



Students: D2L Brightspace update to version 10.8.5 (September 2018)

Release Notes

Note: This document provides the 10.8.5 release notes from D2L's September 2018 monthly continuous delivery release. Some features or products were excluded from the original document if they were not applicable to Minnesota State users.

Minor changes were made to the original content for word-choice and formatting consistency.



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BRIGHTSPACE 10.8.5 PACKAGE FOR MINNESOTA STATE USERS

This document's intended audience is **Students** at the colleges and universities of Minnesota State.

The following release notes are Minnesota State users who want information on D2L Brightspace Platform features released in version 10.8.5 (September 2018).

Note that some features or products were excluded from the original document if they were not applicable to Minnesota State users. We have only included relevant features to bring them to the attention of our Minnesota State D2L user community.

Additional Information:

- [Brightspace Platform Requirements](https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements) (https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements)
- Knowledge Article 1483 [Supported browsers in D2L Brightspace](https://mnsu.sharepoint.com/sites/D2Lsupport/learner/1483.docx?web=1) (https://mnsu.sharepoint.com/sites/D2Lsupport/learner/1483.docx?web=1)
- Knowledge Article 600 [Student D2L Brightspace Resources and Known Issues](https://mnsu.sharepoint.com/sites/D2Lsupport/learner/600.docx?web=1) (https://mnsu.sharepoint.com/sites/D2Lsupport/learner/600.docx?web=1)



NEW AND UPDATED FEATURES

CONTENT

Content – Print/Download Function added to Overview | [New 10.8.5](#)

Users can now download and print an uploaded syllabus from the Overview area of Content.

All document types – GIF, JPEB, JPG, JPE, PNG, BMP, TXT, HTML, CSS, and HTM file – will display both the **Download** and **Print** options.

PDF documents will only display the **Download** button.

This feature implements PIE item D3679.



Figure: The **Download** and **Print** buttons as they appear in the Overview area

Impact of Change	Technical Details	Next Steps
Slight impact to learners due to the addition of Download and Print options in the Overview area of Content.	All document types – GIF, JPEB, JPG, JPE, PNG, BMP, TXT, HTML, CSS, and HTM file – will display both the Download and Print options (PDF will only display the Download button). User Resources: For more information to share with users, visit the Content user interface (KA #1306) (print-based resources) or View course content (online resource).	N/A

HTML EDITOR

HTML Editor – Chemistry equation writing function available in the equation editor | [New 10.8.5](#)

A chemistry equation writing function is now available in the HTML Editor. Users can select this feature directly within the equation editor.

This feature implements PIE item D3383.

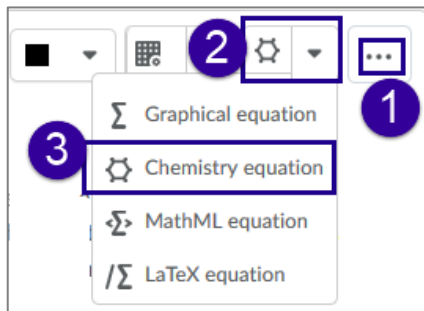


Figure: The Chemistry equation option from the Equations menu in the HTML Editor

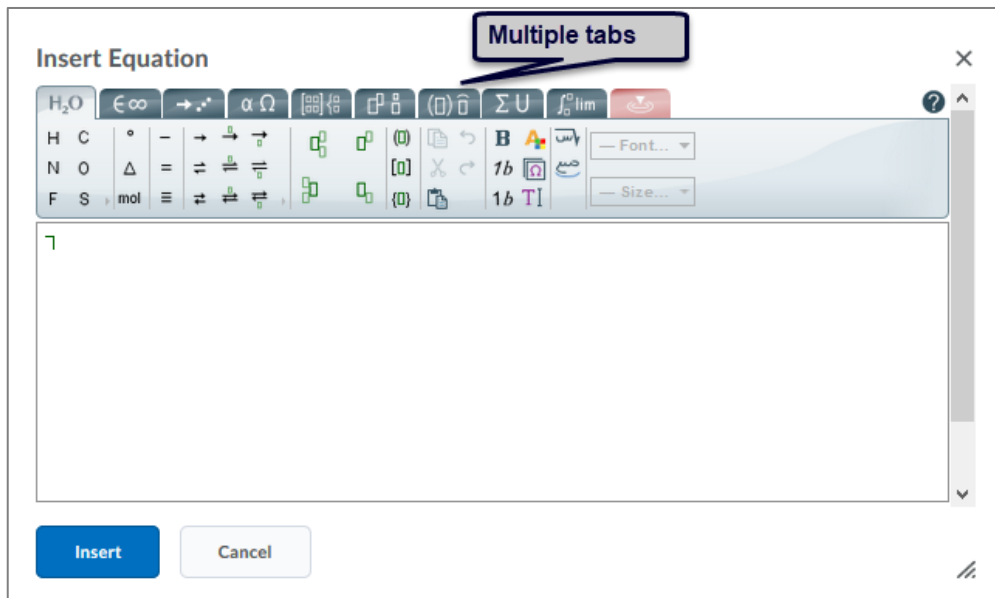


Figure: The chemistry equation icons on multiple tabs in the Insert Equation window

Impact of Change	Technical Details	Next Steps
Slight impact to learners due to	This feature is available to learners.	1. In the HTML Editor, <i>click</i> the “...” More button.

Impact of Change	Technical Details	Next Steps
<p>the ability to create new kinds of equations.</p>	<p>This functionality is automatically enabled for HTML Editor users. No further action is required.</p> <p>User Resources: For more information on the HTML Editor to share with users, visit the Set Up And Deliver A Course – Instructor Guide (print-based resources) or What are the basics of HTML Editor (online resource).</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. <i>Click</i> the drop-down menu for the Equation Editors. 3. <i>Select</i> Chemistry equation to open the editor. <p>Note: Multiple tabs are available with the option to use your finger or stylus on far right of the editing window.</p>

WIGGIO

Wiggio – End-of-life for virtual meetings | **Removed 10.8.5**

The ability to schedule Wiggio virtual meetings is no longer available in Brightspace Learning Environment. For more information on the end of life of Wiggio virtual meetings, visit the blog post on [Brightspace Community](#).

Impact of Change	Technical Details	Next Steps
<p>Moderate impact to learners who use Wiggio virtual meetings, as an alternative solution is now required.</p>	<p>This feature is no longer available.</p> <p>User Resources: For more information to share with users, visit the end of life blog post on Brightspace Community.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

INTEGRATIONS – TURNITIN

TurnItIn – Improvements to version 2 of the TurnItIn Integration | **Updated 10.8.5**

Note: Only applicable to Minnesota State institutions that have purchased TurnItIn’s D2L Brightspace integration.

Now, when a learner submits an assignment in a TII enabled assignment submission folder, the TII Submission ID is displayed in the **Submission History** page.

Impact of Change	Technical Details	Next Steps
<p>Slight impact to learners who can now view TII Submission IDs in their Submission History page.</p>	<p>This improvement is automatically available to all TII version 2 integration users. No further action is required.</p> <p>User Resources: For more information to share with users, visit the TurnItIn Resources (KA #1443) (online resource).</p>	<p>Note: Only applicable to individual Minnesota State institutions that have purchased the integration with D2L Brightspace.</p> <p>Please contact your campus D2L help desk to inquire if your campus has purchased the premium version of YouSeeU within D2L Brightspace</p> <p>If your instructor uses the integration with D2L Brightspace, discuss these features with your instructor.</p>

INTEGRATIONS – YOUSEEU

Video Assignments and Virtual Classrooms – Interface and workflow improvements | [Updated 10.8.5](#)

Users of Video Assignments and Virtual Classrooms by YouSeeU will notice improved interface designs and functions starting September 26, 2018. Please review the information below for a complete overview of the changes.

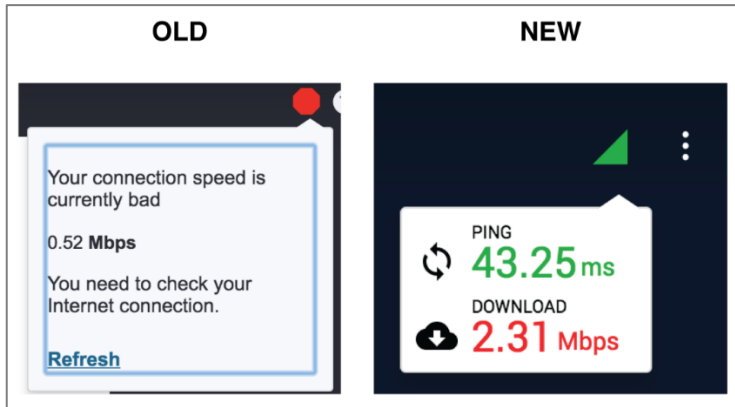
What’s Available Now (September 4, 2018):

- Improved video processing time for Video Assignments
- An unsupported browser message that alerts users when they access Virtual Classroom or Video Assignments in an unsupported browser. Another message will appear if they attempt to use the unsupported functionality for that browser. *Note: Google Chrome is the recommended browser for Virtual Classroom and Video Assignments in Brightspace.*

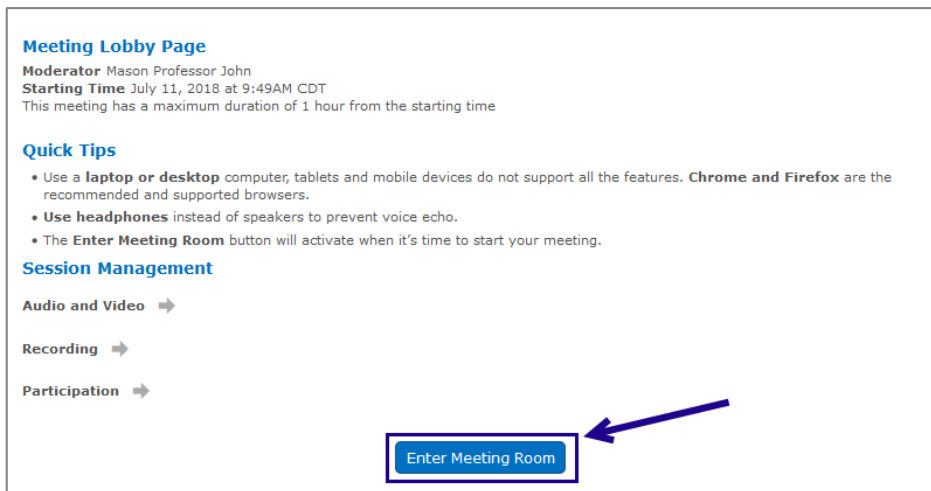
What’s available on September 26, 2018:

- An updated Virtual Classroom experience where parts of Virtual Classroom will have a new look and feel, but will function in much the same way with a redesigned network health indicator.





- Now, the updated page will auto-refresh and automatically launch you into the meeting at its designated start time. Previously, you had to click Enter Meeting Room on the Meeting Lobby Page for the virtual classroom.



- Safari will support Virtual Classroom on iOS devices

Impact of Change	Technical Details	Next Steps
Slight impact to learners due to minor interface redesign and improved functions in some areas of the tools.	<p>This feature is available to all clients using Video Assignments and/or Virtual Classrooms by YouSeeU.</p> <p>This functionality is automatically enabled for Video Assignments and Virtual Classroom users. No further action is required.</p>	<p>Important: Some features are available now, while others will be available on September 26.</p>

Impact of Change	Technical Details	Next Steps
	<p>User Resources: For information on Video Assignments and Virtual Classrooms, refer to the YouSeeU: Virtual Classroom and Video Assignment for Students (KA #1759) (online resource).</p>	

