

# Blackboard Help

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## Grade Center Improvements

We have made several improvements to grading and Grade Center in Service Pack 14:

- **My Grades Ordering & Design Update** - The page provides a new default option for the order in which grades are displayed.
- **Define "Score Attempts Using" setting from the "Options" page** - This is a workflow improvement to ensure that instructors know about and can easily find this setting for tools that support multiple attempts.
- **Test total points adjustment** - This enhancement address several related needs from instructors, all revolving around the total points possible for tests, and needing to adjust the total points possible.
- **Grading Schemas greater than 100%** - There is now an enhancement to allow for schema percentages to be greater than 100%.

### My Grades Ordering & Design Update

My Grades				
All		Graded	Upcoming	Submitted
Order by: Course Order				
ITEM	GRADE	FEEDBACK	LAST ACTIVITY	
<b>Test</b> DUE: JUL 31, 2013	<b>10.00</b> /10		Jul 31, 2013 1:59 PM GRADED	
<b>Test 2</b> DUE: AUG 15, 2013	• /10		UPCOMING	
<b>Assignment 1</b> DUE: AUG 5, 2013	• /100		UPCOMING	
<b>Assignment 2</b> DUE: AUG 9, 2013	• /100		UPCOMING	
<b>Weighted Total</b>	-			
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.00</b> /10			

Several changes were made:

- There is an *Order by* drop-down list that allows students to change order by course, last activity, or due date. By default items are ordered by course, which displays items in the order the instructor has arranged them in Grade Center.
- Students can narrow the listed items by selecting *All*, *Graded*, *Upcoming*, and *Submitted*. For example, selecting *Graded* only shows rows that have been graded by the instructor.
- The text size and row spacing have been reduced, resulting in more information being displayed on the page at once. Feedback is included right inline, so the student does not need to click on anything to view it - it just shows up on the page.

## New Score Attempts Using Setting Added on Test Options and Create Assignment Pages

A *Score Attempts Using* drop-down list has been added to the *Test Options* and *Create Assignment* pages.

**TEST AVAILABILITY**

Make the link available  Yes  No

Add a new announcement for this test  Yes  No

Multiple Attempts
 

- Allow Unlimited Attempts
- Number of Attempts

Score attempts using Last Graded Attempt ▼

- Last Graded Attempt
- Highest Grade
- Lowest Grade
- First Graded Attempt
- Average of Graded Attempts

Force Completion  
*Once started, this test must be completed*

## Test total points adjustment

In an earlier release, a change was made to Grade Center columns that were automatically created to show Test results. In this release we have provided a way for users to adjust the total *Points Possible* for a Test while maintaining the integrity of the previous change described above.

\* Points Possible

Manually override the calculated total

The total for this column is automatically calculated. If you wish to ignore the automatic total and

## Grading Schemas greater than 100%

Instructors can now make the uppermost value in a Grading Schema as large as desired. This means that the instructor can make the percentage 150%, 200%, or any other percentage larger than 100%.

**SCHEMA MAPPING**

*Grade Center columns that are automatically graded, such as Tests, will be converted to this display option according to the grade mapping provided below. To enter grades in the Grade Center manually using this display option, mappings from each symbol into a percentage of points possible must be provided.*

Grades Scored Between	Will Equal	Grades Manually Entered as	Will Calculate as	
<input type="text" value="50"/> % and <input type="text" value="150"/> %	<input type="text" value="A"/>	A	<input type="text" value="100"/> %	Insert Rows <input type="button" value="←"/> <input type="button" value="←"/>
<input type="text" value="0"/> % and Less Than 50%	<input type="text" value="F"/>	F	<input type="text" value="25"/> % <input type="button" value="Delete Row"/>	

## To Learn More

To learn more, see [Grade Center](#) and [My Grades](#).