# LEARN.UQ GRADE CENTRE

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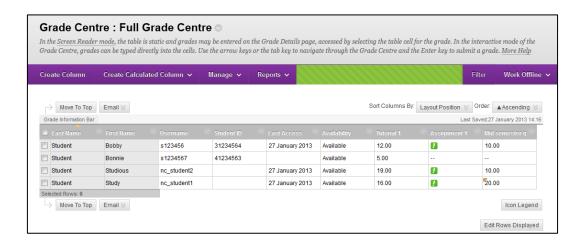
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## Overview

## Automatically created columns

All Blackboard tools that you set to be assessable automatically have a column created in the Grade Centre where the results will be stored including:

- Discussion board forums
- Blogs
- Journals
- Wikis
- Assignments
- Tests
- Group tools: blogs, journals and wikis
- TurnItIn



#### Additional columns

You can also create the following columns:

- Blank column: To enter marks for an assessment item not associated with a Blackboard tool i.e. Orals, practical projects, assignments marked off line.
- Average
- Minimum / Maximum
- Total
- Weighted: Calculating final weighted marks.

#### **Grade Centre limitations**

Grade Centre allows you to record marks, complete basic calculations and return marks to students through *My Grades* (refer p77). Grade Centre does not have all the features of a spreadsheet and you should still use spreadsheet, if complex calculations are needed.

Refer to p31 on how to download the Grade Centre columns to spreadsheet, add calculated marks and upload the new marks to the Grade Centre.

# Rubric

#### What is a rubric?

A rubric is a marking criteria for an assessment task. The rows of the rubric outline the relevant criteria of the assessment task such as essay organisation, knowledge of content area, argument, referencing and spelling and grammar. The columns of the rubric outline the levels of achievement such as fail, pass, credit, distinction, high distinction (or Grade 1-7), usually on a point scale. Each cell of the rubric gives a description of the relevant criteria/achievement.

Rubrics can be added to an assessment item including online assignments, Grade Centre columns, Blogs, Wikis and Discussion Boards.

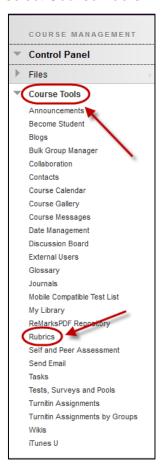
**Note:** The below rubric is an example of how you may structure your rubric, it does not model best practice in criteria descriptions.

	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Participation 25%	Outstanding level of participation	Excellent level of participation				Minimal participation.	Very minimal participation.
Post Quality 50%	messages always on topic. Always good short pertinent	messages keeping to topic. Many good short pertinent 'academic'	messages keeping to topic. Some short pertinent 'academic' quality	Good messages keeping to topic. Some short pertinent 'academic' quality messages.	messages keeping to topic. Some short pertinent messages.	Few messages. Rarely to topic. Poor 'academic' quality messages.	A couple of messages. Not to topic.
Contributions to the learning community 25%	range of links and other resources	range of links and other	range of links and other resources.		provision of links and other resources	other resources. Not related to	No links and other resources. Not related to topic.

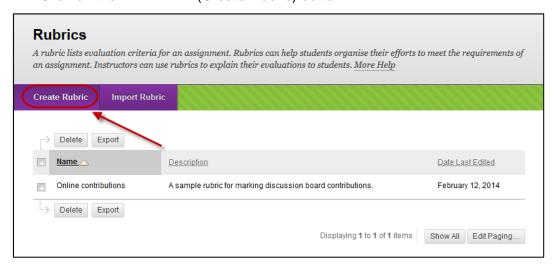
# Setup a rubric

**Note:** Rubrics can be created in individual assessment items or in the rubric page in the Control Panel.

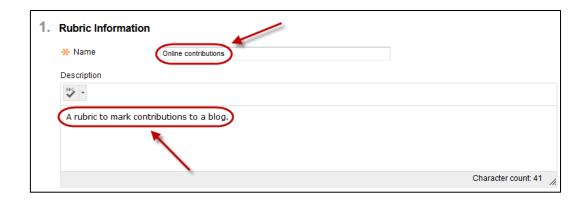
• From the Control Panel select Course Tools > Rubrics.



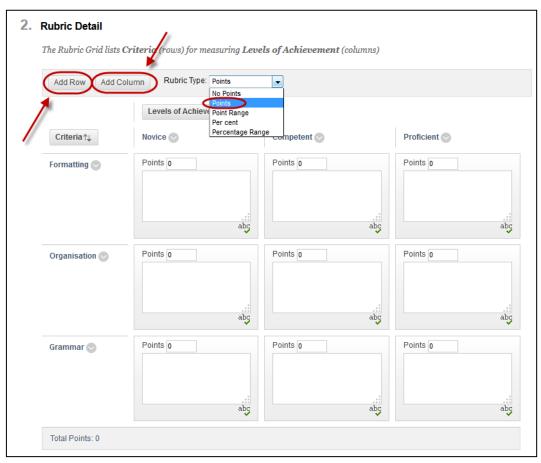
• Click on the Create Rubric (Create Rubric) button.



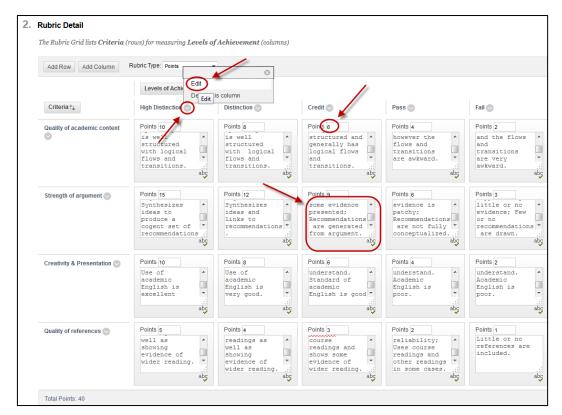
- Enter a name for the rubric in the Name textbox.
- Enter a description of the purpose of the rubric in the **Description** textbox.



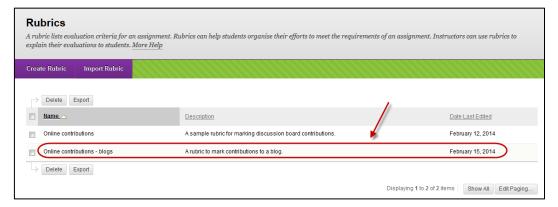
- Select the required rubric type from the **Rubric Type** drop down menu.
- Click on the Add Row (Add Row) button for each additional row needed.
- Click on the Add Column (Add Column) button for each additional column needed.



- To change a Level of Achievement or Criteria click on the (arrow) to the right of the title.
- Select Edit from the drop down menu and enter the new title.
- Enter a description in the appropriate textbox for each Criteria / Level of Achievement.
- Enter the required point ranges in the appropriate textboxes (Note: Each criterion can have a different mark allocation).



• Click on the Submit (Submit) button.



# Create a category

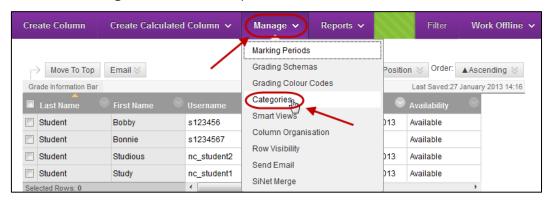
A Grade Centre *Category* is used to give a classification to a column of a course. For example "Homework", "Test" and "Quiz" are all built in categories in Grade Centre.

Categories can be used to create a *Smart View* (refer p63), for example a smart view of all test marks. Categories can also be used in a *Weighted Column* (refer p57), to apply a calculation to a particular set so columns, for example all tests may be combined to weigh 20% of the final mark.

You can also create new categories, for example there is no "Tutorial" category.

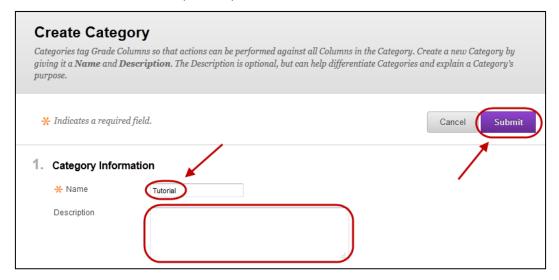
### Create a Tutorial category

- Click on the Manage (Manage) button.
- Select Categories from the drop down menu.





- Enter a title for the category in the Name textbox.
- Optionally, enter information about the category in to **Description** textbox.
- Click on the Submit (Submit) button.



# Setting the category of a column

The when creating a column in Grade Centre any *Category* you have created will be options *Category* list (refer p18).

### Using categories

Refer to Create a Smart View based on a category (refer p63), Create a weighted column (refer p57) and Total X of Y marks (refer p44) for further information.

# Create a Grade Schema (1 – 7 grades)

A Grading Schema displays a grade (1 - 7; F, P, C, D, HD; A - E) based on percentage ranges. i.e. If the student scores 88% in a particular schema an A would be displayed.

The results of the grade schema are displayed as well as the score in the grade centre column, this secondary display is not visible to students.

Blackboard already includes the Grade Scheme A+ to E-

### Grade Schema – 1 to 7 grades

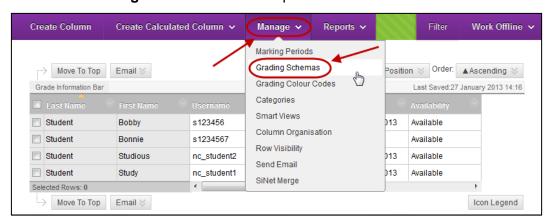


The percentage boundaries used below are an example only.

#### Copy a schema

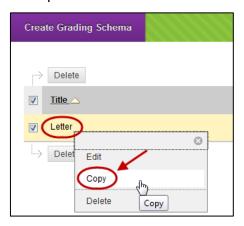
Note: It is quicker to edit a copy of an existing Grading Schema then to create a new one.

- Click on the Manage (Manage) button.
- Select Grading Schema from the drop down menu.

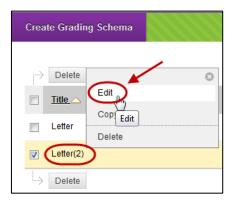


Hover of the Letter grade schema.

- Click on the (arrow) button next to the Letter grade schema.
- Select Copy from the drop down list.

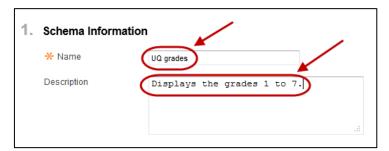


- Hover of the Letter(2) grade schema.
- Click on the (arrow) button next to the Letter(2) grade schema.
- Select **Edit** from the drop down list.



#### **Schema Information**

- Enter a title for the grade schema in the **Name** textbox.
- Optionally, enter information on the grading schema in the **Description** textbox.

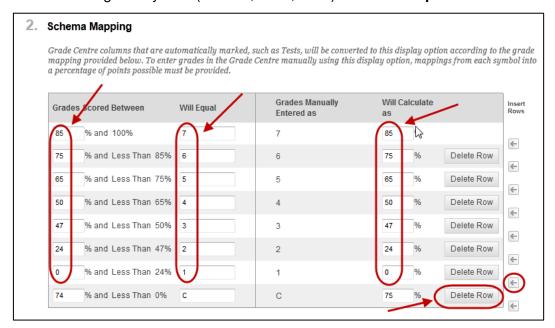


#### Schema Mapping

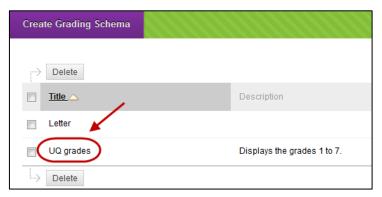
- Click on Delete Row (Delete Row) buttons until you have the required number of rows.
- Enter the lower boundary of each grade in the **Grades Scored Between** textboxes.
- Enter the lower boundary of each grade in the Will Calculate as textboxes.

**Note:** If you enter the grade symbol (number, letter, word) in a grade centre column using the grading schema, the percentage in the **Will Calculate as** column will be stored in the Grade Centre. Even if you are not going to use this feature, the **Will Calculate as** column must be completed before you can submit the grading schema.

• Enter the grade symbol (number, letter, word) in the Will Equal textboxes.



• Click on the Submit (Submit) button.



# Using a Grade Schema

**Note:** The when creating a column in Grade Centre any *Grading Schemas* you have created will be options *Secondary Display* list. i.e. If you select your *UQ grades* schema, when you enter a mark in the column, the *UQ grade* will automatically be displayed.

Refer to Create Column (p16) for information on using Grading Schemas.

# Create a column

## Using a blank column to enter marks and feedback

In the following exercise we will look at four ways marks and feedback can be entered into the Grade Centre using a blank column.

- Entering marks into Grade Centre cells and add feedback using Quick comments.
- 2. Entering marks and feedback using View Grade Details.
- 3. Entering mark and feedback using a rubric.
- 4. Entering marks by downloading and uploading the Grade Centre spreadsheet.

#### Create a blank column

• From the Control Panel select Grade Centre > Full Grade Centre.



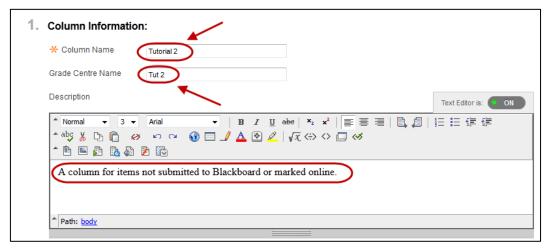
Click on the Create Column (Create Column) button.



#### Column Information

- Enter a title for the column in the Column Name textbox.
- Optionally, enter an abbreviated title for the column in the Grade Centre Name textbox.

**Note:** The *Grade Centre Name* is only displayed in the Grade Centre, the *Column Name* will be displayed in *My Grades* (refer p76) to the students.



- Select the format the marks must be entered in from the Primary Display drop down list.
  - Score: The number entered is displayed.
  - Letter: You can enter a letter grade (A+ to E-) or if you enter a number it is converted to a letter grade.
  - Text: Any text entered is displayed.
  - o **Percentage:** The number entered is displayed with a percentage sign.
  - o **Complete/Incomplete:** If any number is entered a green tick is displayed.
- Optionally, select another display option for the marks from the Secondary Display drop down list.

**Note:** The secondary display option (i.e. percentage) is only displayed in the Grade Centre, it cannot be viewed by students in *My Grades*.

**Note:** It is possible to create your own *Grading Schema* that will be listed as an option in the Secondary Display drop down list. (Refer to the *Create a Grading Schema* guide).

 Optionally, specify the classification of mark to be stored in the column from the Category drop down list.

**Note:** Categories can be used to create a *Smart View*, for example a smart view of all test marks. Categories can also be used in a *Weighted Column* to apply a calculation to a particular set so columns, for example all tests may be combined to weigh 20% of the final mark

**Note:** It is possible to create your own *Category* (refer p11) that will be listed as an option in the Category drop down list.

- Either enter the mark the item is out of in the Points Possible textbox OR
- Click on the Add Rubric ➤ (Add Rubric) button.
- Select Select Rubric from the drop down list.

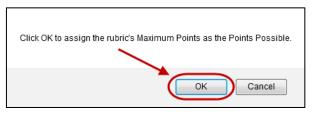
Note: Refer to the Rubric tool page for instructions on how to set up a rubric.



- Check the checkbox of the required rubric.
- Click on the Submit (Submit) button.



Click on the OK (OK) button for the below dialog box.

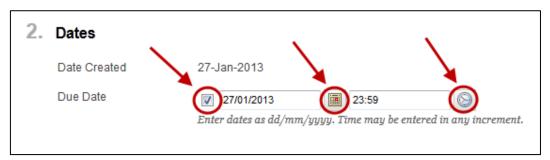




#### Dates

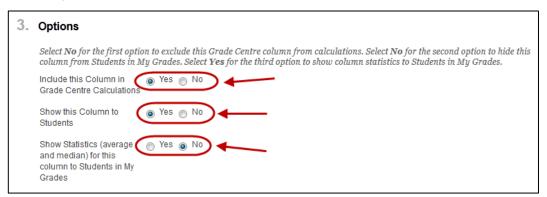
• Enter the due date using the (Date Selection Calendar) and enter the due time using the (Time Selection Menu).

**Note:** The due date and time can be viewed by students in *My Grades*.



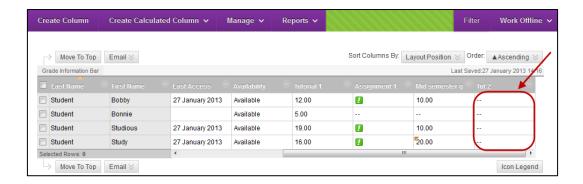
# **Options**

- Select the required Include this Column in Grade Centre Calculations radio button:
  - Yes: Makes the column available to for inclusion in calculations.
  - No: The column is not available for inclusion in calculations.
- Select the required Show this column to students radio button:
  - Yes: Students can view their own mark entered in this column using My Grades.
  - No: Students cannot view their own mark entered in this column using My Grades. i.e. Select this option to hide the column from the students until all marks are finalised. (Refer Hiding marks from Students p62)
- Select the required Show Statistics radio button:
  - Yes: Students can view the average and median mark for this column using My Grades.
  - No: Students cannot view the average and median mark for this column using My Grades.



#### Submit

Click on the Submit (Submit) button.



# Enter marks only

From the Control Panel select Grade Centre > Full Grade Centre.

**Note:** You can also create Smart Views so you can select to view only a particular tutor group/s (refer *Create a Smart View based on a Course Group* p62).



- Create a new column (refer p16).
- Click on the required cell and enter the student's mark / grade.
- Press the Enter key on your keyboard.



Repeat the above step for all students.

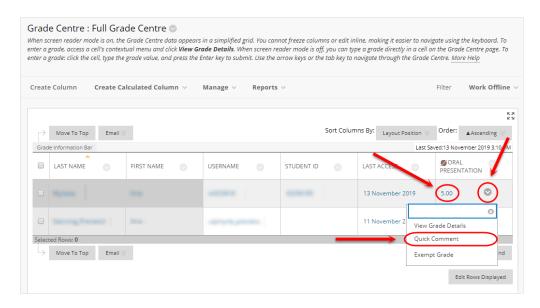
**Note:** In the above example the column was set to display the score and the secondary display was set to *Percentage*.

# **Quick Comments**

Quick Comments (not to be confused with <u>Turnitin QuickMark Comments</u>) allow the instructor to quickly provide written feedback to students without leaving the main Grade Centre screen.

**Note:** If you are wanting to attach a feedback document (i.e. Word Doc or PDF), refer to Option 2, as this functionality does not work with Quick Comments.

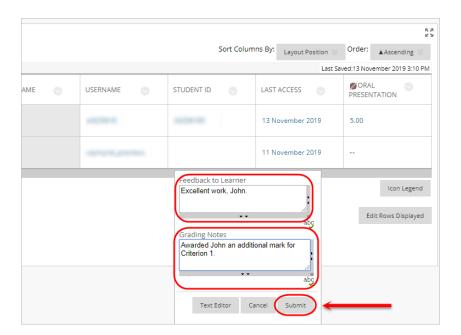
- 1. Enter the student's mark in the required Grade Centre cell.
- 2. Click on the down arrow and select Quick Comment from the drop down list.

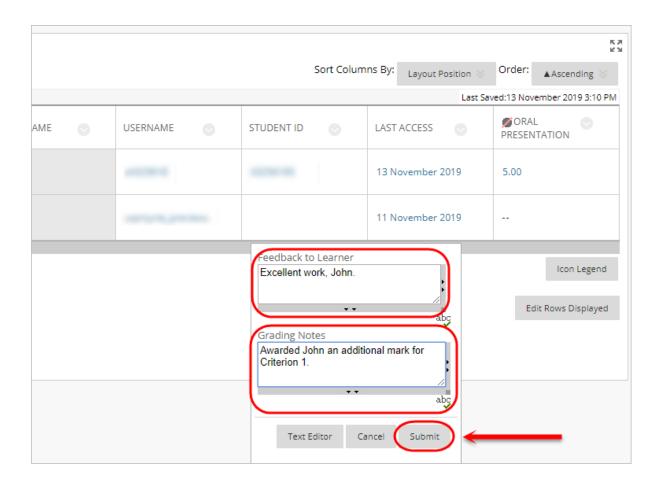


- 3. Enter student feedback in the Feedback to Learner textbox.
- 4. If required, enter marking notes in the Grading Notes textbox (information entered in this textbox is not viewable by students).

**Note:** Grading Notes can only be viewed by instructors and tutors.

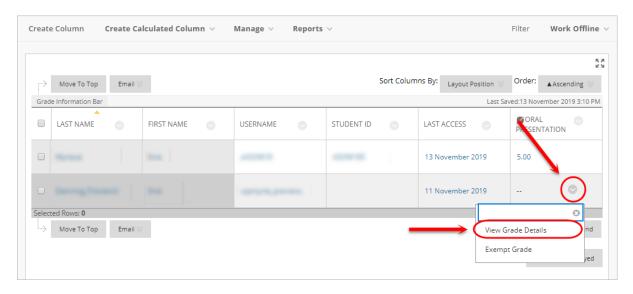
5. Click on the Submit button.





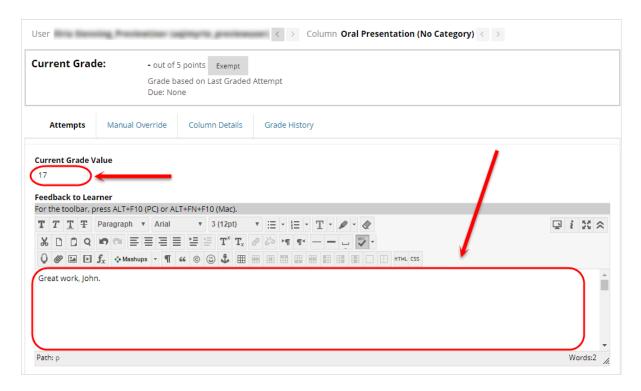
# Enter marks, feedback and attach documents

1. Click on the down arrow for the required cell and select View Grade Details from the drop down list.



2. Enter the student's mark in the Current Grade Value textbox.

3. Optionally, enter feedback on the student's assignment in the Feedback to Learner textbox.

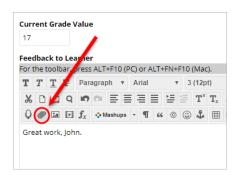


#### **Attach documents**

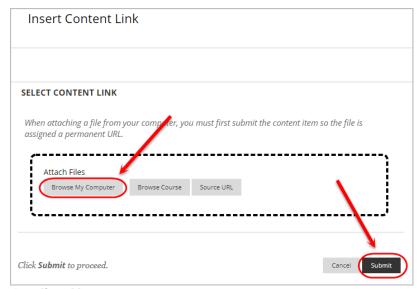
You can use this function to attach a feedback file or the student's marked assignment file.

Note: There is no function to upload students' marked assignment files in bulk. They must be uploaded one by one using this method.

1. Click on the document icon.



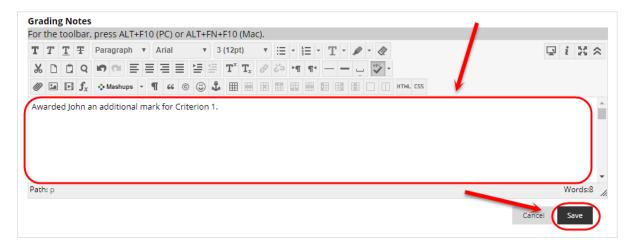
- 2. Click on the Browse My Computer button to upload files.
- 3. Select the required file.
- 4. Click on the Submit button.



#### **Grading Notes**

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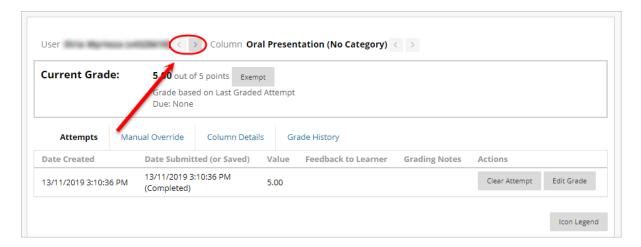
1. If required, enter marking notes in the Grading Notes textbox (information entered in this textbox is not viewable by students).



2. Click on the Save button to submit the marks and feedback.

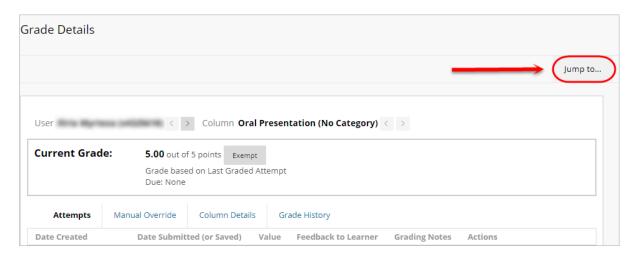
#### Navigate to the next student

1. Click on the left and right arrow buttons to navigate to the next student.

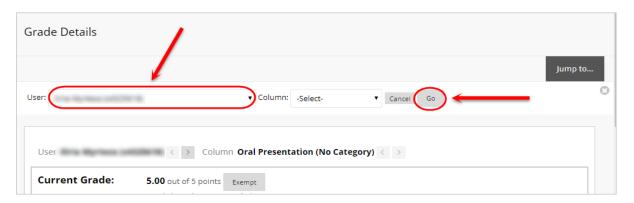


#### Navigate to a particular student

1. Click on the Jump to... button.



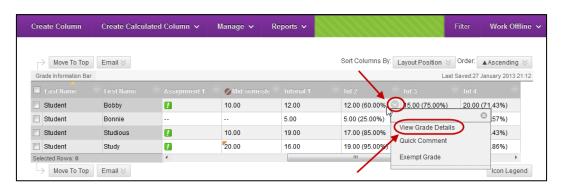
- 2. Select the required student from the User drop down list.
- 3. Click on the Go button.



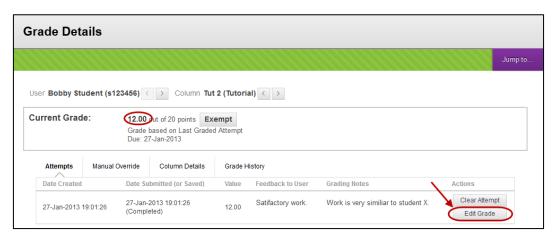
# Edit marks and Mark history

# Changing marks and feedback

- Hover over the required mark.
- Click on the (arrow) button.
- Select View Grade Details from the drop down menu.

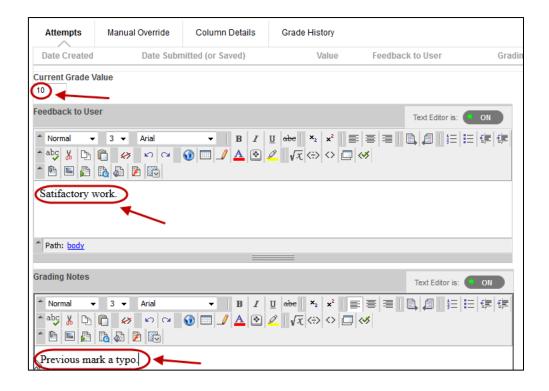


Click on the Edit Grade (Edit Grade) button.



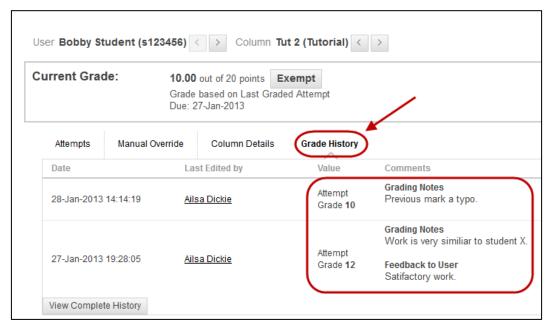
Change the mark and feedback as required.

**Note:** It is best practice to add comments to Grading Notes about why marks are changed.



## **Grade History**

• Click on the **Grade History** tab to view the history of mark and feedback changes.



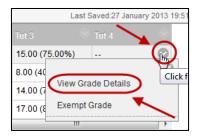
# Enter marks using a rubric

• From the Control Panel, select Grade Centre > Full Grade Centre.

**Note:** You can also create Smart Views so you can select to view only a particular tutor group/s (refer *Create a Smart View based on a Course Group* p62).

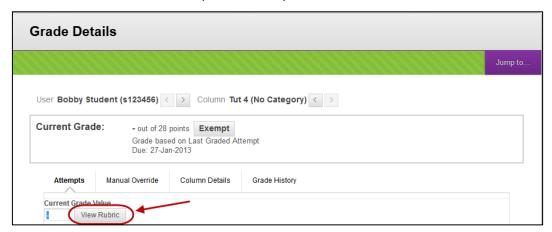


- Create a new column (refer p16).
- Hover on the required cell and click on the (arrow) button.
- Select View Grade Details from the drop down list.



#### Rubric

Click on the View Rubric (View Rubric) button.



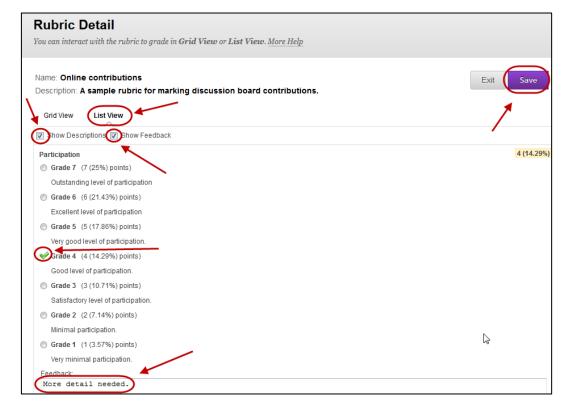
**Note:** The rubric can be viewed in either **Grid View** or **List View**. Most instructors prefer **List View**.

Note: In the below example a Points rubric has been used.

- Click on the List View (List View) tab.
- Optionally, check the **Show Descriptions** to display the criteria descriptions.
- Optionally, check the Show Feedback if you wish to give feedback for individual criteria.

#### For each criteria:

- Select the radio of the standard you wish to award.
- Optionally (if the Show Feedback checkbox is selected), enter feedback on the student's achieve for that criteria.



#### Overall feedback

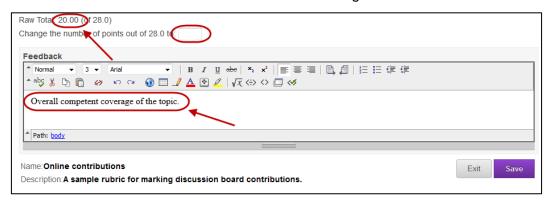
#### **Total**

 The marks are automatically totalled and shown as the Raw Total at the end of the screen.

**Note:** The **Change the number of points out of X to** textbox allows you to override the automatic total and enter another mark.

If you use this option and then change marks in the criteria section, the mark entered in the **Change the number of points out of X to** textbox does not automatically update.

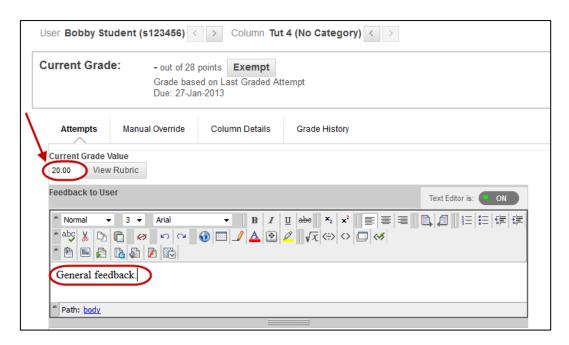
Enter overall feedback to the student on the assignment in the Feedback textbox.



Click on the Save (Save) button.

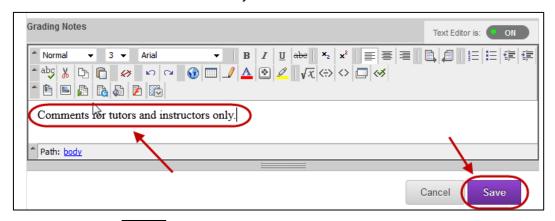
#### Current Grade Value

 The Raw Total from the rubric will automatically be entered in the Current Grade Value textbox.



## **Grading Notes**

• If required, enter marking notes in the **Grading Notes** textbox. Information entered in this textbox is not viewable by students.



• Click on the Save (Save) button.

*Note:* For each student you need to save both the rubric and the final grade.

## Navigate to next student

Refer to p23.

# Upload marks using a spreadsheet

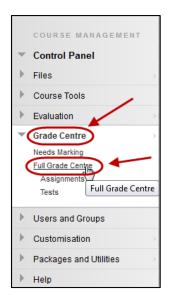
Marks can be uploaded to the Grade Centre by following the following steps:

- 1. Add a blank column to the Grade Centre for the marks.
- 2. Download the spreadsheet.
- 3. Enter / calculate the required marks in the blank column.
- 4. Remove formulas and save the file as a csv file.
- 5. Upload the spreadsheet to Grade Centre.

#### Create a blank column

From the Control Panel, select Grade Centre > Full Grade Centre.

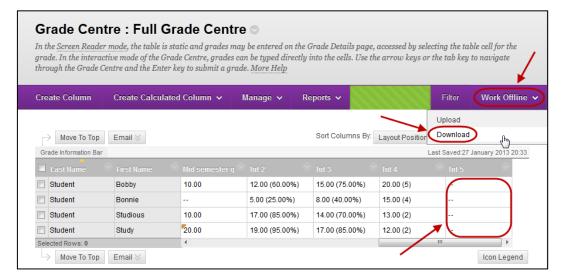
**Note:** You can also create Smart Views so you can select to view only a particular tutor group/s (refer *Create a Smart View based on a Course Group* p62).



Create a new column (refer p16).

# Download the spreadsheet

- Click on the Work Offline V (Work Offline) button.
- Select from **Download** from the drop down list.



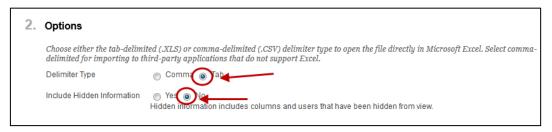
#### Data

- From Select Data to Download
  - Select the Full Grade Centre radio button.



#### **Options**

- From **Delimiter Type** 
  - Select the **Tab** radio button.
- From Include Hidden Information
  - Select the No radio button.



Click on the Submit (Submit) button.

#### **Download Grades**

Click the DOWNLOAD (Download) button.



- Select the location of where you wish to save your file.
- Click the Save (Save) button.

#### Enter / calculate marks

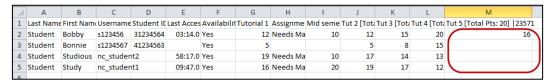
Open the file from the location you saved the file.



• If a message is displayed when you open the file, click the Yes (Yes) button.



Enter marks / formula in the required column.



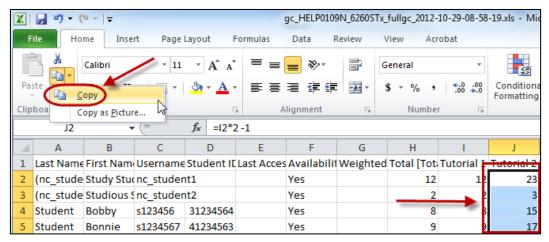
Note: Do not sort the spreadsheet or you may create errors when you upload it.

#### Remove formulas / Save

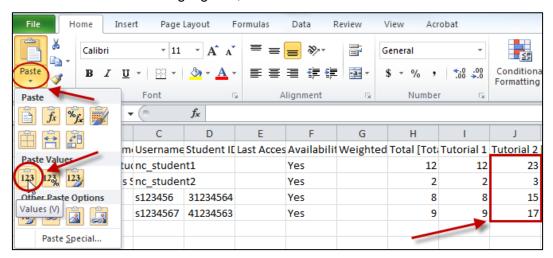
**Note:** The spreadsheet cannot contain formulas when it is uploaded to Blackboard. To remove the formulas copy the cells and paste them back again as values.

Note: Save this working file as a record of all of your calculations (with a different name).

Highlight the marks in column and then select copy.



With the marks still highlighted, select Paste > Paste Values.



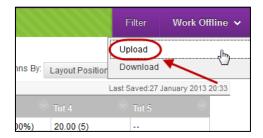
• The spreadsheet must be saved as a **txt** or **csv** file to be uploaded to Blackboard.



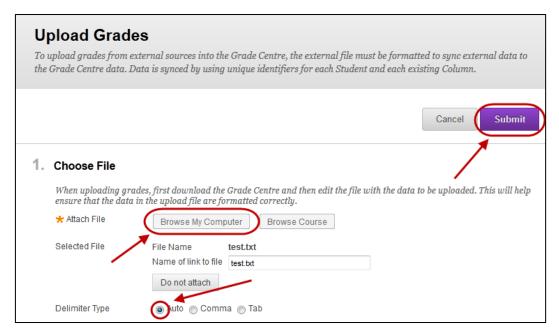
• If a message is displayed when you save the file, click the Yes (Yes) button.

# Upload the Spreadsheet

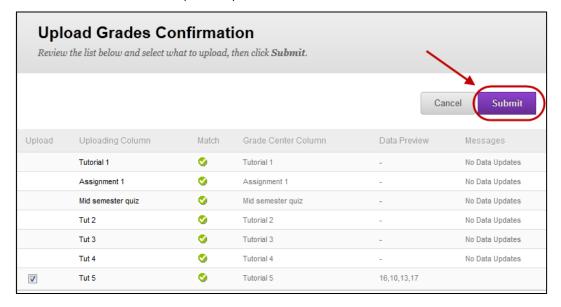
- Click on the Work Offline V (Work Offline) button.
- Select from Upload from the drop down list.

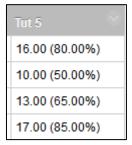


- Click on the Browse My Computer (Browse My Computer) button.
- · Open the required file.
- Delimiter type set to Auto.
- Click on the Submit (Submit) button.



- Uncheck the check boxes of the columns with no new data.
- Click on the Submit (Submit) button.





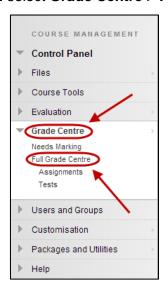
**Note:** In the above example the column was set to display the score and the secondary display was set to *Percentage*.

# Download submitted assignments

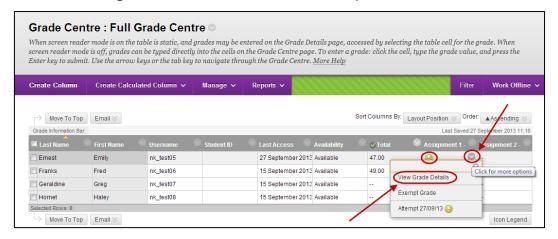
When an assignment is created using the Assignment tool, a column is automatically added to the Grade Centre. Assignments submitted by students can all be downloaded to a zip file.

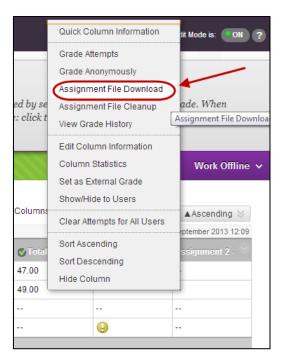
#### Grade Centre

From the Control Panel select Grade Centre > Full Grade Centre.



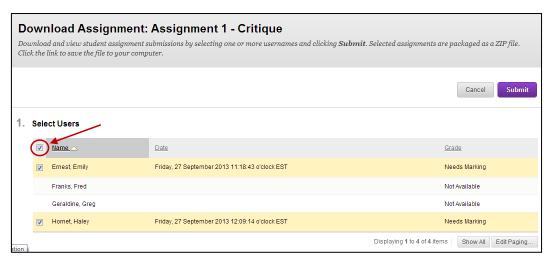
- Submitted assignments will be displayed with a (explanation mark) icon.
- Click on the (down arrow) button next to the assignment column heading.
- Select Assignment File Download from the drop down list.





### Select Users

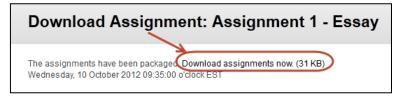
- Check the checkboxes of the required students OR
- Check the checkbox next to Name.



Click on the Submit (Submit) button.

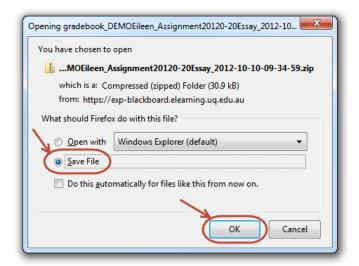
### Download file

Click on the Download assignments now link.



Select the Save File radio button.

• Click on the OK (OK) button.



A zip file of all the submitted files will be downloaded to your computer.



Unzip the files and save to the required folder.

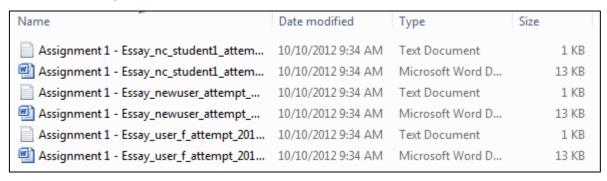
**Note:** If the student/group has made more than one submission attempt, files from all attempts are downloaded.

Tip: If you are marking the assignments online keep a backup of the original files.

#### File names

When you download the submitted assignments the following information will automatically be included in the file names:

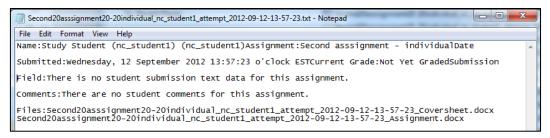
- The assignment title (as entered in the **Name** textbox when you created the assignment).
- The student's username OR the group name.
- The date and time the file was submitted.
- The original file name.



#### Text file

The text document for each assignment submission contains the following information:

- Student's name OR the group name
- The student's username.
- The assignment title.
- The date and time the file was submitted.
- Any text entered in the textbox editor.
- Any text entered in the comments textbox.
- The names of the files submitted.



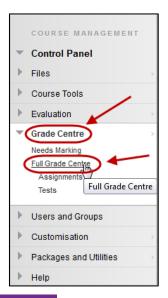
# Uploading marked assignments

There is currently no way to upload marked assignments in bulk. You will need to attach each assignment individually (refer p23).

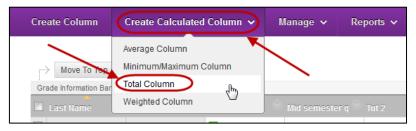
# Total column

### Create a calculated column

From the Control Panel select Grade Centre > Full Grade Centre.



- Click on the Create Calculated Column (Create Calculated Column) button.
- Select Total Column from the drop down list.



### **Column Information**

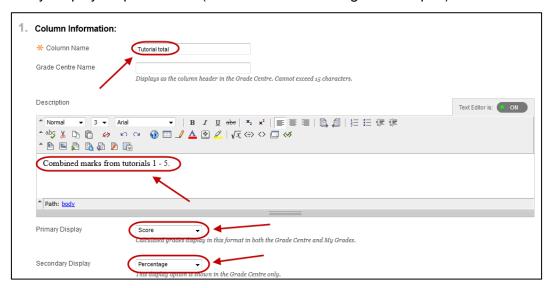
- Enter a title for the column in the Column Name textbox.
- Optionally, enter an abbreviated title for the column in the Grade Centre Name textbox.

**Note:** The *Grade Centre Name* is only displayed in the Grade Centre, the *Column Name* will be displayed in *My Grades* to the students (refer *My Grades* p76).

- Select the format the marks must be entered in from the Primary Display drop down list.
  - Score: The number entered is displayed.
  - Letter: You can enter a letter grade (A+ to E-) or if you enter a number it is converted to a letter grade.
  - Text: Any text entered is displayed.
  - o **Percentage:** The number entered is displayed with a percentage sign.
  - o Complete/Incomplete: If any number is entered a green tick is displayed.
- Optionally, select another display option for the marks from the Secondary Display drop down list.

**Note:** The secondary display option (i.e. percentage) is only displayed in the Grade Centre, it cannot be viewed by students in *My Grades* (refer p76).

**Note:** It is possible to create your own *Grading Schema* that will be listed as an option in the Secondary Display drop down list. (Refer *Create a Grading Schema* p13).



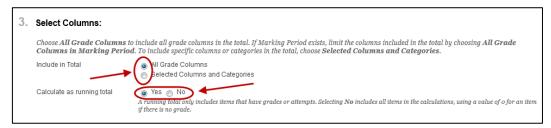
#### Dates

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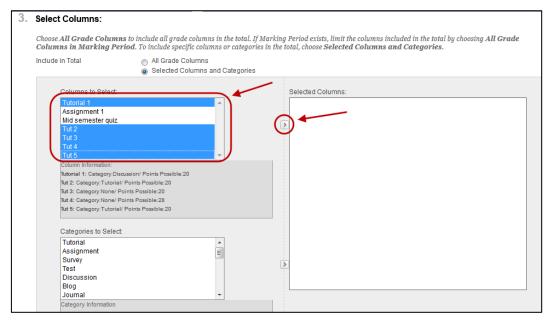


### **Select Columns:**

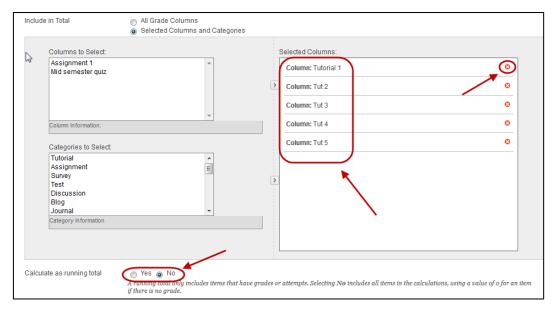
- Select the All Grade Columns radio button. OR
- Select the Selected Columns and Categories radio button.



- From the Columns to Select highlight items you want to include in the calculation.
- Click on the (right arrow) button.

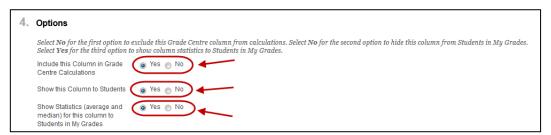


- The items will be displayed in the **Selected Columns** side.
- Click on the (cross) icon if you need to remove a column.
- From Calculate as running total select a radio button:
  - Yes: Only columns that have marks or attempts are included in the calculation.
  - No: Columns without marks or attempts are included in the calculation with the value of 0.



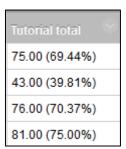
# **Options**

- Select the required Include this Column in Grade Centre Calculations radio button:
  - Yes: Makes the column available to for inclusion in calculations.
  - o **No:** The column is not available for inclusion in calculations
- Select the required Show this column to students radio button:
  - Yes: Students can view their own mark entered in this column using My Grades.
  - No: Students cannot view their own mark entered in this column using *My Grades*. i.e. Select this option to hide the column from the students until all marks are finalised. (Refer *Hiding marks from Students* p62)
- Select the required **Show Statistics** radio button:
  - Yes: Students can view the average and median mark for this column using My Grades.
  - No: Students cannot view the average and median mark for this column using My Grades.



### Submit

• Click on the Submit (Submit) button.



**Note:** In the above example the column was set to display the score and the secondary display was set to *Percentage*. The score was out of a possible 108 marks.

# X of Y Total column

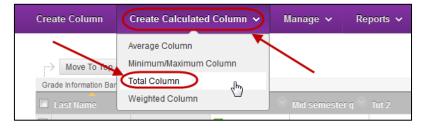
This option allows you to total X results out Y based on a criteria. i.e. Total the best 3 tutorial results out of 5.

#### Create a calculated column

From the Control Panel select Grade Centre > Full Grade Centre.



- Click on the Create Calculated Column > (Create Calculated Column) button.
- Select Total Column from the drop down list.



### **Column Information**

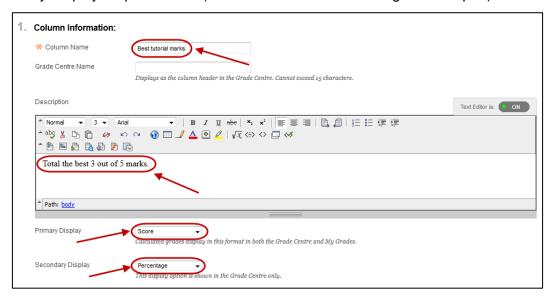
- Enter a title for the column in the **Column Name** textbox.
- Optionally, enter an abbreviated title for the column in the Grade Centre Name textbox.

**Note:** The *Grade Centre Name* is only displayed in the Grade Centre, the *Column Name* will be displayed in *My Grades* to the students (refer *My Grades* p76).

- Select the format the marks must be entered in from the **Primary Display** drop down list.
  - o **Score:** The number entered is displayed.
  - Letter: You can enter a letter grade (A+ to E-) or if you enter a number it is converted to a letter grade.
  - o **Text:** Any text entered is displayed.
  - o **Percentage:** The number entered is displayed with a percentage sign.
  - o Complete/Incomplete: If any number is entered a green tick is displayed.
- Optionally, select another display option for the marks from the Secondary Display drop down list.

**Note:** The secondary display option (i.e. percentage) is only displayed in the Grade Centre, it cannot be viewed by students in *My Grades* (refer p76).

**Note:** It is possible to create your own *Grading Schema* that will be listed as an option in the Secondary Display drop down list. (Refer to the *Create a Grading Schema* p13).



#### Dates

• The date the item was created will be automatically displayed.



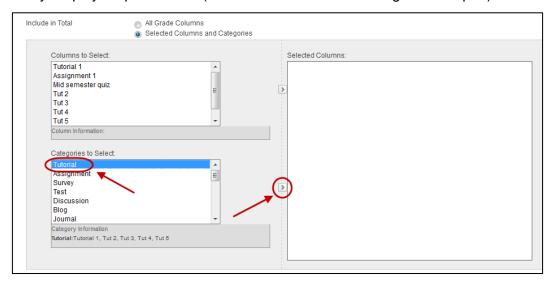
### **Select Columns:**

- Select the All Grade Columns radio button. OR
- Select the Selected Columns and Categories radio button.

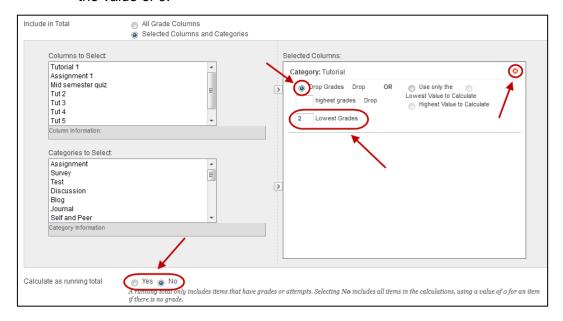


- From the Columns to Select highlight items you want to include in the calculation.
- Click on the (right arrow) button.

**Note:** It is possible to create your own *Grading Schema* that will be listed as an option in the Secondary Display drop down list. (Refer to the *Create a Grading Schema* p13).

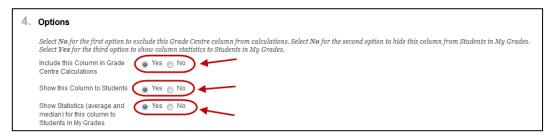


- The items will be displayed in the Selected Columns side.
- Click on the (cross) icon if you need to remove a column.
- Select the **Drop Grades** radio button.
- Enter the number of low scores you do not want to include in the calculation in the Drop Lowest textbox.
- From Calculate as running total select a radio button:
  - Yes: Only columns that have marks or attempts are included in the calculation.
  - No: Columns without marks or attempts are included in the calculation with the value of 0.



# **Options**

- Select the required Include this Column in Grade Centre Calculations radio button:
  - Yes: Makes the column available to for inclusion in calculations.
  - No: The column is not available for inclusion in calculations
- Select the required **Show this column to students** radio button:
  - Yes: Students can view their own mark entered in this column using My Grades.
  - No: Students cannot view their own mark entered in this column using *My Grades*. i.e. Select this option to hide the column from the students until all marks are finalised. (Refer *Hiding marks from Students* p60)
- Select the required Show Statistics radio button:
  - Yes: Students can view the average and median mark for this column using My Grades.
  - No: Students cannot view the average and median mark for this column using My Grades.



### Submit

• Click on the Submit (Submit) button.

**Note:** The marks dropped is based on raw scores not percentages. All marks should be out of the same total for accurate results.

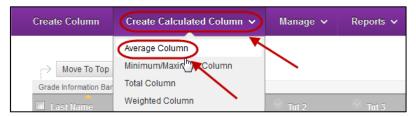
# Average column

### Create a calculated column

• From the Control Panel select Grade Centre > Full Grade Centre.



- Click on the Create Calculated Column Create Calculated Column) button.
- Select Average Column from the drop down list.



### **Column Information**

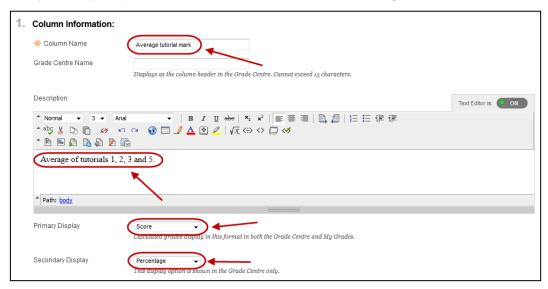
- Enter a title for the column in the Column Name textbox.
- Optionally, enter an abbreviated title for the column in the Grade Centre Name textbox.

**Note:** The *Grade Centre Name* is only displayed in the Grade Centre, the *Column Name* will be displayed in *My Grades* to the students.

- Select the format the marks must be entered in from the **Primary Display** drop down list.
  - o **Score:** The number entered is displayed.
  - Letter: You can enter a letter grade (A+ to E-) or if you enter a number it is converted to a letter grade.
  - Text: Any text entered is displayed.
  - o **Percentage:** The number entered is displayed with a percentage sign.
  - o Complete/Incomplete: If any number is entered a green tick is displayed.
- Optionally, select another display option for the marks from the Secondary Display drop down list.

**Note:** The secondary display option (i.e. percentage) is only displayed in the Grade Centre, it cannot be viewed by students in *My Grades* (p76).

**Note:** It is possible to create your own *Grading Schema* that will be listed as an option in the Secondary Display drop down list. (Refer to the *Create a Grading Schema* p13).



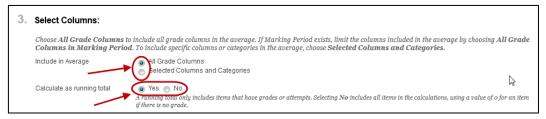
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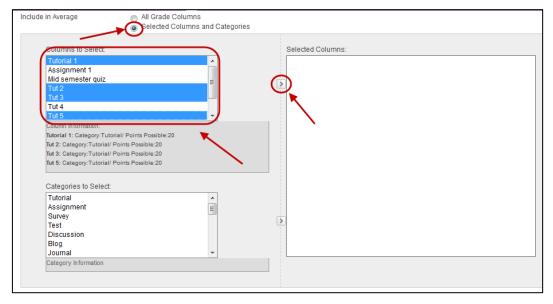


### **Select Columns:**

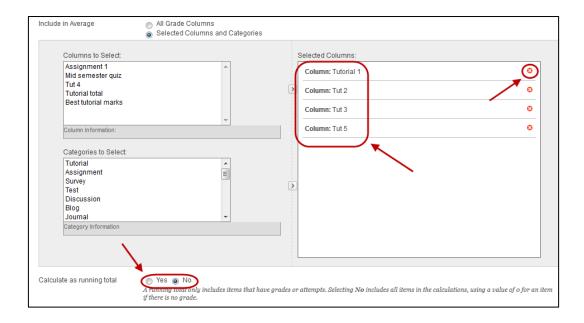
- Select the All Grade Columns radio button. OR
- Select the Selected Columns and Categories radio button.



- From the Columns to Select highlight items you want to include in the average.
- Click on the (right arrow) button.

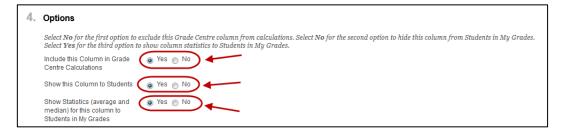


- The items will be displayed in the **Selected Columns** side.
- Click on the (cross) icon if you need to remove a column.
- From Calculate as running total select a radio button:
  - Yes: Only columns that have marks or attempts are included in the average.
  - No: Columns without marks or attempts are included in the calculation with the value of 0.



# **Options**

- Select the required Include this Column in Grade Centre Calculations radio button:
  - Yes: Makes the column available to for inclusion in calculations.
  - No: The column is not available for inclusion in calculations
- Select the required Show this column to students radio button:
  - Yes: Students can view their own mark entered in this column using My Grades.
  - No: Students cannot view their own mark entered in this column using My Grades. i.e. Select this option to hide the column from the students until all marks are finalised. (Refer Hiding marks from Students p60)
- Select the required Show Statistics radio button:
  - Yes: Students can view the average and median mark for this column using My Grades.
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### Submit

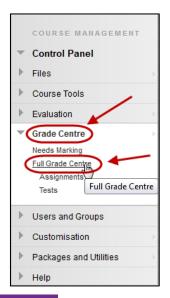
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**Note:** The averages are based on raw scores. All marks should be out of the same total for accurate results.

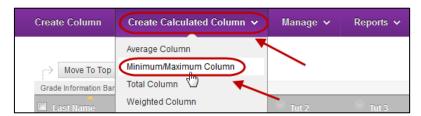
# Minimum / Maximum column

### Create a calculated column

From the Control Panel select Grade Centre > Full Grade Centre.



- Click on the Create Calculated Column (Create Calculated Column) button.
- Select Minimum/Maximum Column from the drop down list.



### Column Information

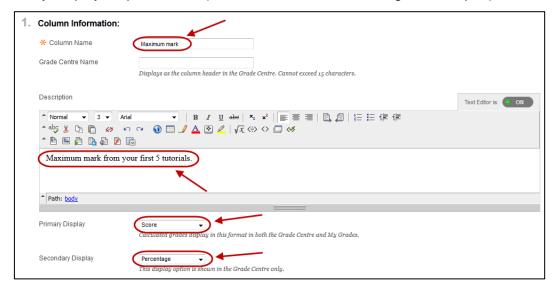
- Enter a title for the column in the **Column Name** textbox.
- Optionally, enter an abbreviated title for the column in the Grade Centre Name textbox.

**Note:** The *Grade Centre Name* is only displayed in the Grade Centre, the *Column Name* will be displayed in *My Grades* to the students (refer *My Grades* p76).

- Select the format the marks must be entered in from the **Primary Display** drop down list.
  - Score: The number entered is displayed.
  - Letter: You can enter a letter grade (A+ to E-) or if you enter a number it is converted to a letter grade.
  - Text: Any text entered is displayed.
  - o **Percentage:** The number entered is displayed with a percentage sign.
  - o **Complete/Incomplete:** If any number is entered a green tick is displayed.
- Optionally, select another display option for the marks from the Secondary Display drop down list.

**Note:** The secondary display option (i.e. percentage) is only displayed in the Grade Centre, it cannot be viewed by students in *My Grades* (79).

**Note:** It is possible to create your own *Grading Schema* that will be listed as an option in the Secondary Display drop down list. (Refer to the *Create a Grading Schema* p13).



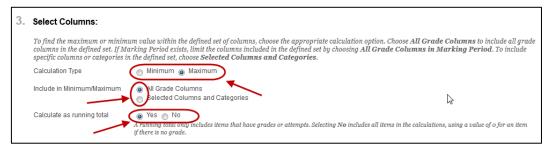
### Dates

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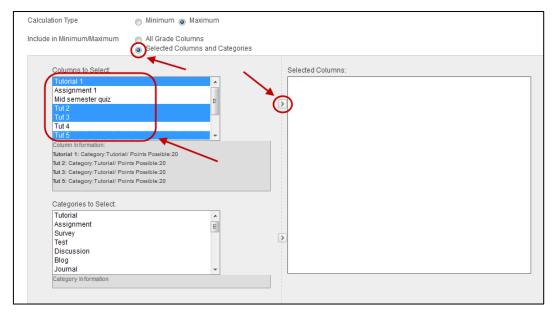


### **Select Columns:**

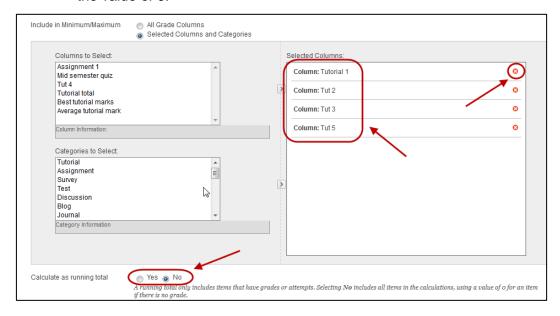
- Select the required Calculation Type radio button.
  - o Minimum OR
  - o Maximum
- Select the All Grade Columns radio button. OR
- Select the Selected Columns and Categories radio button.



- From the Columns to Select highlight items you want to include in the calculation.
- Click on the (right arrow) button.



- The items will be displayed in the Selected Columns side.
- Click on the (cross) icon if you need to remove a column.
- From Calculate as running total select a radio button:
  - Yes: Only columns that have marks or attempts are included in the calculation.
  - No: Columns without marks or attempts are included in the calculation with the value of 0.



# **Options**

- Select the required Include this Column in Grade Centre Calculations radio button:
  - Yes: Makes the column available to for inclusion in calculations.
  - o No: The column is not available for inclusion in calculations
- Select the required Show this column to students radio button:

- Yes: Students can view their own mark entered in this column using My Grades.
- No: Students cannot view their own mark entered in this column using My Grades. i.e. Select this option to hide the column from the students until all marks are finalised. (Refer Hiding marks from Students p60)
- Select the required Show Statistics radio button:
  - Yes: Students can view the average and median mark for this column using My Grades.
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### Submit

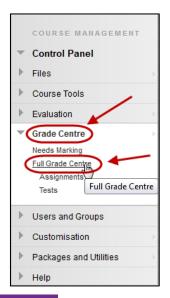
• Click on the Submit (Submit) button.

Note: The maximum mark is based on raw scores not percentages.

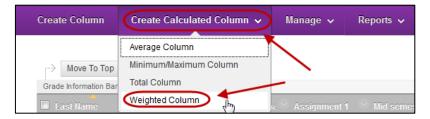
# Weighted column (final marks)

### Create a calculated column

From the Control Panel select Grade Centre > Full Grade Centre.



- Click on the Create Calculated Column V (Create Calculated Column) button.
- Select Weighted Column from the drop down list.



### Column Information

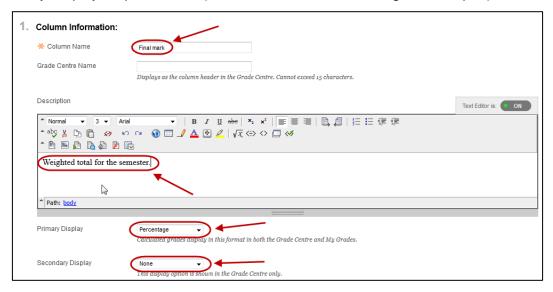
- Enter a title for the column in the **Column Name** textbox.
- Optionally, enter an abbreviated title for the column in the Grade Centre Name textbox.

**Note:** The *Grade Centre Name* is only displayed in the Grade Centre, the *Column Name* will be displayed in *My Grades* to the students (refer *My Grades* p76).

- Select the format the marks must be entered in from the **Primary Display** drop down list.
  - o **Score:** The number entered is displayed.
  - Letter: You can enter a letter grade (A<sup>+</sup> to E<sup>-</sup>) or if you enter a number it is converted to a letter grade.
  - Text: Any text entered is displayed.
  - o **Percentage:** The number entered is displayed with a percentage sign.
  - o **Complete/Incomplete:** If any number is entered a green tick is displayed.
- Optionally, select another display option for the marks from the Secondary Display drop down list.

**Note:** The secondary display option (i.e. percentage) is only displayed in the Grade Centre, it cannot be viewed by students in *My Grades*.

**Note:** It is possible to create your own *Grading Schema* that will be listed as an option in the Secondary Display drop down list. (Refer to the *Create a Grading Schema* p13).



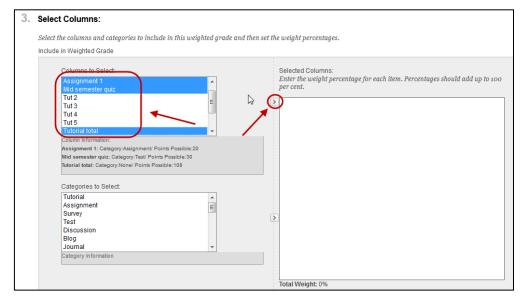
### Dates

• The date the item was created will be automatically displayed.

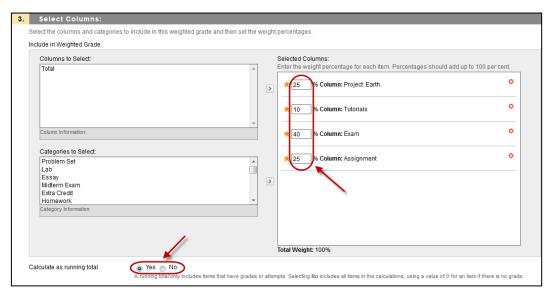


### **Select Columns:**

- From the Columns to Select highlight items you want to include in the weighted total.
  - Click on the (right arrow) button.

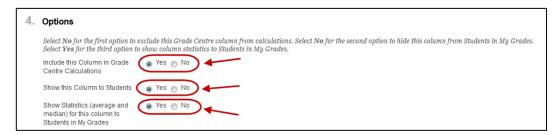


- The items will be displayed in the Selected Columns side.
- Click on the (cross) icon if you need to remove a column.
- Enter the required weighting for each item.
- From Calculate as running total select a radio button:
  - Yes: Only columns that have marks or attempts are included in the calculation.
  - No: Columns without marks or attempts are included in the calculation with the value of 0.



# **Options**

- Select the required Include this Column in Grade Centre Calculations radio button:
  - Yes: Makes the column available to for inclusion in calculations.
  - No: The column is not available for inclusion in calculations
- Select the required Show this column to students radio button:
  - Yes: Students can view their own mark entered in this column using My Grades.
  - No: Students cannot view their own mark entered in this column using My Grades. i.e. Select this option to hide the column from the students until all marks are finalised. (Refer Hiding marks from Students p60)
- Select the required Show Statistics radio button:
  - Yes: Students can view the average and median mark for this column using My Grades.
  - No: Students cannot view the average and median mark for this column using My Grades.

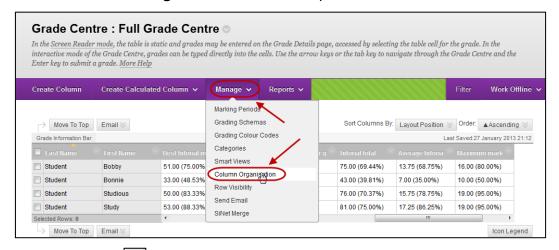


### Submit

Click on the Submit (Submit) button.

# Change the order of columns

- Click on the Manage (Manage) button.
- Select Column Organisation from the drop down menu.



• Click on the (4 pointed arrow) button and drag the column to the required position.

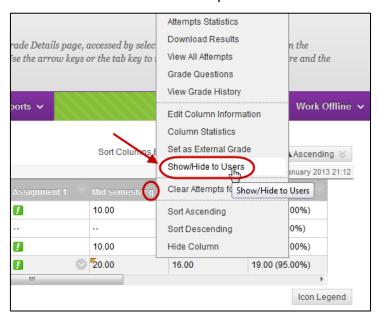


Click on the Submit (Submit) button.

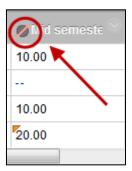
# Hiding marks from students

By default all marks are viewable to students through *My Grades* (refer p76) as soon as they are entered. To ensure students do not access marks before you are ready to publish them:

- 1. Students can access marks through tool links, so ensure the link to items marked online is not available i.e. TurnItIn, Blackboard Assignments, Discussion Board, Blogs and Wikis. Also check what results are available in online Tests (by default the mark only).
- 2. Hide the Grade Centre Column from students.
  - · Hover over the column heading.
  - Click on the (arrow) button next to the column heading.
  - Select Show/Hide to Users from the drop down list.



• The hidden from users (black circle with red line) icon will be displayed.



• **Note:** The *Hide Column* option hides the column in the Grade Centre only, marks will still be visible to students. To unhidden a column, click on the (Manage) button and select **Column Organisation** from the drop down menu.

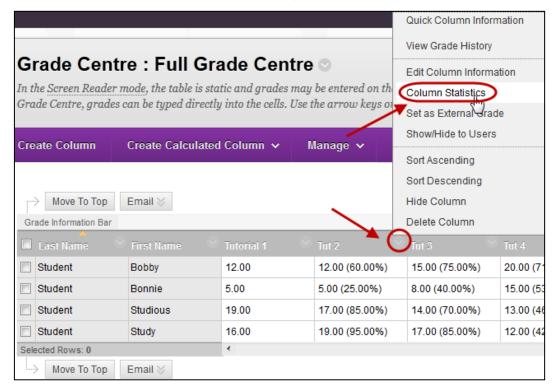
### Show marks to users

Repeat the above steps.

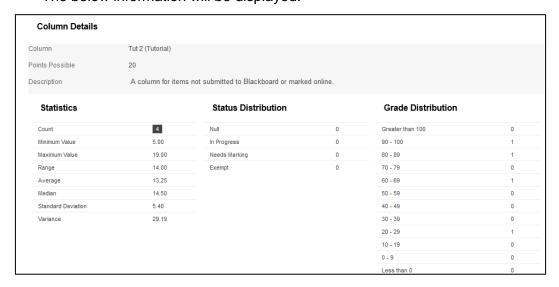
# Mark distribution and statistics

Statistics and grade distribution are available per column.

- Hover over the column heading.
- Click on the (arrow) button next to the column heading.
- Select Column Statistics from the drop down list.



The below information will be displayed.



# Smart Views for SI-net Tutorial / Practical groups

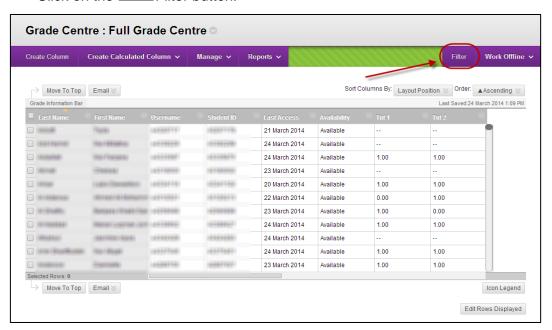
If you have *Tutorial* or *Practical* groups setup in SI-net, these groups will be automatically transferred into your Learn.UQ course when the groups are "released", usually during the first week of semester.

**Note:** There are other groups available in SI-net, only the *Tutorial* and *Practical* groups flow through to Blackboard.

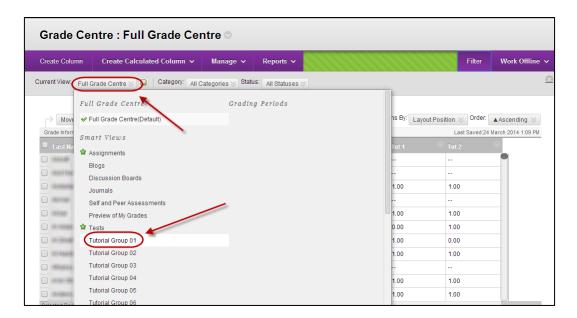
### Access Smart Views in Grade Centre

Smart Views that allow you to view only students belonging to particular Tutorial or Practical groups are automatically available in Grade Centre once the SI-net groups are transferred to Learn.UQ.

- From Control Panel select from Grade Centre > Full Grade Centre.
- Click on the Filter button.

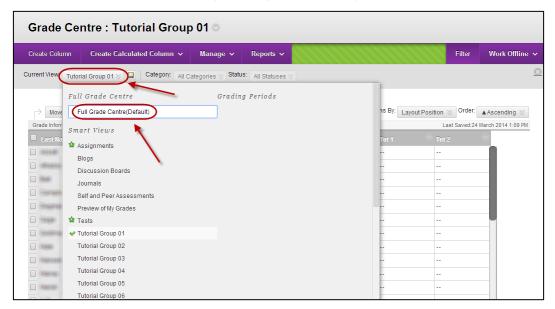


- Click on the Full Grade Centre (Current View) button.
- Select the required Tutorial or Practical group from the drop down list.



#### To return to Full Grade Centre view

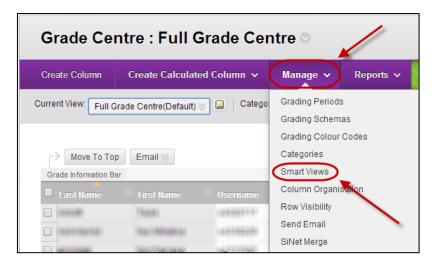
- Click on the Tutorial Group 01 (Current View) button.
- Select Full Grade Centre (Default) from the drop down list.



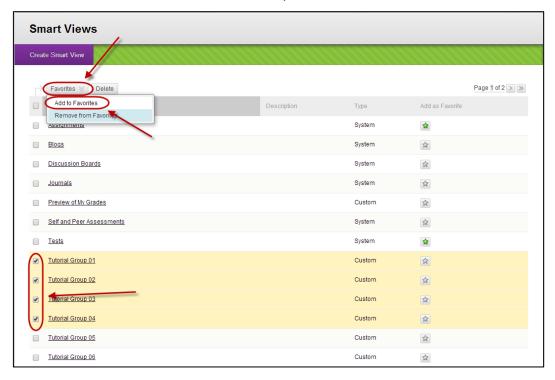
# Set up Smart View favourites

Favourite Smart Views appear in the Control Panel.

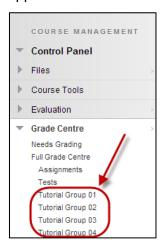
• Click on the Manage (Manage) button.



- Select Smart Views from the drop down menu.
- Check the checkboxes of the required Tutorial or Practical groups.
- Click on the Favorites (Favourites) button.
- Select Add to Favourites from the drop down list.



• The Smart View will now appear in the Control Panel.



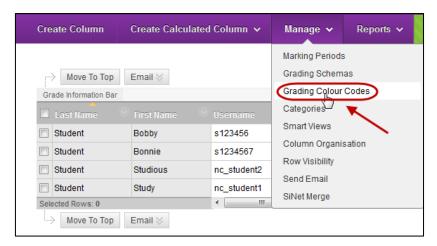
# **Grading Colour Codes**

It is possible to colour code cells in Grade Centre based on criteria. In this example we will highlight students who have failed assessment items.

From the Control Panel select Grade Centre > Full Grade Centre.



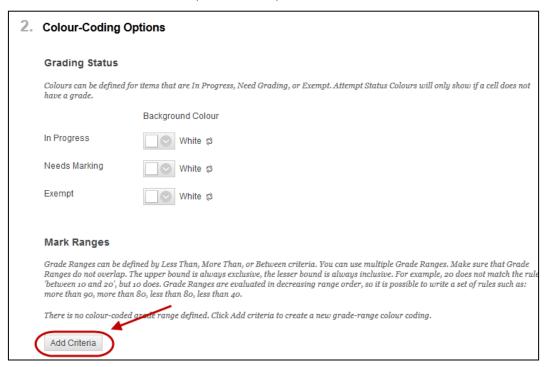
- Click on the Manage > (Manage) button.
- Select **Grading Colour Codes** from the drop down menu.



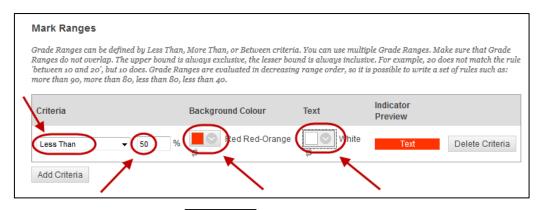
 Check the Enable Grading Colour Codes so the highlighting of cells will be displayed.



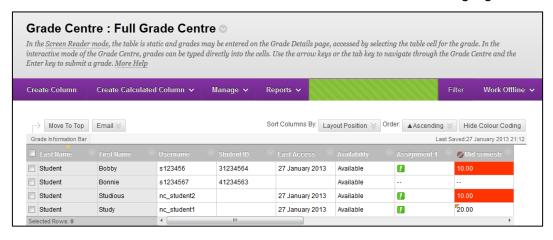
Click on the Add Criteria (Add Criteria) button.



- Select the required Criteria from the drop down list.
- Enter the required percentage boundaries.
- Select a Background Colour from the Colour picker.
- Select a **Text** colour from the Colour picker.



- Optionally, click on the Add Criteria (Add Criteria) button if further criteria are needed.
- Click on the Submit (Submit) button.
- The cells of assessment items students have failed will now be highlighted.



# Uploading grades to SI-net

The marks spreadsheet you can download from the Grade Centre cannot be directly uploaded to SI-net as it is not in the required format. Furthermore, marks from the Grade Centre spreadsheet cannot be copied and pasted into a SI-net course list, as students are listed in a slightly different order.

To convert your Grade Centre file into the required SI-net format you need to use the SiNet Merge tool.

### Steps

To upload grades to SI-net from the Blackboard Grade Centre you need to:

- 1. Download your course list from SI-net.
- Use the Blackboard SiNet Merge tool to create a SI-net version of your grade centre content.
- 3. Calculate final student marks and grades inside the SI-net version.
- 4. Keep a copy of this working file, then reduce it down to a grades spreadsheet containing only the two columns required by SI-net.
- 5. Upload your grades spreadsheet to SI-net.

### How to download your course list from SI-net

To obtain a file into which to enter students' grades follow the steps in the <u>mySI-net Guide</u> <u>for Staff 2012,</u>

- Grade Upload, p15
- Download a Class List, p5

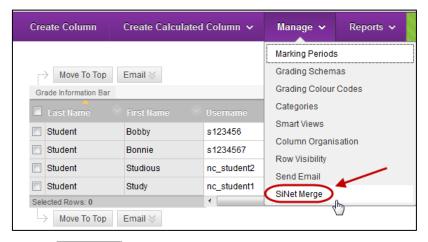
# How to use the Blackboard SI-net Merge tool

To merge the marks from Blackboard's Grade Centre into your previously downloaded SInet spreadsheet:

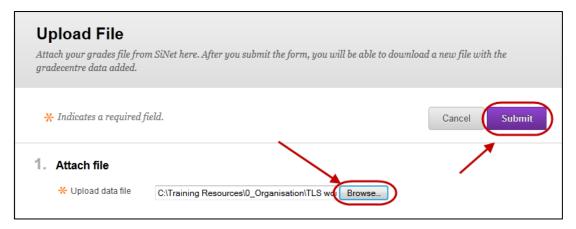
From the Control Panel select Grade Centre > Full Grade Centre.



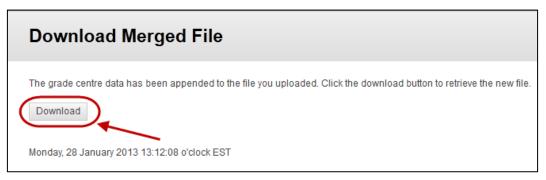
- Click on the Manage > (Manage) button.
- Select SI-net Merge from the drop down list.



- Click on the Browse... (Browse) button.
- Browse to, and open your previously downloaded SI-net spreadsheet.
- Click on the Submit (Submit) button.



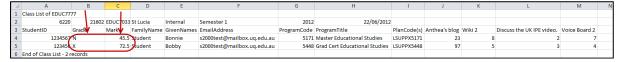
Click on the Download (Download) button.



Save the file (a spreadsheet with Grade Centre content but in SI-net format).

# Calculate final student marks and grades

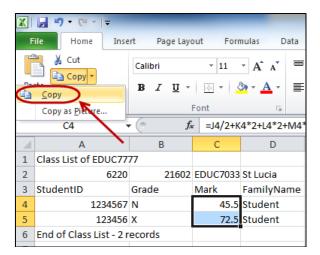
- Open the new SI-net spreadsheet.
- The marks from Grade Centre will have been copied into the spreadsheet.
- Enter formulas to calculate the final mark and grade into columns C and B.



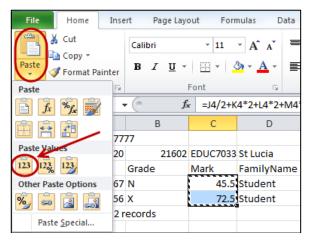
**Note:** The spreadsheet cannot contain formulas when it is uploaded to SI-net. You will need to copy any column with formulas and paste the **values only** back into the cells.

Note: Save this working file as a record of all of your calculations (with a different name).

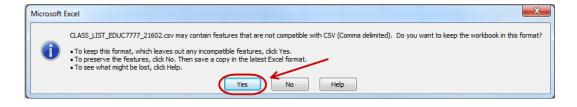
Highlight the marks in column C and then select copy.



• With the marks still highlighted, select paste > Paste Values.



- Repeat the above steps to remove the formulas from column B.
- Delete all of the marks columns that came from Grade Centre.
- Delete all other working columns that SI-net does not accept.
- Save the grades spreadsheet, (using the name of the original class list file that you downloaded from SI-net).
- If you the below dialog box is shown, click on the Yes (Yes) button.



# Upload your grades spreadsheet to SI-net

Follow the steps in the mySI-net Guide for Staff 2012,

Grade Upload, p15

# Using the Become Student tool

This tool allows you to view your course as a student. The tool can be used to test interactive tools such as tests and to check what your students are able to see in *My Grades*.

You need to complete the following three steps to use the tool.

- 1. Make the course available.
- 2. Add Dummy students.
- 3. Use Become student tool.

# Making your course available

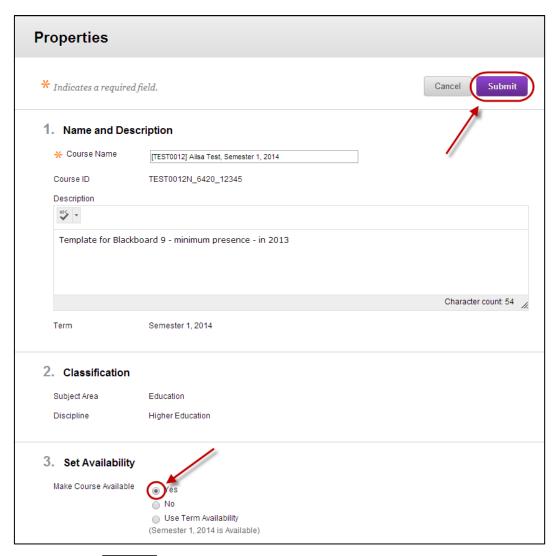
By default courses are not available to students when they are first created. To make your course visible to students you need to change the **Availability** setting.

• From the Control Panel select Customisation > Properties.



### Set Availablity

Select the Yes radio button for the setting Make Course Available.



• Click the Submit (Submit) button.

*Tip:* Remember to turn availability **Off** again after you finish testing, if you are still preparing your course.

# Adding dummy students

The tool works with the dummy students **nc\_student1** and **nc\_student2**. These dummy students may be added to any course.

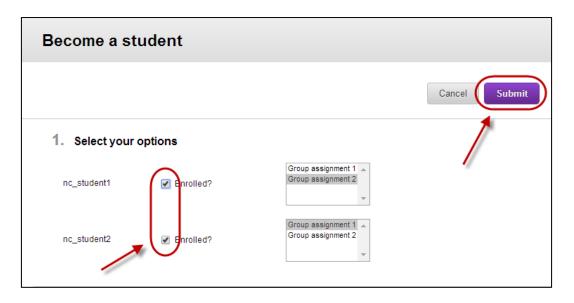
• From the Control Panel select Course Tools > Become Student.



 By default both dummy students nc\_student1 and nc\_student2 are selected to be enrolled.

Note: The groups the dummy students belong to are highlighted.

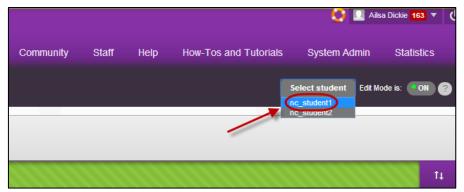
Click on the Submit (Submit) button.



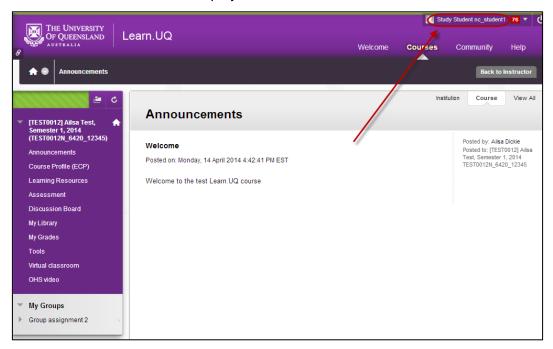
# Using the Become student tool

### Viewing the course as a student

- Click on the Select student (Select student) button.
- Select the required student from the drop down list.

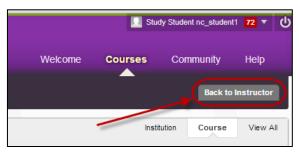


The course will now be displayed in student view.



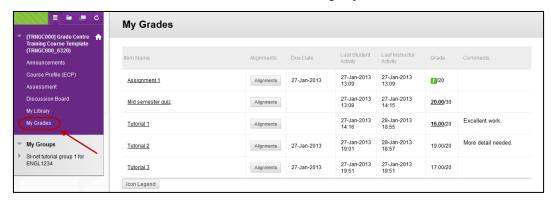
#### Return to instructor view

Click on the Back to Instructor (Back to Instructor) button.



# My Grades

Students can view their own marks and feedback using My Grades.



# **Further Resources**

# **Technical Support**

Helpdesk staff – Gary Smith, Paul Dutton and Daniel Lui. help@learn.uq.edu.au or Ph 336 56000

# eLearning Solutions Service

The eLearning Systems and Support team provide an <u>eLearning Solutions Service</u> to help staff implement eLearning solutions for the most common teaching and learning problems, using centrally supported eLearning tools.

### ITaLI Teach Assist

TeachAssist is provided by ITaLI for the UQ community to offer support for their teaching and learning. If you are considering changing your curriculum, its delivery or assessment, evaluating your teaching or perhaps even educational research then get in contact through the ITaLI TeachAssist website.

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### eLearning Resources

A range of resources are available on our <u>eLearning website</u>, including self-help text based guides, self-help videos, teaching and learning quick-guides and information on known technical issues. Additionally, updates are also available on the progress of eLearning projects such as the implementation of new tools and upgrades to current systems.

## eLearning Newsletter

The <u>eLearning newsletter</u> is published fortnightly and includes articles on eLearning tips for the start and end of semester, promotion of new tools, tool functionality and how tools could be used to improve teaching and learning. Other relevant communications on policy updates, tool upgrades and outages are also included in the newsletter.

# UQ eLearning Twitter



https://twitter.com/elearningUQ

### Pedagogical Resources

The <u>Institute for Teaching and Learning Innovation (ITaLI)</u> provides leadership, engagement and advocacy in educational innovation, teaching excellence and learning analytics.

### Student Resources

Library Services provides <u>AskUS</u> a help and information service for students. They also offer face-to-face help, provide online <u>Learn.UQ student guides</u> and run <u>workshops</u> for students.

# eLearning Workshops

A range of technical eLearning workshops are offered throughout the year. For descriptions of the workshops, dates and to enrol, visit the <u>Teaching and Learning Technologies series</u> on the Staff Development website.

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### **Custom Workshops**

Custom workshops for schools can be provided by the eLearning Systems and Support team and ITaLI.

- eLearning technical workshops: elearningtraining@uq.edu.au
- eLearning pedagogical workshops: itali@ug.edu.au
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