

# SPEEDGRADER

## What is SpeedGrader?

As an instructor, SpeedGrader allows you to view and grade student assignment submissions in one place using a simple point scale or complex rubric. Canvas accepts a variety of document formats and even URLs as assignment submissions. Some document assignments can be marked up for feedback directly within the submission. You can also provide feedback to your students with text or media comments.

### When Would I Use SpeedGrader?

You can use SpeedGrader to:

- Sort submissions by student and hide student names for anonymous grading
- View submission details for each student, including resubmitted assignments
- Use rubrics to assign grades
- Leave feedback for your students
- Track your grading progress and hide assignments while grading
- View submissions in moderated assignments

### You can access SpeedGrader in several ways:

- Access via the Gradebook
- Access via Assignment, Quiz, or Graded Discussion

For each student, SpeedGrader has five areas:

1. View student submissions (text entries, website URLs, media recordings, and/or file uploads). Preview .doc, .docx, .ppt, .pptx, and .pdf submissions using Crocodoc; review other file format submissions using the document previewer or Google Preview
2. Assign a grade based on your preferred assessment method (points or percentage)
3. View Rubric to assist with grading (if one is added to the assignment)
4. View comments created by you or the student about the assignment
5. Create text, video, and/or audio commentary for the student SpeedGrader may experience decreased performance when loading student data in large courses. To learn more about SpeedGrader functionality, learn how to use SpeedGrader.

The screenshot displays the SpeedGrader interface. On the left, a document titled "Unit 1 Assignment" is previewed, showing sections for "Overview of Pre-Colonial to 1789", "Objective", and "Requirements". On the right, a sidebar contains the following elements: a "Submission to view:" dropdown set to "Dec 8 at 12:07pm"; a "Submitted Files:" section with a link to "Unit 1 Assignment.docx"; an "Assessment" section with a "Grade:" input field set to "18" out of "20"; a "View Rubric" button; and an "Assignment Comments" section with an "Add a Comment" text area and a "Submit" button. A red box highlights the document preview area, and a grey callout box with numbered circles 1 through 5 points to the submission dropdown, grade input, rubric button, comments section, and submit button respectively.

Note: You can use keyboard shortcuts to navigate SpeedGrader. Press the comma key and a pop-up window with keyboard shortcuts will appear for keyboard navigation.

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## Accessing Speedgrader Through the Gradebook

You can access an assignment in SpeedGrader directly from the Gradebook.

**Note:** SpeedGrader displays assignment submissions according to the current Gradebook settings for inactive enrollments and concluded enrollments.

### Open Gradebook

- Announcements
- Assignments
- Discussions
- People
- Collaborations
- Grades**
- Pages
- Syllabus

### Open Assignment Drop-down Menu

Hover over the name of the assignment you want to grade and click the arrow that appears.

Filter by student name or secondary ID

Student Name	Secondary ID	Research Paper Out of 20	Identify the Fallacy Out of 10
Emily Boone Biology 101 Section 1	emboone86@gmail.com	18	C- 7
Jessica Doe Biology 101 Section 1	jessica.doe.canvas@gmail.com	19	A 10
Max Johnson Biology 101 Section 1	max.johnson.canvas@gmail.com	15	B- 8
Bruce Jones Biology 101 Section 1	bruce.jones.canvas@gmail.com	17	C- 7
Joe Rogers Biology 101 Section 1	joe.rogers.canvas@gmail.com	20	-
Nora Sanderson Biology 101 Section 1	nora.sanderson.canvas@gmail.com	19	A 10
Jane Smith Biology 101 Section 1	jane.smith.canvas@gmail.com		B+ 8.9
Test Student Biology 101 Section 1, Biology	f78ab23dc25aa7e66fb7eb8bd55184:	-	-

### Open SpeedGrader

Student Name	Secondary ID	Research Paper Out of 20	Identify the Fallacy Out of 10
Emily Boone Biology 101 Section 1	emboone86@gmail.com	18	7
Jessica Doe Biology 101 Section 1	jessica.doe.canvas@gmail.com	19	10
Max Johnson Biology 101 Section 1	max.johnson.canvas@gmail.com	15	8
Bruce Jones Biology 101 Section 1	bruce.jones.canvas@gmail.com	17	7
Joe Rogers Biology 101 Section 1	joe.rogers.canvas@gmail.com	20	-
Nora Sanderson Biology 101 Section 1	nora.sanderson.canvas@gmail.com	19	10
Jane Smith Biology 101 Section 1	jane.smith.canvas@gmail.com		8.9
Test Student Biology 101 Section 1, Biology	f78ab23dc25aa7e66fb7eb8bd55184:	-	-

Click the SpeedGrader link.

### View SpeedGrader

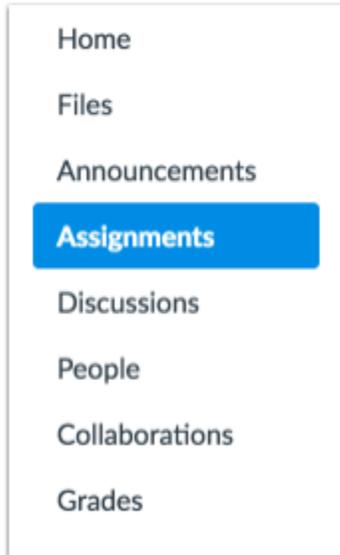
SpeedGrader interface showing assignment details: Research Paper (5/8 Graded, 18/20 (90%) Average, 1/8 Student), Due: Dec 9 at 11:59pm - BIO 101, and user name Emily Boone.

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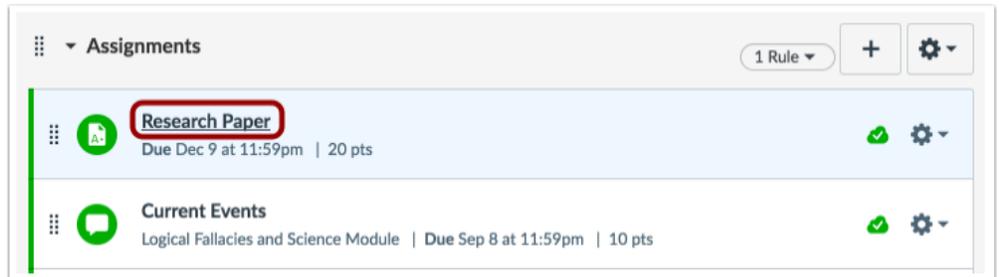
## Accessing Speedgrader Through an Assignment, Quiz or Graded Discussion

Canvas allows you to access SpeedGrader from an assignment, quiz, or graded discussion.

### Open Assignments



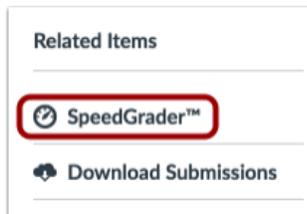
### View Assignments



SpeedGrader will be available in every graded assignment, including quizzes or graded discussions.

Within a graded assignment or quiz, the SpeedGrader link will appear in the sidebar under Related Items.

### Open SpeedGrader from a Graded Assignment or Quiz



### Open SpeedGrader from a Graded Discussion



Within a graded discussion, click the Settings icon [1] and click the SpeedGrader link [2].

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## Using Speedgrader

Use the SpeedGrader to view submitted assignments, comment on student submissions, and grade assignments.

SpeedGrader makes it easy to evaluate individual student assignments and group assignments quickly. SpeedGrader displays assignment submissions for active students in your course.

However, SpeedGrader displays assignment submissions according to the current Gradebook settings for inactive enrollments and concluded enrollments.

For instance, if the Gradebook settings show inactive enrollments, inactive student submissions also appear in SpeedGrader. You can access SpeedGrader through: Assignments, Quizzes, Graded Discussions, and the Gradebook.

## SpeedGrader Performance

When an assignment is opened in SpeedGrader, all values for that assignment are loaded and saved in the browser, including student submission data, any grades (including original grades for resubmitted assignments), rubrics, and comments. This behavior reduces load time and allows instructors to grade all submissions quickly without continually refreshing the browser. Advancing from one student to the next does not dynamically load any updated content.

When using SpeedGrader with large courses, users may experience decreased performance depending on the amount of student data loaded for the assignment. Differentiated assignments where individual sections, students, and/or groups have specific due dates may also affect performance. Courses with more than 800 students may result in delayed SpeedGrader loading times, and courses with more than 1500 students may fail to load in the browser completely.

To improve SpeedGrader performance, large courses should be separated into sections. You can view the student list by section, which only displays submissions for that section and decreases the overall loading time for an assignment's data.

## SpeedGrader Users

SpeedGrader is generally designed for one instructor role to grade submissions at a time. Because of how SpeedGrader data is loaded and stored in the browser, multiple users should not grade assignments at the same time since each grader cannot view the most recent information for a submission. Updated grades also affect the Gradebook.

If your course includes multiple graders, graders added to a course can be limited to only interact with users in a section and only grade submissions in the section where they were enrolled. This enrollment option prevents assignment grading overlap so multiple instructor roles cannot grade the same assignment.

An exception to multiple graders is an assignment set up for moderated grading, where an instructor may act as a moderator and allow two additional graders to review a submission independent of each other.