

Subject: Re: D2L version
Date: Friday, July 15, 2016 at 2:17:25 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Marybeth Koon
To: Ian Webber, Chris Williams
CC: Ken Kindler, Graham Anthony
Attachments: image001.png, image002.png

Thanks, Ian. Holding off makes total sense. I had assumed that might be the case. I had not inquired any further with Kennesaw about the beta test after they suggested we contact D2L to have them "include you as a tester for your environment" My contact at Kennesaw, Chandeka Ork, just said she was "working with a D2L technician" and that they would be hearing back from them by June 7 2016 (assuming on development status). I am not sure ultimately how it will run. I had assumed it might be similar to the Canvas one – like an API but stopped inquiring when they suggested we next connect with our D2L contact directly for more info.

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From: Ian Webber <jiwetc@rit.edu>
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Cc: Ken Kindler <keketc@rit.edu>, Graham Anthony <gaatls@rit.edu>
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Marybeth,

I think we should hold on this until after the upgrade. There are a decent number of changes moving from 10.3 to continuous delivery and I don't want to introduce more during this upgrade. Once we are into fall this is a good project to pursue. I can reach out to our D2L account manager to get more info do you know if D2L is developing the accessibility checker or is Kennesaw? Also, do you know if the checker will be standalone on a web server connecting via an API (like UDOIT) or is it will be integrated into the Brightspace LE?

-Ian

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From: Marybeth Koon
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 12:24 PM
To: Chris Williams <cjwetc@rit.edu>
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No worries! Given our upgrade process, what do you think about us being potential beta-testers for this D2L accessibility checker? I'm not sure if it's ready for testing but here is what my contact at Kennesaw U suggested. They suggested reaching out to our D2L contact on this. It's not clear to me if we'd be beta testing on some other server or if they'd have us install something on ours.

I am currently working with a D2L technician as they are developing their version for an accessibility checker. I should be hearing back from them this week on testing [email from week of June 7]. I highly suggest reaching out to your D2L contact to see if they can include you as a tester for your environment.

Thanks,

Chandeka Ork
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From: Chris Williams <cjwetc@rit.edu>
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To: Marybeth Koon <mjmetc@rit.edu>
Cc: Ken Kindler <keketc@rit.edu>, Ian Webber <jiwetc@rit.edu>
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Marybeth,

I apologize for the delay on this. The dev environment is scheduled to be upgraded tomorrow.

-Chris

On Jun 9, 2016 12:05 PM, Marybeth Koon <mjmetc@rit.edu> wrote:

Hey Chris,

Yes, that's right. Here is a bit more information: Kennesaw University, a D2L user, connected with D2L about creating a "D2L-version" of a "faculty-friendly" accessibility checker called UDOIT that UCF originally made for Canvas (via a grant). It is an open source program. I had connected with Kennesaw to learn if they had any luck with creating something for D2L and they said that in fact they had and that if we wanted to be a part of the testing to connect with D2L directly. This is a webinar I attended while working on a project related to accessibility and I thought it looked worthwhile and was eager to see what you all thought. If you want to see a demo of the Canvas version, you can learn more via this video recording from about at about 22:36 to 33:23: https://youtu.be/F97_r_ExzQo

Thanks,

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From: Ian Webber <jiwetc@rit.edu>
Date: Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 9:38 AM
To: Chris Williams <cjwetc@rit.edu>, Marybeth Koon <mjmetc@rit.edu>
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I think it is a co-developed checker. Marybeth can provide more background. I have included her here to provide more info. We can have a quick meeting next week to review further if it helps.

Ian

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 9, 2016, at 9:15 AM, Chris Williams <cjwetc@rit.edu> wrote:

Testing what? A D2L-developed content accessibility checker?

On Jun 8, 2016, at 11:16 AM, Ian Webber <jiwetc@rit.edu> wrote:

See the thread below. What do you think about inclusion as a testers?

-Ian

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From: Marybeth Koon
Sent: Tuesday, June 7, 2016 3:20 PM
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What do you think? See highlighted info below.

From: Chandeka Ork <cork@kennesaw.edu>
Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 3:19 PM
To: Marybeth Koon <mjmetc@rit.edu>
Cc: "jcamer13@kennesaw.edu" <jcamer13@kennesaw.edu>
Subject: Re: D2L version

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On Jun 7, 2016, at 3:15 PM, Marybeth Koon <mjmetc@rit.edu> wrote:

Hi Chandeka,

I thought I'd reconnect. Just wondering if you've had any success with your UDOIT development for D2L. If you need any beta testers or folks to help try it out, by all means, keep me in mind ☺

Sincerely,

Marybeth at RIT

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From: Chandeka Ork <cork@kennesaw.edu>
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Hello Marybeth,

Thanks for reaching out. We are currently in the initial research phase for a custom development. I am working with the University System of Georgia ITS vendor to may be come up with a solution for D2L. However, we are anticipating a D2L version of UDOIT that will be approximately available June 2016. They are supposed to update me some time this month on testing this external tool in which the instructor would upload a course package and be able to run accessibility reports that way. I have only obtained API keys for the D2L Valence framework in our test environments and would like to wait for D2L's solution to test how it would work to get a better idea. I hope this email finds you well.

Thank you,

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On Apr 15, 2016, at 1:17 PM, Marybeth Koon
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Dear Jordan and Chandeka,

My name is Marybeth Koon, and I am an instructional technologist of the Teaching & Learning Services office at the Rochester Institute of Technology. Jacob Bates of the University of Central Florida kindly provided me with your email. I am writing to you today regarding UDOIT – the open source, accessibility checker for Canvas. Jacob demo-ed this at a webinar I recently attended ([Inclusive Technology Assessment Strategies for Higher Education](#)). He had indicated that you might be working on a D2L-version of UDOIT. If so, I'd love to speak with you. We also use D2L, and I'd be very interested to learn more about any progress you might have made. It sounds like a worthwhile endeavor and was excited to hear that a D2L version might be in the works. We are also enhancing our support services for faculty around accessibility and this would be a great tool.

I appreciate your time and any opportunity to connect.

Sincerely,

Marybeth

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