On May 12, 2012, Learning Technologies is upgrading Scholar from version 2.7.1 to 2.8.1. There are many feature enhancements throughout Scholar that will help improve your experience as well as many bug fixes, including security fixes. Please consider exploring the features detailed in this document or attending FDI training sessions in coming months to learn more about Scholar. For more in-depth information on each feature of the upgrade, including screenshots, please see: [http://help.scholar.vt.edu/Upgrade/index.html](http://help.scholar.vt.edu/Upgrade/index.html).

### Global Enhancements

**Site Creation** – Site creation opened up to all authenticated, non-guest, users

**Global Changes**
- Mobile application upgrade
- Upgrade from FCK Editor to CK Editor
- Ability to collapse site navigation down to show only icons

### New Tool Features and Enhancements

**Announcements**
- Specify and alter the order of announcements
- Show revision history on notification options

**Assignments**
- Filter view of submitted assignments by student
- See previous grade history

**ePortfolio**
- The Evaluations Messaging feature now has configurable options
- The ePortfolio Share screen now has a tab that displays public portfolios

**Forums**
- Instructor- Set Start and End dates for forums
- Sort forum threads

### Gradebook

- Search for students
- Toggle view for Weighted Categories
- Statistics chart added to Student View
- Added .xlsx support
- Can export Section Info and choose whether to export comments

### Messages

- Preview message before sending
- Save drafts of messages

### Resources

- Disk Usage feature

### Sign-up

- Participants can sign up for multiple timeslots
- Ability to track attendance

### Site Info

- “Select All” checkbox
- Group Randomization feature

### Tests & Quizzes

- Respondus Integration
- Record average scores for multiple submissions
- CKEditor available for short answer/essay questions
- 4000 character limit removed
- Un-submitted assessments now show a dash; instructors can input a zero as final grade
- View more than two sub pools in question pool hierarchy

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