

LATTE, the university Learning and Teaching Technology Environment, will undergo a system updated in January 2019. Here are some highlights of what you'll see with the upgrades to LATTE coming in January!

Performance Improvement

With some updates to the underlying software systems, LATTE will run better than before. This is the first in a series of changes we are bringing to LATTE to improve the overall experience. We know that LATTE is an important and widely used piece of software and that improving the performance of LATTE makes it faster and easier for students and instructors to get things done.

Record audio and video into LATTE

Students and instructors will have two new buttons on their text editing toolbar, allowing you to record audio and video right from your browser any place where you can currently enter text. Some examples of this new feature include:

- Instructors can record a welcome video introducing themselves and the course; covering information such as office hours and syllabus highlights
- Students can introduce themselves to each other with a video
- Foreign language faculty can record audio for students to translate or respond to; evaluate conversational skills of students with less classroom time
- Students can submit video of themselves explaining or presenting an idea or topic

To learn more, watch the following video from Moodle:

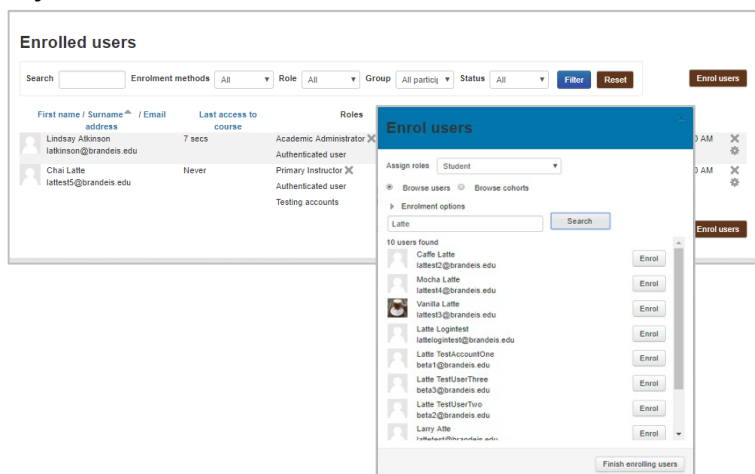
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gr4mw1qvcWM&index=6&t=0s&list=PLxcO_MFWQBDcnwHQwhHZtObHNMHoONx-C

New Participants and Enrollments screen

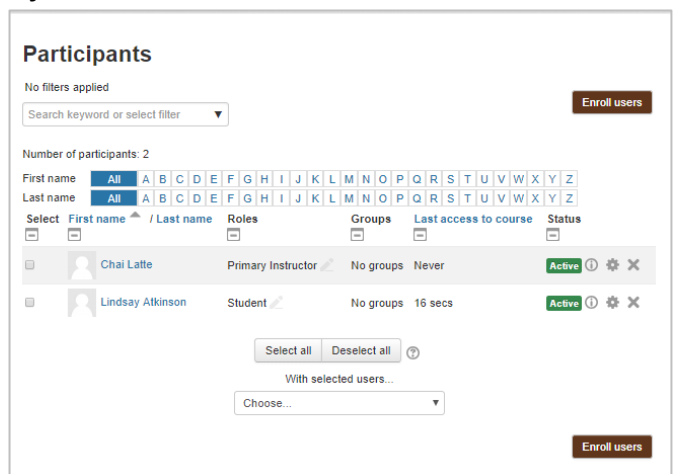
The previous two, separate screens have been combined and enhanced. Now you'll be able to look at one screen to see all the participants in a course, and to sort or filter them by different parameters, including group enrollment status.

Also, students who have dropped a course will no longer be listed in either of these screens, reducing confusion.

Before

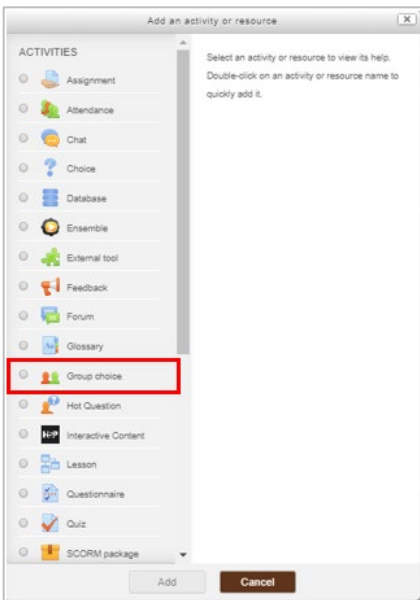


After



Students can self-organize

If you use groups in your coursework, such as having students work on team projects a new **Group Choice** activity will let students self-organize into groups. Instructors can set parameters such as how many groups to have or how many students can be in a group, but students can then choose for themselves which group to be in. Any forums, assignments, or other course elements set to use groups will automatically make use of these groups.



For additional information including documentation about group self-selection, visit the Moodle site at: https://moodle.org/plugins/mod_groupselect

Restrict submission file types

Always want students to submit a PDF file? Never want to see an Apple Pages document again? Now when setting up an assignment activity to collect student work you'll be able to specify which file types are allowed.

