

## October Monthly D2L Update Notification - Students

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*D2L/Brightspace Learning Environment 10.8.6 - update on or about October 18, 2018; the following Brightspace updates apply to student use of the Learning Environment*

### Content – Send to Binder

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Located in the Content tool, the **Send to Binder** option has enabled learners to send course content to their Brightspace Binder accounts to review and annotate offline. The web-based Binder client is being phased out and the **Send to Binder** button in the Content tool will **no longer be available as of November 1, 2018.**

#### How will users get course materials into Binder?

You can still add your Brightspace course materials to Binder from *within* the Binder app.

#### Can users still annotate in Binder?

You will be able to annotate PDF documents from Brightspace, as well as PDF documents from other sources (Google Drive, Dropbox), while still being able to view and annotate any existing documents, even offline.

#### Will D2L continue to support Binder?

Yes. Support for the iOS and Android Binder native applications will continue unaffected during Phase 1.

#### What if I use two devices, or uninstall the app?

Since D2L will no longer store Binder content in the cloud, this content will not be shared across devices, and uninstalling Binder will remove the content from your device. However, Binder offers users the ability to export content using the “share” functionality in the app.

#### What alternatives are there available to use instead of Binder?

Below are a number of free apps which can be used in combination to achieve the same functionality as that offered by Binder.

#### Phase 2: Binder End of Life (May 31, 2019)

On May 31, 2019 Binder will no longer be supported by D2L, will no longer work with Brightspace, and will be removed from the Apple and Google app stores.

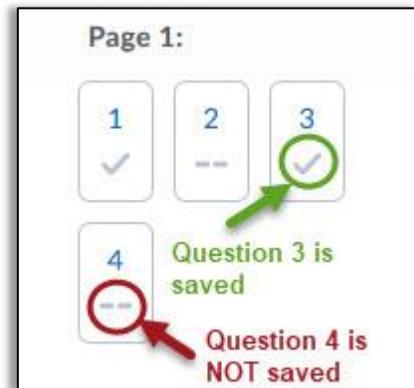
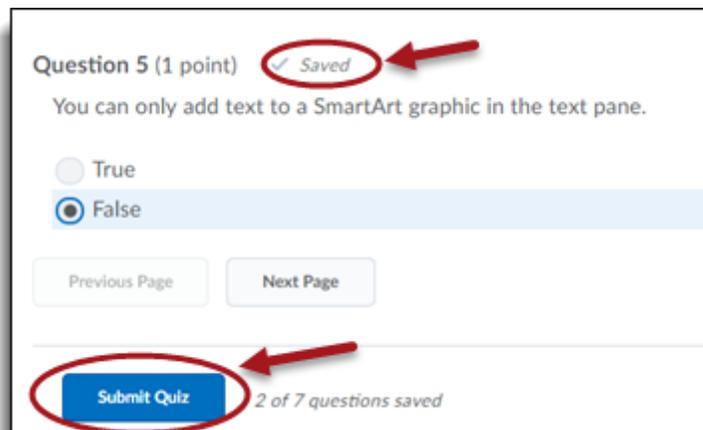
#### Does D2L have an alternative for accessing course materials offline?

Yes, the **Brightspace Pulse app** is freely available on iOS and Android platforms and allows students to view and access course materials offline.

## Quizzes – Automatic Saving

Learners' quiz responses are now automatically saved during the quiz-taking process. For forced response questions (such as Multiple Choice and True or False), learner responses are saved automatically when they select the radio button or checkbox. Text input questions autosave every 10 to 15 seconds, and html-enabled questions save when the mouse cursor is clicked outside the quiz response input area.

Autosave sends save timestamps to the quizzing log, as the manual save function previously did. For quizzes with multiple pages, quiz responses automatically save upon navigating to a new quiz page. Users can view the question panel located on the left side of the quiz to see what questions are made as saved. The check mark underneath the number means that the question is saved. Click on a question to navigate within the question panel. Dashes represent an unsaved question. The **Save all Responses** and **Go to Submit Quiz** buttons have been removed, and are no longer visible on the quiz page. The only button now visible on the quiz page is **Submit Quiz**.



A “wired” connection is best for taking online exams. Also, make sure you have adequate bandwidth, do not stream movies or music while taking an exam.

If internet connectivity is lost during the quiz-taking process, learners can answer questions, but questions will not autosave nor can they submit the quiz until the connection is restored.

Depending on quiz settings, indicators that connectivity was lost *may* include:

- the “saved” indicator does not appear
- cannot select an answer
- cannot navigate to another question page
- cannot submit the quiz and time has not expired

**What should you do if connectivity is lost?** As long as time remains in the exam, you can safely refresh your browser window and continue – you may need to go back and re-select any questions that may not have saved.

Alternatively, log out of D2L and sign in to another computer. You can continue the quiz as long as time remains available.