



NET+ Canvas Newsletter

December 2021

In this version of the NET+ Canvas Newsletter, learn about the latest updates from Instructure about Canvas, comments and feedback from the Canvas Advisory Board, as well as best practices in Canvas use around the Internet2 Community.



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Instructure Updates

Updates from Instructure regarding Canvas product offerings.

On-Demand Webinars

EdWeek: 6 Key Trends in Teaching and Learning

Even the youngest K-5 learners, who typically rely so heavily on in-person teaching tactics, reap the benefits of using a LMS.

These benefits include:

- Keeping learning consistent across home and school
- Centralizing parent communication, a necessity for younger learners
- Setting a foundation for digital learning for years to come

Canvas LMS
Canvas for Littles Series
Simplifying the Sideba

Canvas
A K-5 Toolkit
The Art of Using Canvas
For Little Learners

Access this toolkit and additional educational insights at:
instructure.com/canvas/resources/K12

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Learn the six key trends in teaching and learning that emerged when we asked parents and educators their views on several key areas. We surveyed educators and parents on technology use and its impact on student learning, factors that influence student engagement, and metrics for student success. [Click here to watch.](#)

Measuring Impact: Elevate Your EdTech Investments.



Impact by Instructure (formerly Eesyssoft) helps institutions improve technology adoption and evaluate the impact of educational technology, while helping faculty and students seamlessly navigate new platforms. [Click here to watch.](#)

Back to School: 6 Key Strategies for using Technology in the Physical Classroom

A webinar thumbnail with a white background. The title 'Back to School: 6 Key Strategies for using Technology in the Physical Classroom' is in blue. A small video inset shows Thomas Turano. Below the title are four circular portraits of speakers: Thomas Turano, David Timbs, Ed.D., Sherri Abel, and Steve Hartnett. At the bottom, there are logos for 'DA District Administration' and 'CANVAS'. A timer in the bottom right corner shows '1:02:59'.

With the new school year approaching and students and teachers across the country returning to the physical classroom, the ongoing use of technology will play an important role in a seamless back-to-school-transition. To help inspire and encourage your efforts, we're sharing key strategies for using technology to drive in-person learning. [Click here to watch.](#)

Canvas New Quizzes

Instructure has been actively listening to their customers and specifically consulted with the I2 Advisory Board regarding the Classic Quizzes & New Quizzes timeline. Based on this feedback, the timeline has been simplified and extended to provide Canvas customers greater control over their transition to New Quizzes. To reduce stress and provide the option for a gradual transition, Instructure is extending Classic Quizzes' end of life to June 30th, 2024.

Instructure has additional information posted in the [Canvas Community](#) if you are interested in learning more regarding the changes and controls that will be provided with the transition.

[Click here](#) for all things Higher Education by Instructure.

Canvas Advisory Board Updates

Upcoming Meeting: January 12th, 2022

The next Canvas Advisory Board meeting will be on January 12, 2022. Our most recent meeting (December) included the following items:

- 2022 Meeting Schedule
- Institutional Profiles: Final Pilot Input
- Internet2 NET+ Survey
- Updates on New Quizzes timeline



A complete listing of all Canvas Advisory Board meeting agendas can be found [here](#).

December Meeting Recap

The [agendas](#) for all our 2021 meetings have been published, including our December meeting. Please note, these are working documents and subject to change so please check back for any updates on a regular basis.

2022 Meeting Schedule

The meeting started off by finalizing the 2022 meeting schedule. These meeting invitations will be sent out shortly via email to all Service Advisory Board members.

Institutional Profiles: Final Pilot Input

Matthew gave a final review presentation of the Internet2 NET+ Institutional Profiles and recent changes that have been made, including a consolidated method for institutions to update their profile data. We will begin sending private invitations to selected institutions from the I2 Canvas community in January to begin expanding our database of completed profiles.

Internet2 NET+ Survey

Matthew will soon be circulating a survey via email for Service Advisory Board members to complete regarding communication preferences, subscription updates, and other important program details. Please be on the lookout for this survey in your inbox!

Updates on New Quizzes timeline

Shaun Moon from Instructure provided some key updates regarding New Quizzes in Canvas and asked for Board feedback. Please see the “Canvas New Quizzes” section (Instructure Updates) of this newsletter for more information.

Thank you to all who participated in this month’s meeting for your insightful feedback, ideas, and discussion! Should you have any questions or want further information around the work being done by the NET+ Canvas Service Advisory Board or a copy of the Partner Program Report, please don’t hesitate to visit us at <https://spaces.at.internet2.edu/x/7BOJCQ> or contact us at netplus@internet2.edu and we will be happy to respond.

NET+ Canvas Program Update

Service Advisory Board Goals for 2021

These are the goals that the advisory board is looking to perfect at the January 2021 meeting:

Goal #1

Develop with Instructure a customer success culture that:

- identifies service and support best practices and next steps
- benchmarks Instructure's service and support appropriately for universities
- aligns Instructure's service and support to best help universities achieve their strategic goals for teaching and learning

Decision: Quarterly check-in, beginning in February, with a focus on how we measure success for Instructure's customer success culture.

Goal #2

Develop a foundational construct with Instructure that puts in place a predictable process for the board to advise and offer insights on future product development or acquisition including cadence, structure, and practice for exchanging ideas.

- Deliverable: 3 “exchange” activities using/iterating this process on things that Jared, Shaun, or product owners are thinking about during 2021
- Deliverable: one of these “exchange” activities is to initiate a Contributing Team for Canvas Data/Live Events

Goal #3

Continue to develop and refine, with Shaun, a strategy and process for I2 and R1 Peer universities to provide Instructure with actionable information on pain points and unmet needs. The strategy and process should be synced with Instructure's product development cycle and allow Instructure to clearly communicate status and progress back to the universities.

Goal #4

Decision: Instructure cannot reasonably do the actual data sharing piece at this point, and universities are likely not ready to use/share de-identified data. And, we're all waiting to see what Unizin is doing in this space. So, we've decided to refocus on (a) what questions we want to answer with Canvas data, and (2) the best way we might

answer those questions with the data. We'll tackle this topic in March with Oxana's replacement. 1/27 update: We may also want to explore a de-identified data sharing program through I2.

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Around the Community

Commentary from I2 Canvas users: advice, best practices, feedback.



R1 Peers

The Canvas Peers Research Universities Group (or R1 Peers Group) brings together representatives from large public and private research universities to share best practices around using Canvas and the surrounding ed tech ecosystem to support teaching and learning. They also collaborate closely with Instructure (Canvas vendor) and sit on the Internet2 NET+ Canvas Service Advisory Board to improve the Canvas platform and user experience for research universities. This group represents more than

250 members from 45 institutions of higher education and research across the United States, and around the world.

For context, recently the R1 Peers Group has collaborated in the following areas:

- Tier 1 support
- Archiving
- 3rd party integrations
- Pain points
- Data privacy

LRS Standards SIG

The Learning Records Store (LRS) Special Interest Group (SIG) assembles use cases for an LRS, creates an LRS reference architecture, and develops implementation/engineering best practices. The SIG promotes open standards that enable data from a variety of teaching and learning tools to be included in the LRS.

This group is chaired by the University of Washington and meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday of the month. For more information or to join this group, please reach out to Matthew Buss (mbuss@internet2.edu). Thank you.

- [Checkout the LRS Confluence Home Page](#)

Most Recent LRS SIG Meeting Agenda - July, 7/28

Vince Kellen from UCSD on Student Activity Hub.

Upcoming LRS SIG Meeting - September, 9/22

Mark Brewsala from Panopto