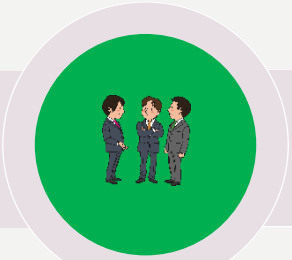
SEPTEMBER LEARNING BYTES

MAKE YOUR BRIGHTSPACE MODULE MORE INTERACTIVE

Quizzes

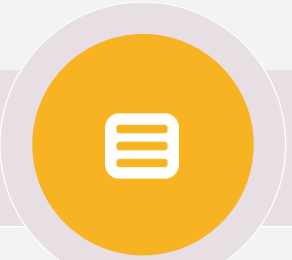
Discussion Forums

Chat Rooms



Embedding External Content

Activity Feed



Using HTML Templates

QUIZZES

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WHY USE SELF-ASSESSMENT QUIZZES?

- Consolidation of knowledge
- Highlight topics that need revisiting
- Student taking ownership of their learning
- Easy reporting in Brightspace

HOW CAN THIS IMPROVE THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE IN BRIGHTSPACE?

- Student progress and understanding of knowledge
- Release of additional content or feedback based on their responses
- Additional materials, tasks or support based on their results

DISCUSSION FORUMS

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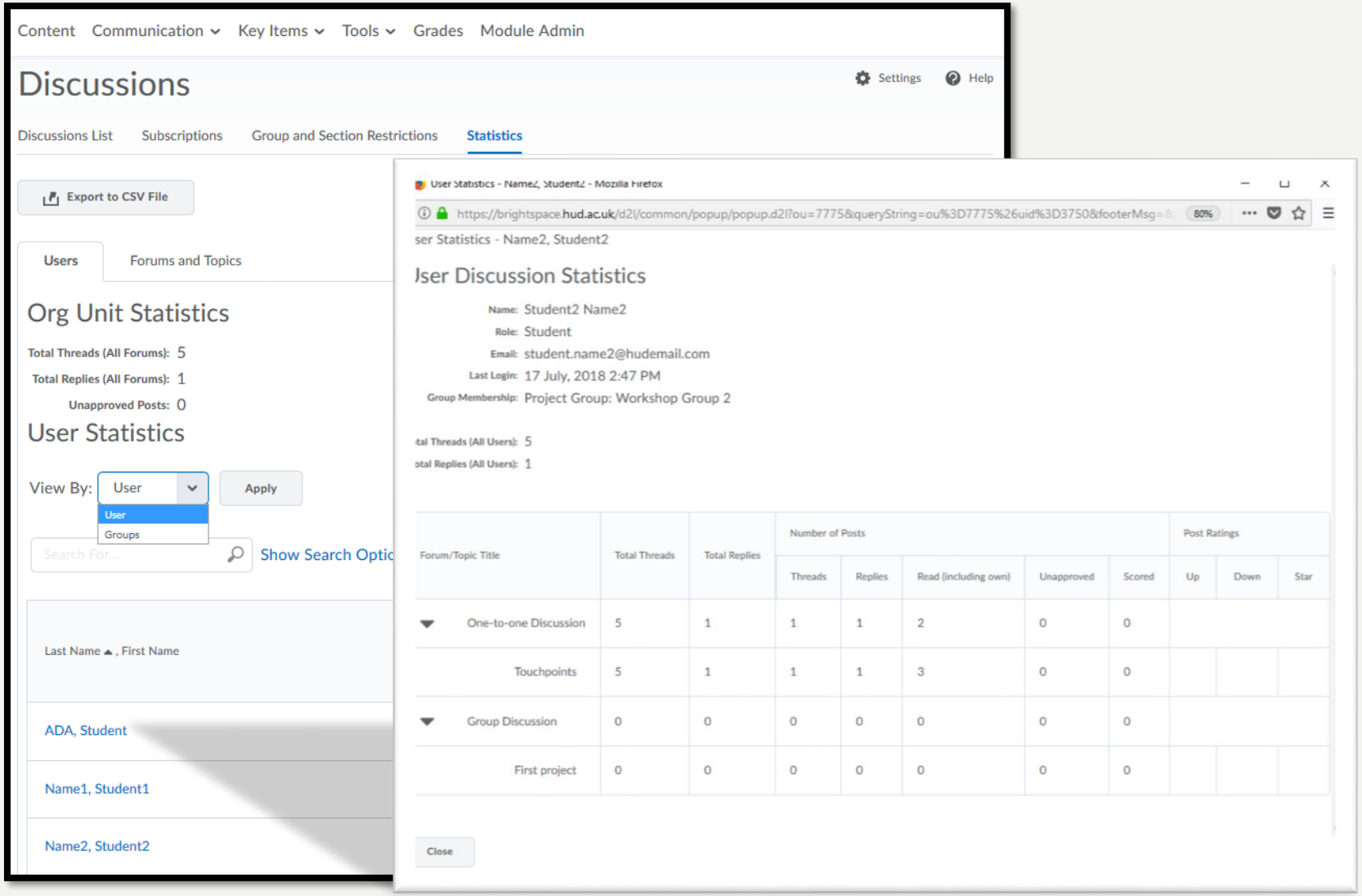
DISCUSSION FORUMS: BENEFITS

- Makes the module more engaging and interactive
- Stay up-to-date with messages by subscribing to Topics/threads (notifications + emails)
- It could be set up to be moderated/un-moderated
- Separate discussion forums could be set up for groups and the whole class.
- There could be concurrent discussions through multiple forums/topics within the same module
- Tutors have the ability to set up one to one discussions with individual students
- Students could be graded on their activity
- Students could be given the ability to rate posts

STUDENT VIEW



USE CASES

- Ice-breaker discussion area – e.g. FY students
- Class Discussions on topics covered during lessons
- Group Discussions for group based projects
- One-to-one discussion with students – PDP, Record touchpoints etc.

CHAT ROOMS

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EMBEDDING EXTERNAL CONTENT

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EMBEDDING EXTERNAL CONTENT

- Embedding videos and embedding rich media content is very easy in Brightspace thanks to the HTML editor as well as the 'insert stuff' button.
- Embedding allows you to make your modules interactive with minimal effort.
- Mixing embedded content with normal content can help reach more of your students as they all learn in different ways.
- Embedding is supported by a huge range of resources such as BBC, YouTube, Prezi, Padlet, Google Forms

ACTIVITY FEED WIDGET

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ACTIVITY FEED

- An Activity Feed is a widget that sits on the home page of a module. Tutors use it in a similar way to announcements so messages can be put on there but also reminders, links to new content, links to resources, websites, discussion points etc.
- It's main differences to the Announcement tool is that it's look and feel is more informal and more importantly it allows for comments so makes it more like a conversation and more engaging for students. Comments can be switched off if they are not invited.
- You can pin an important announcement to the top of the feed so it doesn't get buried but other posts.

WHY USE THE ACTIVITY FEED?

- They make the whole module more interactive, dynamic and friendly
- They allow for comments between tutors and students
- They have social media affordances – allows tutors to share recent headlines or blog posts of interest etc.
- They allow for students to ask a question or seek clarification

USE CASES

- Pin an important announcement to the top to prevent it getting lost
- Make it clear you want students to comment, encourage and praise commenting by students.
- Try and encourage students–student interaction as well as tutor-student

USING HTML TEMPLATES

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HTML TEMPLATES

- These are ways of presenting/organising content that is added directly to Brightspace. So useful for those where people work through various content items. Useful where the teaching is online (so blended, online, compliance training, resource based training etc).
- There are two main types of template – click and reveal templates and display templates. The click and reveal as they suggest mean that you click on somewhere on the screen to reveal more content e.g. a picture or title to reveal more info. A display template just organises the content on a page e.g. columns, tables etc.
- The drawback with these is that it really does help to know a bit about html as configuring the info to your own content requires a bit of messing with the code.
- However we have some placement students who started in September who are happy to help people build interactive content in Brightspace

WHY USE THEM?

- They make content delivery more interactive and nicer to view.

OTHER TOOLS

Instant Messages

Video Notes

Checklists

Blogs (Campus Pack)

Wikis (Campus Pack)

Awards

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MORE INFORMATION:

The ipark website: https://ipark.hud.ac.uk
- Contains how-to guides on all aspects of Brightspace

The Brightspace Bytes Module:
- Contains screencast guides to all things Brightspace

Brightspace Ongoing Training – including the following courses:
- Introduction to Quizzes and Surveys in Brightspace
- An Introduction to the Interactive Tools in Brightspace
- Monitoring Student Engagement in Brightspace
- An Introduction to the interactive content templates in Brightspace
- An Introduction to the Communication Tools in Brightspace
- More Communication Tools In Brightspace

Drop-in Sessions – Monthly – see the ipark website for details

See your Learning Technology Advisor

THANK YOU

ANY QUESTIONS?