

LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS NEWSLETTER

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UPDATES

NEW FOR FALL

- 1) **SVN.RICE.EDU is Entering Retirement:** svn.rice.edu is being retired and will not be available starting in Fall 2021. Git has become the VCS (Version Control System) industry standard. GitHub provides an excellent web and command line interface to the VCS repositories stored in it. We encourage you to take advantage of GitHub's free account offerings and the special benefits they offer students and faculty at <https://github.com/>. For help with the transition visit: [Students Getting Started Guide](#), [Faculty Getting Started Guide](#), [Migrating to GitHub](#), or [GitHub Classroom Getting Started Guide](#).

Important Dates: svn.rice.edu will be placed in READ ONLY mode on August 15, 2021. svn.rice.edu will be turned off on January 8, 2022.

- 2) **New Workshop Program:** LE has created a program which includes a variety of workshop tracks based on interests and skill levels. These include *Intermediate* and *Superuser* tracks along with *Digital Tools in Pedagogy* and *Tools for Student Engagement*. Any users who complete a full track will receive a certificate confirming this. Visit the [Training Center](#) for details.

REMINDERS

[Update your Zoom!](#) Visit the [Training Center](#) for the new workshop tracks, schedule, and other programming from LE for Fall 2021.

TIPS AND TRICKS

CANVAS

Add announcements to any home page (including Syllabus or Pages Front Page) by selecting Settings -> Course Details -> More options -> Show recent announcements on Course home page.

Canvas is offering a new program called [Panda Pros](#) in the fall. You can sign up for a 25 minute meeting with someone from Canvas to ask questions about creating and running your course.

ACCESSIBILITY

Read more about some of the important accessibility fixes applied to the rice.edu website this summer on the [Access @ Rice blog](#).

KALTURA

Instructors can copy the contents of an entire Media Gallery from a previous course into a new course using the "Import" feature in the Media Gallery. [Find instructions for copying Media Gallery contents.](#)

ZOOM

Instructors can use advanced audio for professional music mode. This option in Advanced Audio allows you to disable echo cancellation and post-processing and get rid of compression. [More information on this feature.](#)

SUPPORT

- 24/7 for Canvas using Canvas Support (last button on Global Navigation Bar in Canvas)
- See the [Training Center](#) for Tech Tools workshops, coffee hours, or to sign up for one-on-one training
- Email teaching@rice.edu for general help