

OdysseyWare and SOO -- Release Notes for June 26, 2010

1. Students will receive a warning when they are about to enter a quiz or test so they may decide if they have sufficient time in which to complete it. If they decide to enter, the quiz/test will be marked complete upon exiting it for any reason.
2. Students will not be able to move on to the next unit until they've completed all assignments within the unit in which they're currently working. Therefore, it will be necessary to complete all projects while in the unit, ensuring the lesson material is still fresh to the student. As projects will not be allowed to accumulate beyond the current unit, there will no longer be a list of active projects displayed on the student's home page. Students who wish to continue past a project without completing it will now need to access the next assignment through their courses button.
3. Screens that show course progress for both students and teachers will now only show a completed date when the unit is *fully* completed. This means that all assignments, including projects, will need to be complete in the unit in order for a Date Completed to show on a unit.
4. On those same screens, both the teacher and student are now able to view a percentage completed per each course.
5. When a student submits a Help request on a question in an assignment, it immediately goes to the teacher in the form of a message referencing that assignment.
6. When a student submits a Help request, the question will no longer be suspended from grading.
7. Split Screen – Students are able to view lessons in one window with the reading material in the top portion of the screen and the questions listed in the bottom portion. These panes are resizable. This functionality exists in Firefox, Chrome, Safari, and IE8 (but not in IE7).
8. Easier Navigation in Student Progress – A search box has been added to the Student Progress page. Additionally, we've added buttons to navigate to First, Previous, Next, and Last pages, as well by page number in Student Progress.
9. The teacher note that had been in a stagnant location at the top of each assignment is now accessible to students from anywhere within the assignment. Students may click on the "Teacher Note" button to show/hide the note.
10. The 'Finish Assignment' button within assignments has been moved to the top, right corner of the screen to increase its visibility and to make better use of screen space.