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Here are our updates for November. Our release webinar for Q4 2021 will be announced in the next release. Have a great weekend!

The Inspera Team

Heads up

Downtime with January release
During the maintenance window in January of next year there will be a period of system wide downtime. We will provide more information about this in the release notes in December.

Updates for Inspera Exam Portal (IEP)
We are upgrading all existing customers to Inspera Exam Portal version 1.13.x by the December release. You will receive the new version through your customer contact.
For more information on what changes have been made to each version of IEP, visit our Help Center. [Learn more](#)

Postponing general activation: Support for languages in audio and image alternatives in MCQ and MRQ
Due to the inability to properly replace audio files as alternatives in Multiple Choice and Multiple Response Questions, general activation for all has been postponed.

As of now, if an audio file is to be replaced, the entire alternative must be deleted (affecting all languages) and re-created. Although we are not turning on this feature for everyone, we are allowing institutions to do so by contacting the Service Desk.

Alignment of Candidate/Student terminology

For improved consistency, we are updating the mentions of "Student" to "Candidate" in various places across Inspera Assessment and the Help Center. Name changes that will be reflected in this release include:

- [Candidate report](#)
- [Allow candidate post-submission review](#)

LTI integration: Scheduled task to automatically provision users postponed to December release

The following configuration implementation is being moved to the December release:

- Scheduled task to automatically provision/unprovision users from LMS to Inspera assessment exams

FS: Important message to all Norwegian customers

FS is updating its API services and in that regard, we are updating our integration with new API keys. This means that our customers that have integrations with FS will be contacted by Inspera to schedule the change and activation of new API keys, and to test that the new key is working.

You are also welcome to contact our Service Desk to schedule a time even before you receive any communications from Inspera.

The old API keys will stop working from **January 1st 2022**.

Coming soon

Expanding Candidate report functionality

We are working on upgrading the Candidate report so that it can soon include all of the features seen within the Candidate dashboard. You should be able to completely rely on the Candidate report to offer results and feedback to candidates following a test in Q1 2022.

LTI: Use email addresses to match LTI users in Inspera Assessment

Support to use email addresses to match LTI users with SSO users in Inspera Assessment, provided email has the same value as idP field "eduPersonalPrincipalName"

Inspera Roadmap 2021:
Here, you can find useful information such as features that are being planned, in progress, and in beta by visiting the [Inspera Roadmap](#)

New features in this release

New design settings to improve candidate experience
We have created three new design settings to improve the candidate experience. This will be available for all and is not configurable at this time.

- **Show progress indicator**
  A progress bar is displayed to show the candidate how far they have progressed in the test. This is especially useful if the design setting "Hide navigation bar" is enabled.
- **Warning when navigating away from pages with incomplete response**
  Candidates are notified with a warning if they try to navigate away from a question that has not been answered. This is especially useful if the design setting "Disable navigate back button" is enabled.
- **Highlight "next" button when responses are completed**
  The "next" button displays a quick shake effect once the candidate has responded to a question to promote that they move on to the next question. This feature is mainly intended for questions where candidates provide a "quick" answer, such as Multiple Choice. Longer questions, such as Essay type questions, will shake if the candidate takes a short break in writing.

[Learn more.](#)

Candidate accessibility improvements

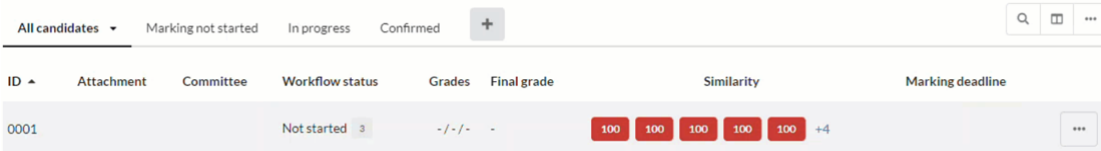To improve accessibility, we have made the following changes to the candidate interface:

- Indicate to screen reader when the link opens in a new window.
- Make links and buttons accessible to screen readers by giving them relevant names and labels.
- Make the footer scrollable for larger tests and smaller screens.
- The zoom tool no longer breaks automatic scrolling to the current question.

While we've improved the candidate interface to ensure that Inspera tests are fair and inclusive, we still need all Authors to join us on this goal to ensure that authored content is also accessible. To assist with the authoring process, we have written an article outlining best practices when authoring questions for candidates with sight impairments. **Learn more**

Similarity score overview

Available for Planners and Graders, similarity scores are now displayed within the Overview workspace providing them with greater candidate insight. A filter can also be applied to easily detect candidates that likely should be reviewed more in detail. **Learn more**

Other improvements and bug fixes

Inspera Exam Portal/Inspera Smarter Proctoring

For all existing customers that have enabled Inspera Smarter Proctoring, the check-box will be replaced by a radio button with two options:

- Smarter Proctoring Disabled
- Automated Proctoring

Authoring

- Support for .ma, .dta, and .omv files has been added, allowing Authors to attach these file types to questions and candidates to download them without the file ending being erased.

- Fixed issue with picture added as main illustration showing only in one language version.

Test taking

- Fixed issue with adding four dollar signs and the LaTeX wiping the dollar signs from preview.
- Fixed issue with math questions causing error message on iPad with SEB

Invigilating

- If a candidate test is paused and resumed, extra incident time is added to the test to account for the paused duration. Previously, the time was rounded to the nearest minute; however, the time will now always be rounded up to ensure that candidates do not lose time. (i.e. pause= 1 min 20 sec, Incident extra time = 2 min and pause = 1 min 35 sec, Incident extra time = 2 min.)

Marking

- We have made some accessibility improvements allowing for improved keyboard navigation
- We have also added improvements to candidate report:
    - The comments list in the Candidate report now contains feedback for all alternatives if the "Show feedback for all alternatives" option is enabled in the Test setup.
    - Fixed bug where the toggle for Candidate view wasn't available.
    - Made "Total marks" visible for the Planner.
    - Fixed bug where pdf file isn't always displayed when navigating to the next candidate/question.
    - Fixed UI bug where Candidate report header could cover items from Options menu.
    - Fixed bug where Bands and Criteria score set on previous candidate was displayed when navigating to next candidate.
- Marking & grading:
    - Classic marking: correctly display comments made on pdf attachment file
    - Fixed UI issue where the screen occasionally shakes when the user selects the Options menu.
    - Disallow Planner actions when ENABLE_PLANNER_CONFIRM_COMMITTEE_GRADING_STATUS is not enabled.

- Force the file to regenerate when downloading marks and grades as a CSV to avoid outdated marks being presented.
- Fix bug where the Flag and Reset action isn't available in the Set Mark feature

LTI Integration

Membership service (Names and roles provisioning) in Canvas:

- We have implemented a solution to support a custom version of Names and Roles provisioning in Canvas LMS.
- Service requires following custom parameters in Canvas:
  - enroll_candidates=true (student provisioning)
  - enroll_contributors=true (contributor provisioning)
  - context_memberships_url=$ToolProxyBinding.memberships.url (provides integration with membership url parameter)
- This feature is required in addition to LTI/SSO matching configuration to use integration together with IEP/ISP.

For developers

The following has been fixed in this release:

APIs

- Fixed a bug on test metadata API /v1/test/{testId} where the committee array was not returned.

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APIs on Knowledge base