

January D2L Updates (effective 1/20/2017)

Brightspace/D2L Learning Environment 10.6.9 (January 2017).

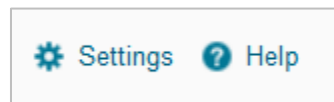
Supported Browser Changes

As of this release, the Brightspace/D2L platform no longer supports the following browsers:

- Microsoft® Internet Explorer® 10 (IE10)
- Apple® Safari® 6, 7, and 8

Auto Release Final Calculated Grade

Updates to the grades tool now allows the option to release final grades automatically. Final grades released before the end of a course enable students to view their overall progress throughout the term. Previously, students could not view their overall grade until instructors manually released the final calculated or final adjusted grade. This option can be selected within the Calculation Options tab located in Grades Settings:



Calculation Options

Personal Display Options
Org Unit Display Options
Calculation Options

Grading System

Grading System

Weighted [?](#)

Example:
 Assignments Category (20% of final grade)
 - Assignment 1 Item (50% of Assignments)
 - Assignment 2 Item (50% of Assignments)
 Final Exam Item (80% of final grade)

Final Grade: /100%

Points [?](#)

Example:
 Assignments Category (40 points)
 - Assignment 1 Item (20 points)
 - Assignment 2 Item (20 points)
 Final Exam Item (200 points)

Final Grade: /240 points

Formula [?](#)

Final grade is determined by a custom defined formula
 Grade items and categories use the Points system

Final Grade Released

Release

Calculated Final Grade [?](#)

Adjusted Final Grade [?](#)

Automatically release final grade [?](#)

Grade Calculations

Ungraded Items

Drop ungraded items [?](#)

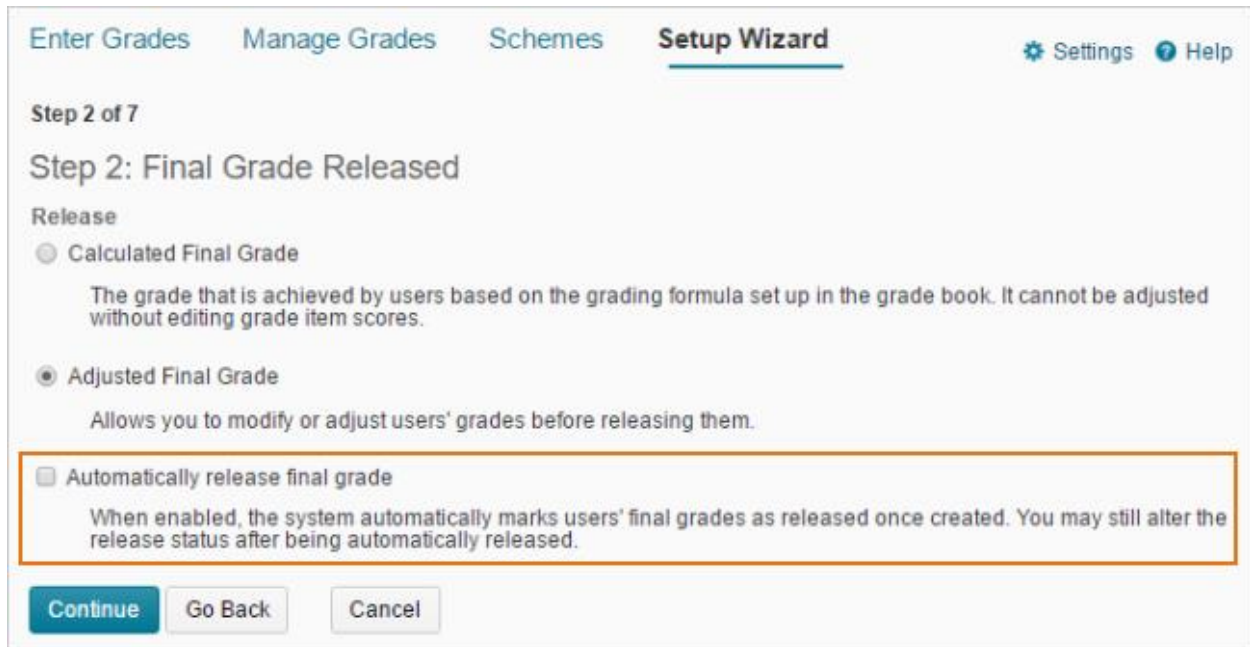
Treat ungraded items as 0 [?](#)

Auto Update

Automatically keep final grades updated [?](#)

Save
Close

Instructors can also choose “Automatically release final grade” by running the Grades Setup Wizard.



The screenshot shows the 'Setup Wizard' interface with the following elements:

- Navigation tabs: Enter Grades, Manage Grades, Schemes, **Setup Wizard** (underlined).
- Utility links: Settings (gear icon), Help (question mark icon).
- Progress indicator: Step 2 of 7.
- Section title: Step 2: Final Grade Released.
- Section header: Release.
- Radio button options:
 - Calculated Final Grade: The grade that is achieved by users based on the grading formula set up in the grade book. It cannot be adjusted without editing grade item scores.
 - Adjusted Final Grade: Allows you to modify or adjust users' grades before releasing them.
 - Automatically release final grade**: When enabled, the system automatically marks users' final grades as released once created. You may still alter the release status after being automatically released. (This option is highlighted with an orange border in the original image.)
- Buttons: Continue (highlighted in teal), Go Back, Cancel.