REPLACE STRINGS

DESCRIPTION
Replace Strings are how D2L knows you would like it to fetch a “string” to be displayed in a user friendly format. This allows you to include responsive information that depends on the context, for example, if you want the system to address the first name of the user accessing the content, you would use the Replace String “{FirstName}”. Wherever “{FirstName}” appears in the text, the name of the user would appear instead. The system represents strings as enclosed by braces {}.

You can use Replace Strings in Intelligent Agents and the News Tool.

WHY
- Using a student’s name makes the information personal to them
- You can reuse the same text in intelligent agents across courses or departments.

BEST PRACTICES TO CONSIDER
Here are several best practices to consider:
- Greet students using {FirstName} and {LastName} in News Items.
- When sending an Intelligent Agent to students who are failing to log in, include the {LoginPath}, {UserName}, and {OrgUnitName} Replace Strings to help them get back in the swing of things.
- Use {OrgUnitName} to create messages you can reuse across courses.
- Do not use Replace Strings with the Email tool, it is not supported.

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