



Students: D2L Brightspace December 2019 update

Version 2019 Release Notes

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Note: This document provides the release notes from D2L's December 2019 (version 20.19.12) monthly continuous delivery release. Some features or products were excluded from D2L's original document as 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 DECEMBER 2019 (20.19.12) UPDATE FOR MINNESOTA STATE

This document is intended for **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 in the December 2019 release (version 20.19.12).

Note that some features or products were excluded from the original document as 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 Resources

- Related Knowledge Articles:
 - Article #1483 [Supported browsers in D2L Brightspace](#)
 - Article #600 [Student D2L Brightspace Resources and Known Issues](#)

NEW AND UPDATED FEATURES

ASSIGNMENTS

Assignments – File size information in submission receipt email for Learners | [New 20.19.12](#)

File size information now displays next to the file name in the submission receipt email sent to the student upon making a submission to an assignment submission folder. Currently, the file size information is visible to the student from the Review Assignment Submission and the View History screens after submitting to the assignment, as well as the View Feedback screen after receiving feedback for an assignment.

This feature is intended to provide consistency, providing the student a way to view the file size information from the submission receipt email.

Note: There is a slight discrepancy between the display of the file size information from the Assignments tool and within the email notification; in the Assignments tool, the file size information is listed as MB, while in the submission receipt email, the file size information is listed as KB.

This feature implements PIE item D5253.

Review Assignment Submission

File submission successful

Submission ID
54661678

Submission(s)
Kidney_function_video.mp4 (28.33 MB)

Figure: Currently, the file size information displays next to the file name after submitting to the assignment

Submission receipt

We removed extra line breaks from this message.

Kayla Anderson

This email is to confirm that your submission to assignment folder Kidney function was successful.

Submission ID: 54661678

Received: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 8:52 AM CST Org Unit: Basic Anatomy for Health Care Professionals 1010

File(s): Kidney function video.mp4 (29006 KB)

Figure: Now, the file size information will also display next to the file name in the submission receipt email

Impact of Change	Technical Details	Next Steps
Slight impact to learners due to file size information included in submission receipt emails.	<p>Availability: This feature is available to all D2L Brightspace sites. This functionality is automatically enabled for Assignments users.</p> <p>User Resources: For more information, view knowledge article #879 Submit to an assignment (online resource).</p>	N/A

Assignments – Submission ID displays for Learners | [New 20.19.12](#)

A new column that displays Submission ID information is visible to learners on the View Feedback page in Assignments. Currently, the Submission ID information is visible to the student from the Review Assignment Submission and the View History screens after submitting to the assignment, as well as the submission receipt email after submitting to an assignment.

Now, when the learner navigates to the submission information from the View Feedback screen, the Submission ID column displays identifying the Submission ID. This feature is intended to provide consistency, providing the student a way to view the Submission ID information from the View Feedback screen after receiving feedback for an assignment.

Assignments > View Feedback

Feedback for Sunspot Cycle Graphing Activity

Score
9 / 10 - 90 %

Feedback Date
Dec 11, 2019 1:19 PM

Assignment
Sunspot Cycle Graphing Activity

Submission(s)

Submission(s)	Date Submitted ▼
✉ activity_classify_sunspots.docx (13.63 KB)	Dec 11, 2019 1:15 PM
✉ activity_classify_sunspots.docx (13.63 KB)	Nov 6, 2018 1:55 PM

Figure: Previously, the Submission ID information was not available from the View Feedback screen for an assignment

Assignments > View Feedback

Feedback for Sunspot Cycle Graphing Activity

Score
9 / 10 - 90 %

Feedback Date
Dec 11, 2019 1:19 PM

Assignment
Sunspot Cycle Graphing Activity



Submission ID	Submission(s)	Date Submitted ▼
54661679	 activity_classify_sunspots.docx (13.63 KB)	Dec 11, 2019 1:18 PM
49434154	 activity_classify_sunspots.docx (13.63 KB)	Nov 6, 2018 1:55 PM

Figure: Submission ID visible to learners when reviewing Submission Feedback information on the View Feedback page

Impact of Change	Technical Details	Next Steps
Slight impact to learners due to Submission ID information available when viewing their Submission Feedback.	<p>Availability: This feature is available to all D2L Brightspace sites. This functionality is automatically enabled for Assignments users.</p> <p>User Resources: For more information, view knowledge article #879 Submit to an assignment (online resource).</p>	N/A

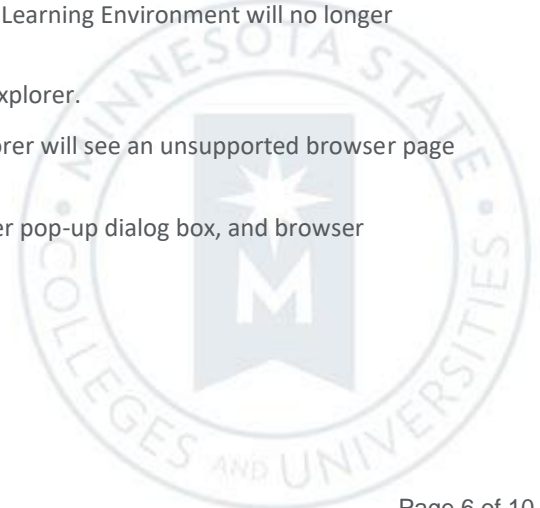
BRIGHTSPACE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Brightspace Learning Environment – Supported browsers | Updated 20.19.12

As previously announced in the [August 2019/20.19.8](#) release, Microsoft Internet Explorer is approaching End of Life (EOL) status as a supported browser. Starting January 1, 2020, Brightspace Learning Environment will no longer support Internet Explorer.

Starting **January 1, 2020**, D2L Brightspace will no longer support Internet Explorer.

- For all users, access Brightspace with any version of Internet Explorer will see an unsupported browser page and will not be able to proceed.
- References to Internet Explorer in the System Check, retro browser pop-up dialog box, and browser compatibility documentation will also be removed.



For an optimal experience that offers better performance, accessibility, and security, D2L strongly recommends that all users access D2L Brightspace with a supported browser. View knowledge article #1483 for the [Supported browsers in D2L Brightspace](#).

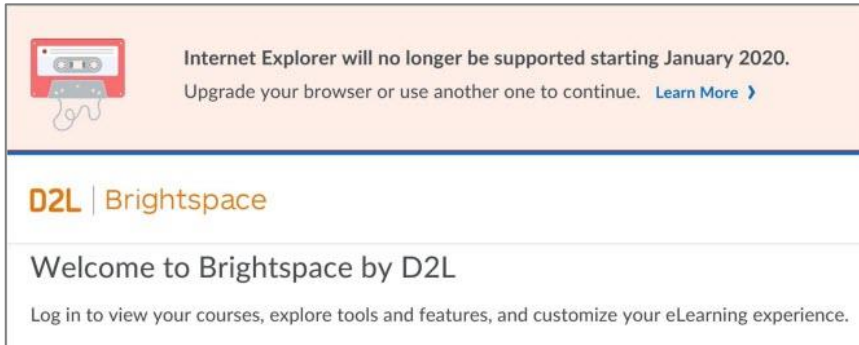


Figure: Currently, the End of Life Banner displays on a D2L Brightspace login page when using Internet Explorer

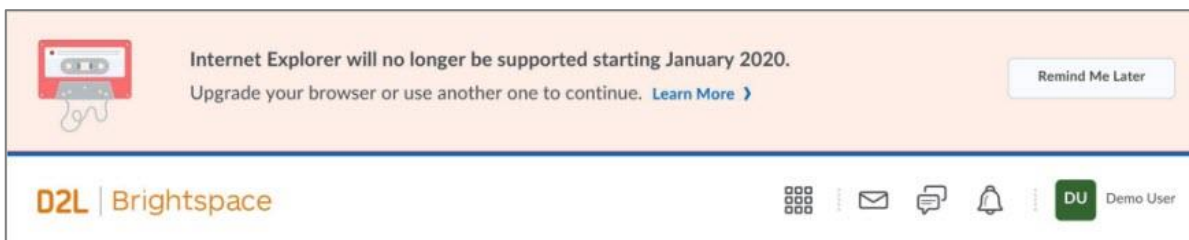


Figure: Currently, the End of Life banner above the minibar after logging into D2L Brightspace with Internet Explorer



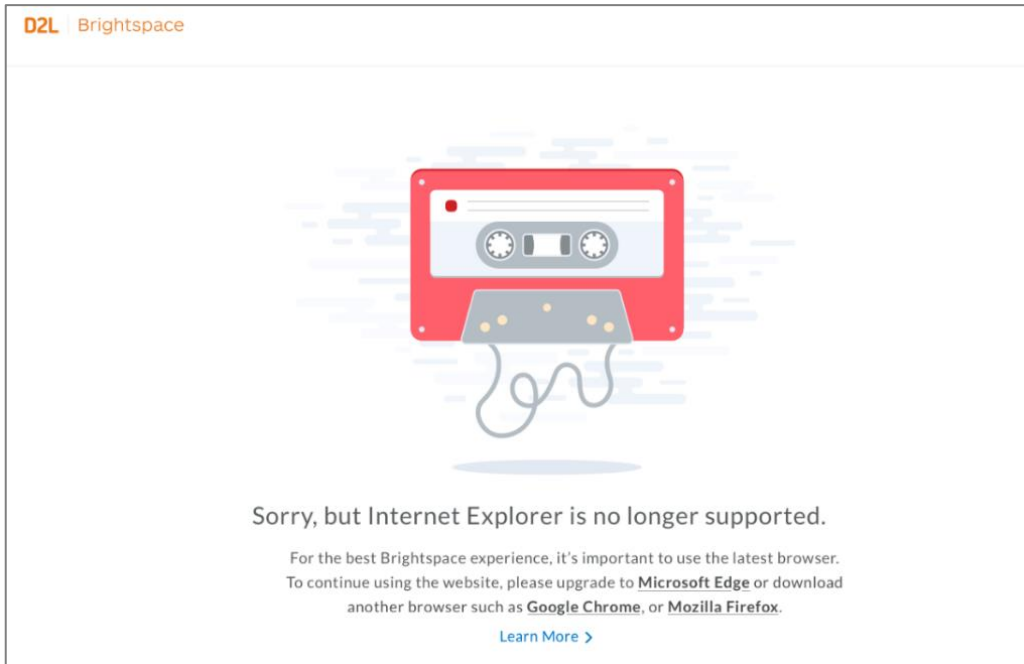


Figure: Starting January 1, 2020 (and in QA since Dec. 9, 2019), the unsupported message displays after logging in to D2L Brightspace using Internet Explorer

Impact of Change	Technical Details	Next Steps
<p>Moderate impact to all users due to the new banner that displays on the login page and in D2L Brightspace when using Internet Explorer.</p>	<p>Availability: This feature is available to all D2L Brightspace sites. This functionality is automatically enabled for users who access a D2L Brightspace using Internet Explorer. No further action is required.</p> <p>User Resources: View the knowledge article #1483 Supported browsers in D2L Brightspace (online resource).</p>	<p>Important: Starting January 1, 2020, D2L will no longer support Internet Explorer. At that time, users will not be able to log into D2L Brightspace using any version of Internet Explorer; those users will see an unsupported browser message, and will need to use a different browser to access D2L Brightspace. Prior to January 1, 2020, D2L strongly recommends that all users access D2L Brightspace with a supported browser.</p>



RELEASE CONDITIONS

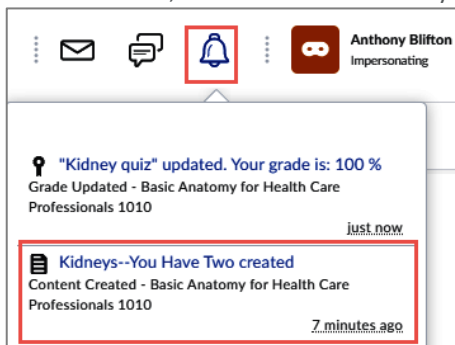
Release Conditions – Learner notified when release condition triggers new content | Updated 20.19.12

In a course that uses release conditions to unlock additional content, learners previously were not informed when new content became available as a result of a release condition that was satisfied. Because there was no automatic notification or refresh of the table of contents, there was the potential for frustration when learners think they are done in a module, and are later informed that there are steps left to be completed.

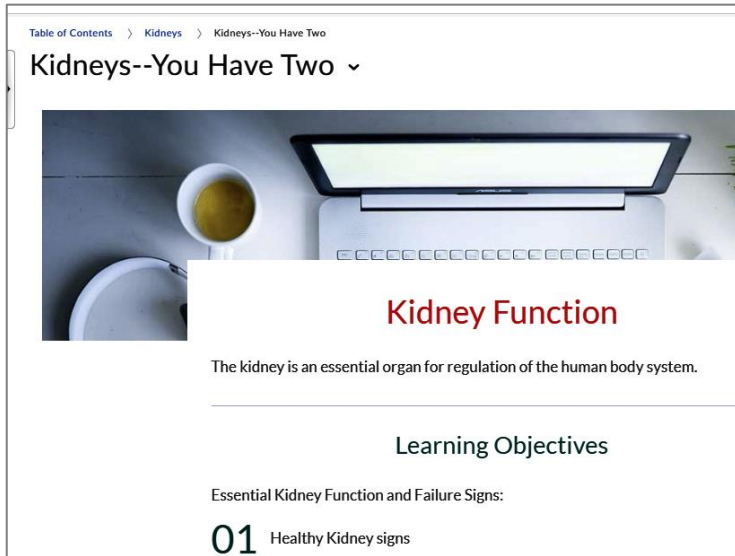
Now, when release conditions are satisfied, the learner is notified using a minibar notification to let them know that there are new content items available in the course.

Example of a content topic released after a student completes a quiz

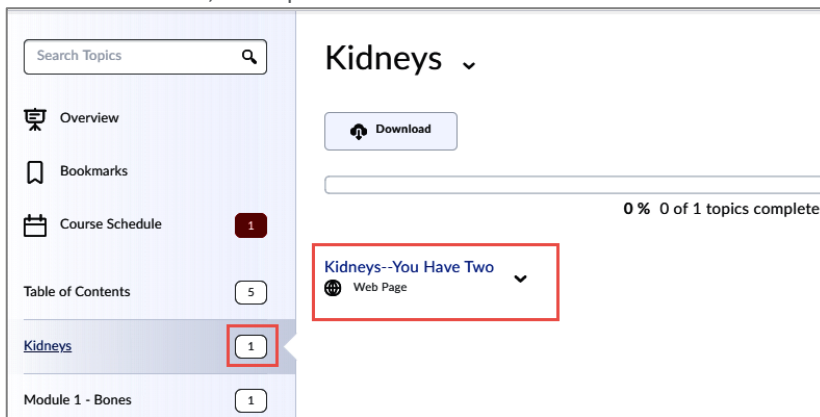
1. The student completed the Kidney quiz receiving a grade on the quiz, which released the “Kidneys...” content topic.
2. Upon completion of an activity that conditionally releases a content topic to the student.
3. For notification, the student immediately sees an Update Alert in minibar.



4. Clicking on the minibar alert link takes the student to the content topic.



5. In the Content tool, the topic is now visible to the student.



Impact of Change	Technical Details	Next Steps
<p>Slight impact to learners in courses that now see a minibar notification when there are newly release items available in the course Content.</p>	<p>Availability: This feature is available to all D2L Brightspace sites.</p> <p>To enable: This functionality is automatically enabled for Content and Release Conditions users. No further action is required.</p> <p>User Resources: For more information, view the knowledge articles on Content and Release Conditions after release.</p>	<p>N/A</p>