What's new in LATTE, Fall 2015

On August 12th, 2015, LATTE was upgraded. Here’s what’s new.

An updated theme

The theme is the visual styling of the system. The new theme eliminates the carousel of images from the top of the main page, and moves to a flexible width system throughout, while keeping a mostly familiar look and feel. These changes will make LATTE more responsive to the needs and capabilities of different devices. It should now work better than ever on your smartphone, tablet, laptop, or any other device. This theme also introduces a new 'User Menu' in the upper right where you’ll be able to edit your profile, and find other information specific to you.

More mobile capabilities

Along with the theme, there is a new text editor that performs better on mobile interfaces, and includes a new equation editor that will work across all devices.

Autosave

Now when you are typing in LATTE using the new text editor, your work will be automatically saved. Saving happens once a minute. No longer will you risk having long forum replies or essay question answers lost.

Messaging

Students and instructors alike will be able to message each other within LATTE. Messaging can be found on the new User Menu. Read more on how to use messaging here.

New third-party services

LATTE has now been integrated with Turnitin, and with box.com. Turnitin is a plagiarism detection tool. Instructors can click here to learn more. Students can click here to learn about it as well. box.com is a cloud storage provider, and files stored there can now be added directly to LATTE.

Enhancements to existing tools

You can now subscribe to individual forum threads as well as entire forums. Subscribing to a thread or a forum will send you an email with new updates to that thread or forum.

For faculty, the gradebook has been overhauled, and can be scrolled while keeping the list of students and gradable items visible. It will also fill the screen automatically as you do so. This works great on tablets and other mobile devices too! Those of you with larger classes will appreciate the ability to now filter your gradebooks as well.

Course designers can now make use of a new ‘Grid’ layout option as well as the familiar list of topic or week blocks. Dozens of small enhancements have been made everywhere.
Natural Weighting

Principally for instructors and course designers, there is a new way of setting up the gradebook calculations. This is called Natural Weighting, and by default it functions the same way as the old Sum of grades method. But it has more capabilities and is designed to make it easier for you to manage your grades and how they are calculated. Please see the official documentation, or reach out to Academic Technology if you have any questions.

Improved security and fixes to hundreds of bugs

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- Adding TAs and Guests
- Latte for Instructors
- Text Editing
- Create Online Assignments