

# myCourses Updates - Summer 2188

myCourses will be updated live on **Monday, May 13, 2019** with the following changes. Please take a moment to review the changes and determine if you need to make any revisions to your courses. No downtime will be required to make these changes.

Many of these changes are to bring naming in line with vendor changes, such as Dropbox being renamed to Assignments which was initially announced in the news on the Home page of myCourses in October 2018.

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## Dropbox tool renamed to Assignments

### What is Updated?

Dropbox has been renamed to Assignments by the myCourses vendor. These changes are being made to bring myCourses inline with vendor documentation, help, and references to the tool in the application.

### Actions

- If you have customized the navigation bar in your course, you may need to update the navigation bar to reflect the new naming, or revert to the RIT Default.
- References in your content or instructions may need to be updated to reflect the name change.

## News tool renamed to Announcements

### What is Updated?

News has been renamed to Announcements by the myCourses vendor. These changes are being made to bring myCourses inline with vendor documentation, help, and references to the tool in the application. Initially announced in the news on the Home page of myCourses in October 2018, these changes will now be going into effect.

### Actions

- If you have customized the navigation bar in your course, you may need to update the navigation bar to reflect the new naming, or revert to the RIT Default.
- References in your content or instructions may need to be updated to reflect the name change.

# Edit Course renamed to Course Admin

## What is Updated?

Edit Course has been renamed to Course Admin by the myCourses vendor. These changes are being made to bring myCourses inline with vendor documentation, help, and references to the tool in the application.

## Actions

- If you have customized the navigation bar in your course, you may need to update the navigation bar to reflect the new naming, or revert to the RIT Default.

# Starfish added to navigation bar

## What is Updated?

To make access to the Starfish tool more convenient, it is being added to the navigation bar. With this change it will always be available on the majority of pages throughout your course, so you do not have to navigate to a specific page to access the tool. This link will be available to faculty and students.

## Actions

- If you have customized the navigation bar in your course you will need to update the navigation bar to add the Starfish link if desired, or revert to the RIT Default.

# Locker removed from navigation bar

## What is Updated?

To accommodate the addition of Starfish to the navigation bar, the Locker tool is being removed from the RIT Default. The functionality is still available from the Home page of myCourses and Group lockers can be accessed through the Groups tool on the navigation bar.

With the availability of Google Drive at RIT, as well as many other modern high-capacity cloud storage options available on the internet, it was felt that the lightly used Locker tool could be removed to help streamline navigation.

## Actions

- If you have customized the navigation bar in your course you will need to update the navigation bar to remove the Locker link if desired, or revert to the RIT Default.
- If you wish to maintain more direct access to the Locker tool in your courses you may customize the navigation bar to add the link.
- References in your content or instructions may need to be updated to reflect the change.

# Google Apps widget removed from myCourses Homepage

## What is Updated?

The Google Apps widget is being removed from the Homepage of myCourses.

Due to changes made by the myCourses vendor a number of years ago, the Google Apps integration has not been able to allow new users to activate the integration, but the integration continues to work for users who were able to activate it prior to these changes.

This change will remove the general access widget from the Home page of myCourses to remove confusion for new users. The integration will continue to work for those who did have their account activated in the past. Those users will still be able to take advantage of the integration to access their Google documents when submitting through many file dialogs on myCourses.

## Actions

- Users seeking general access to their Google Apps at RIT should access the tools directly – <https://google.rit.edu/>.

# Role Switch widget removed from homepages, use View As

## What is Updated?

The legacy Role Switch widget is being removed from the Homepage of myCourses and course homepages.

A newer **View As** role switch feature has been available to Instructors by clicking on your name in the navigation bar for two years now. Because this is available through the navigation bar it can be conveniently accessed on almost every page of myCourses instead of only the homepages.

## Actions

- Use the **View As** feature by clicking on your name in the navigation bar. You can click the Change link to select a different default role. Click your name again and use the X button to disable Viewing As and return to your native role.

# myCourses Documentation to use vendor documentation

## What is Updated?

Users will be directed to the vendor's documentation as the primary documentation for myCourses.

The *myCourses Help and Resources* wiki will direct users to this documentation. RIT-specific information and supplemental documentation will still be available through the wiki space.

## Actions

- If you linked directly to pages in the *myCourses Help and Resources* wiki, you will want to review your links and update as needed.

# Help menu updated on the navigation bar

## What is Updated?

The Help menu on the myCourses navigation bar will be updated to a menu that will allow direct access to the vendor's Instructor and Learner documentation as well as the RIT documentation.

## Actions

- If you have customized the navigation bar in your course, you will need to update the navigation bar to replace the old single link Help item, or revert to the RIT Default.

## Documentation: Working with your Course Navigation Bars

If you need to make changes to your course navigation bars, the vendor's documentation on working with them is available at: [Create a course navbar and theme](#)

## Academic Technology Support

If you have questions regarding these updates please contact us in Academic Technology Support, referring to <http://rit.edu/tls/contact> for our hours of service and contact information.