Migration Overview: Lessons (OLD) to Lessons (NEW)

WHY ARE WE MAKING THIS CHANGE AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU?

We will be replacing the Lessons Tool in iLearn with a new version (which we are referring to as "Lessons (NEW)") that will both address limitations of the older version (or "Lessons (OLD)") while also introducing powerful new content authoring capabilities. It is also the case that the Lessons (OLD) tool, because of its age, is being decommissioned and will no longer be available in iLearn.

A few brief examples of these improvements provided by Lessons (NEW) are:

- You can *link more easily to files* in the Resources tool such as MS Word, PowerPoint and URLs.
- You can easily *embed content* such as YouTube videos or quick polls into your instructional content.
- You can link *directly to Forum Topics, Tests and Assignments* from within your content

Starting with the summer semester the Lessons (OLD) Tool will no longer be available for use in active courses. To ensure that all summer courses are ready on time, **we are asking faculty to complete this migration no later than May 11, 2016**.

HOW TO GET STARTED?

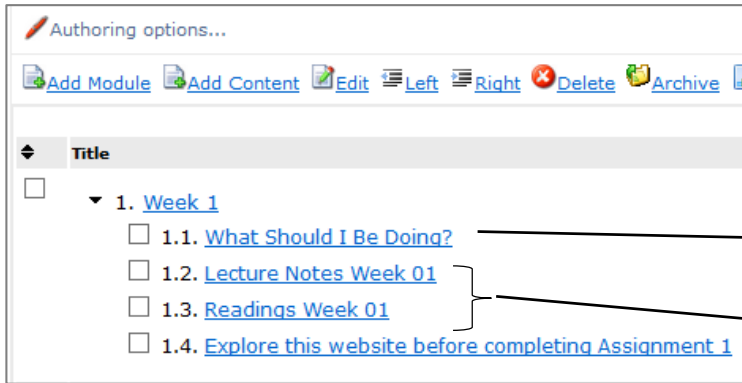We are suggesting that faculty select one of two options for the migration to the Lessons (NEW) Tool:

1) **REPLICATE** - At a minimum you will need to replicate how content was set up in Lessons (OLD) in Lessons (NEW). This will require less time to complete but will not take advantage of the new tool's capabilities.
2) **INNOVATE** - This will require some additional time to complete but will have the benefit of improving the overall student experience in your course and their engagement with the course content.

Although you may opt to replicate your old lessons content in the new tool initially, we are encouraging all faculty to take full advantage of the new capabilities over time.

Please contact Academic Technology at (845)-575-3836 or academic.technology@marist.edu for further questions on Lessons content migration or visit the Lessons Support Page. Please visit the Center for Teaching Excellence for workshops on this migration process and other capabilities of Lessons (NEW).

Examples of *Replication* and *Innovation* Migration Approaches

Example of Lessons (OLD) Content

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Authoring options...

Add Module   Add Content   Edit   Left   Right   Delete   Archive

    Title

    ▾  1.  Week 1
          ☐ 1.1. What Should I Be Doing?
          ☐ 1.2. Lecture Notes Week 01
          ☐ 1.3. Readings Week 01
          ☐ 1.4. Explore this website before completing Assignment 1
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Content *Replicated* in Lessons (NEW)

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🏠 Lessons (NEW) > Week 01

Add Content ▾

Edit    Week 1

Edit    What I Should Be Doing This Week?

        Please complete the following tasks by Thursday 9AM.

          1. Read Lecture Notes Week 01
          2. Review Reading Week 01
          3. Submit Assignment 01 after exploring this web site.
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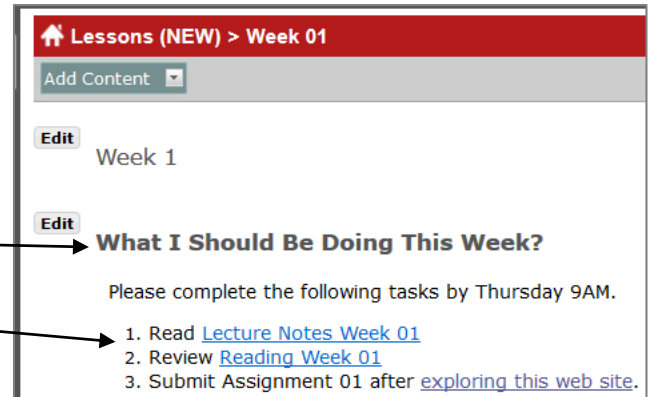
In Lessons (NEW) you do not need a separate content page for each Resources file and can simply link to files directly in the text you enter in thereby reducing "clicks" for your students.

What I Should Be Doing This Week?

Please complete the following tasks by Thursday 9AM.

1. Read Lecture Notes Week 01
2. Review Reading Week 01
3. Watch the video below and while consider the related questions.

Want to sound like a leader? Start by saying you...

While you are watching the video consider the strategies that it discusses and select one that you agree with and one that you do not.

💬 **How to Sound like a Leader?**
Based on what you saw in the video, use this Forum Topic to post your thoughts on how to sound like a leader when talking with colleagues.

📝 **Assignment 01: Being a Leader**
After you have reviewed the web site linked above and watched the video, write a two page paper on some of the leadership skills you feel are important (see Assignment 01 for details) and submit it to this first assignment.

Content *Innovated* in Lessons (NEW)

YouTube videos can be embedded directly into your Lessons content

You can link directly to Forum Topics, Assignments and Test & Quizzes related to your Lesson content

Taking advantage of all of new capabilities of the Lessons (NEW) Tool helps to reduce clicks and make it easier for your students to find and engage with your instructional content.