emails within 12 months will be assigned a short, focused training.

Jarrold also recommended best practices such as limiting unfamiliar link sharing, using OneDrive for attachments, and posting third-party links on university web pages. He noted that accidental malicious uploads from students are unlikely but encouraged promoting caution and offering training resources. Meeting participants are asked to share these updates with colleagues and emphasize timely completion.

## WINDOWS 10 TO 11 UPDATES

Michelle Belton, Director of Desktop Support Services shared updates on the university's transition from Windows 10 to Windows 11, noting Microsoft will end support for Windows 10 on October 14. Over 90% of campus devices have been upgraded, with fewer than 600 remaining; most will be updated, while others will be retired or replaced. Students on unsupported devices may face limited access to some services but can still use the internet, Canvas, lab computers, and virtual desktops. Remote faculty can coordinate upgrades through their Local Support Providers (LSPs), and all faculty and staff still using Windows 10 are urged to [contact their LSP](#) as soon as possible to schedule their upgrade.

## SOFTWARE RENEWALS

The following software contracts renewed in September 2025:

Citrix Server Main. (4 Prev CARES) - \$11,264.16	
MS Campus Lic - \$344,941.49	Exam4 - \$6,631.00
HOTS - \$1,749.45	Visual 3-D - \$2,400.00
Mathematica - \$16,629.68	Matlab - \$55,223.00
Imagine Erdas - \$7,143.00	eViews - \$2,160.00



## ITS NEWS CORNER

### T.I.G.E.R. AWARD

The T.I.G.E.R. Award celebrates team members who embody Technology, Innovation, Growth, Engagement, and Results—core principles that drive our success. Any member of the LSP, AV Specialist, or Endpoint Engineering teams can be nominated. If you see a colleague demonstrating these qualities, nominate them by emailing their name, the principle(s) they exemplify, and specific examples of their contributions.



#### Past Winners:

July 2025: Brian Stone and Rob Thornton

August 2025: LaVaire Lockhart Jr.

## FREE OLC TEACHING & LEARNING DEVELOPMENT

All UofM faculty/staff are members of the Online Learning Consortium (OLC). As a member, you have free access to professional development resources focused on quality digital teaching and learning. Simply create an account or log in with your UofM email to unlock webinars, training, and more. Just create an account (or login) using your uofm email and you'll be logged in as a member. [See the video below for step by step instructions.](#) Follow [the link to the OLC resources.](#)

## LAUNCH OF PODCAST INITIATIVE

UM3D has launched a new podcast featuring 20–25 minute episodes on teaching technology, pedagogy, and innovative AI-related courses, produced with the Sandbox Studio at McWherter Library. Faculty are invited to share their innovations, and UM3D offers lessons learned from developing ten ready-to-air episodes and a streamlined podcast workflow.

## CUSTOM TRAINING FOR YOUR DEPARTMENT

Have a UM3D instructional designer present in person, virtually, or both at your department meeting. Choose from one of the presentations below or work with an ID to create a custom presentation. Contact [um3d@memphis.edu](mailto:um3d@memphis.edu) for more information.



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