

Groups- Smart Views

What is a Smart View?

The Grade Center brings together all assessment related data for activities, students and groups. Normally when you access the Grade Center, all columns appear. This can be hard to review in a complex unit.

A Smart View is a focused look (aka filter) at the Grade Center that shows only the columns that match your preferred set of criteria. Smart views allow you to quickly find data when the Grade Center includes a large number of students and columns. Several smart views are available by default, but you can also create your own. The view is saved for continued use.

Example: Tracking low scores

You create a smart view to track students with low scores to quickly see which students need help. You can then email these students from the Grade Center.

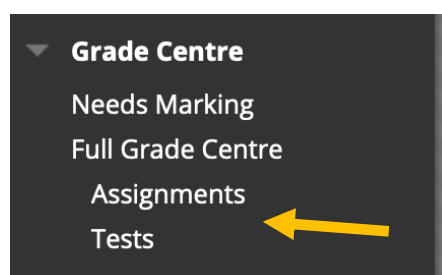
Example: Assessment comparison

You create a smart view to display only two columns in the Grade Center grid: a calculated total column for tests and a calculated total column for assignments. You can compare the two columns to gauge how students are performing.

Watch a video [How to Create a Smart View of Grade Center Data](#)

View Smart Views in the Control Panel

You can find your favourite smart views in the left hand menu, within the **Control Panel**, under the **Grade Centre** heading, indented below **Full Grade Centre**.



As per the image above, new units already have Assignments and Tests Smart Views appearing in the favourite list by default. Clicking on one of these will open the Grade Centre, but only showing columns related to that particular Smart View. For example, when you access the Tests smart view, only test columns appear.

Adding / Removing Smart Views from your Favourite List

You can add smart views to the favourites list so that you can access them easily. Click on **Full Grade Center**, access the **Manage menu** (top of page near the middle of the screen) and select **Smart Views** from the drop down list.

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From here you will see all available Smart Views on the Smart Views page. You can:

- Click on the **Smart View Name** to see what it shows
- Click on the **Star icon** next to a Smart View to add it to your favourite list, or remove it from your favourite list
- **Edit a Smart View** to adjust how it works

Available Smart Views (Default)

While only Assignments and Tests Smart Views are favoured by default, other Smart Views are created and available for use. In addition, other Smart Views will be automatically created in response to your unit's setup.

For example, when you enable grading for blogs, journals, and discussions, the appropriate Smart View will be available for you to favourite and use to view just those Grade Centre columns.

Available Smart Views include:

- Assignments
- Blogs
- Discussion Boards
- Final Grade View: Displays all columns, including the default total and weighted total columns
- Journals
- Preview of My Grades: Displays all columns visible to students
- Self and Peer Assessments
- Tests
- Wikis: When the tool is available, and you create a wiki

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Create Smart Views

You can create your own Smart Views using your own criteria.

There are five types of smart views in the Grade Center:

Course Group: Allows you to create a Smart View that focuses on different cohorts of students. You must create unit groups before you can use them as selection criteria.

Performance: Provides you with the ability to view student performance on a single item, such as a test.

User: Creates a smart view that focuses on particular students, for example students that may be identified as at risk.

Category and Status: Choose a category, users or groups, and grade status. For example, you can select the Blog category, four groups, and the Completed status.

Custom: Select students with a combination of attributes.

The process for creating the five types of smart views is similar.

1. In the **Grade Center**, access the **Manage** menu and select **Smart Views**.
2. On the Smart Views page, select **Create Smart View** and provide a **name** and an optional **description**.
3. Optionally, select the **Add as Favorite** checkbox.
4. Choose your preferred **View Type**
5. In the **Select Criteria** section, set the **requirements**.
6. In the **Filter Results** menu, select which columns, categories, statuses, or grading periods you want to appear in the Grade Center grid.

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Type of View

☐ **Course Group** View one or more Course Groups.

☐ **Performance** View specific users based on their performance on a single item.

☒ **User** View individual users.

☐ **Category and Status** View items by their category and status.

☐ **Custom** Build a query based on user criteria.

Options	Description
All Columns	All Grade Center columns that are not hidden on the Column Organization page appear, including columns that you have hidden from users.
None (Show user information only)	No grade columns are selected. Only user columns appear, such as Last Name. If you chose to hide some user columns from view, they don't appear.

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All columns are shown to users	All columns set to appear to users and those that you haven't hidden on the Column Organization page appear.
All columns are hidden from users	All columns appear that are hidden from users. Columns that you hid on the Column Organization page don't appear.
Selected Columns Only	Select columns from the list of columns that appears.
Selected Categories Only	Select the categories from the list of categories that appear.
Selected Grading Periods Only	Select grading periods from the list of grading periods that appears.

7. If the **Include Hidden Information** check box appears, you can select it to display hidden columns that the filter is capturing but would by default hide.
8. Click **Submit**.

The smart view appears on the Smart Views page. Select the title to display it in the Grade Center grid.

<input type="checkbox"/> Journals	System	
<input type="checkbox"/> Preview of My Grades	System	
<input type="checkbox"/> Self- and Peer Assessments	System	
<input type="checkbox"/> Struggling Groups	This smart view monitors groups struggling with assignments and tests.	Custom

Smart View Types – A deeper look

Course Group

You can create smart views that are based on the groups you create in your unit. Two common ways to use this are:

- Students work in groups to collaborate with other students and complete group assignments. You create smart views that track each groups overall progress.

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- You create a hidden group to track a set of students who aren't performing well on assignments and tests. You create a smart view for this group that shows you just those students Grade Center data – allowing you to monitor and respond as needed.

Performance

You can create smart views that are based on student performance for a single item such as a test.

For example, you may want to identify all students who achieved less than 50% in their mid-semester quiz, or perhaps didn't even attempt it.

Or you could specifically look for students who are doing particularly well, in order to present them with additional challenges.

To do this:

- In the **User Criteria** menu, select the **Grade Center** column of interest (eg. Quiz).
- In the **Condition** menu, select an option such as **Equal to or Greater than**.
- In the **Value** box, type a **score** (or scores), or select a status such as **Needs Grading or Completed**.

User

You can create smart views to display all or selected grade columns for specific users, allowing you to track their specific progress.

For example, you may have several students taking your unit without completing a prerequisite unit. You can create a smart view to track their work as the term progresses. You can then use this data to determine if you will allow students to enrol in your unit without the required foundation unit in the future.

In the **Users** menu, select either:

- **All Users** to include results for all students.
- **Selected Users** to select individual students.

To select multiple users or items in a list, press the Shift key and select the first and last users. To select users out of sequence, press the Ctrl key and select each user needed. For Macs, press the Command key instead of the Ctrl key.

Category and status

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You can create smart views that display columns based on a specific category, selected users or groups, and a grade status.

Example: Assignments not attempted

You can use this type to create a smart view to display only the assignment columns in the Grade Center grid with a Not Attempted grade status. You can contact those students and remind them of deadlines and offer help.

Example: All unit tests

For a specific group in your unit, create a smart view to display all the unit test columns in the Grade Center grid with a Completed grade status. Then, you can determine if a study session is needed before the final test.

In the **Users** menu, select an option:

- **All Users** to include results for all students. Select the Include Hidden User Information check box to display the user rows you have hidden from view in the Full Grade Center.
- **Selected Users** to select individual students.
- **Selected Groups** to select individual groups. If no groups exist, the selection box is empty.

For Windows, to select multiple users or items in a list, press the Shift key and select the first and last users. To select users out of sequence, press the Ctrl key and select each user needed. For Macs, press the Command key instead of the Ctrl key.

In the **Filter Results** menu, select a **grade status** such as **Needs Grading**.