

ACCESS AND EQUITY WITH TOP HAT



TOP HAT

An inclusive learning environment is necessary to fully unleash students' potential. Top Hat strives to empower institutions and educators to create accessible and equitable learning experiences for all students, no matter their circumstances.

ACCESSIBILITY

- **Screen Reader Support:** Students using assistive technology will be provided with appropriate labelling, as well as skip links, landmarks and headings.
- **Magnification Tools:** Students with impaired vision can use assistive technologies, such as ZoomText, to navigate through Top Hat and increase readability up to 200 percent.
- **Keyboard Navigation:** Interactive components such as questions and discussions can be operated entirely using a keyboard by students with mobility impairments.
- **Interactive Textbooks and Assignments:** Top Hat provides content creation tools that make it easy to modify learning materials, such as adding alternative text for images and headers for easier navigation.

ACCOMMODATION

- **Schedule Flexibility:** Readings, assignments and tests can be scheduled for specific students at specific times and different durations based on their individual needs.
- **Offline Mode:** Students can complete their work in an offline environment. Their responses are automatically saved and submitted when the internet connection is re-established.
- **Multi-Device Usability:** Top Hat can be accessed on a web browser from any laptop or desktop computer and via app or browser on students' mobile devices and tablets.

COMMUNITY

- **Participation tools:** Discussions and a variety of question types invite all students to comfortably make their voices heard in class. Questions and discussions can also be anonymized to encourage them to participate even when addressing sensitive topics.

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We are committed to continuously improving our features and tools to create an equitable learning environment.

2020 RELEASES	
FEBRUARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Improved Student Login and Registration Accessibility
MAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Improved Student Platform Accessibility and NavigationImproved Student Attendance Flow Accessibility
AUGUST	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Revamped Accessibility for Core Question TypesOption for Alt-Text for Images in QuestionsTop Hat Asynchronous Tests launchHybrid Attendance launch
SEPTEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Improved Pages Readability and AccessibilityImproved Assigned Slides Accessibility (Beta)
NOVEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Improved Student Checkout AccessibilityImproved Top Hat Test Accessibility
DECEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Achieved Student Web Experience WCAG 2.1 Level AA compliance