

ThinkCentral Release Notes – November 2016

Introduction

This document outlines the changes in the *November 2016* release for *ThinkCentral*. For the latest information about product updates, tips, and techniques, visit the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Customer Care support site for [ThinkCentral](#).

What's New?

- **Student Password Security Upgrade**
- **Deactivate Student Classroom Materials**
- **Adjust Scores for Auto-Scored Items**

What's Changing?

Student Password Security Upgrade

Furthering our commitment to identity protection, during the month of **December 2016** there will be an update to *ThinkCentral* that enhances student password authentication. This update will provide additional password security coverage for student users of the platform.

Coming in December 2016:

- Student passwords will no longer be visible on the “View Class Roster” page.
- For an individual student, teachers can reset student passwords to a new password.
- For more than one student, teachers can reset student passwords to a temporary password that each student will then be required to update when they next log in to the platform. Teachers will be able to print and issue the temporary passwords to students in order to minimize the security risk to student accounts.

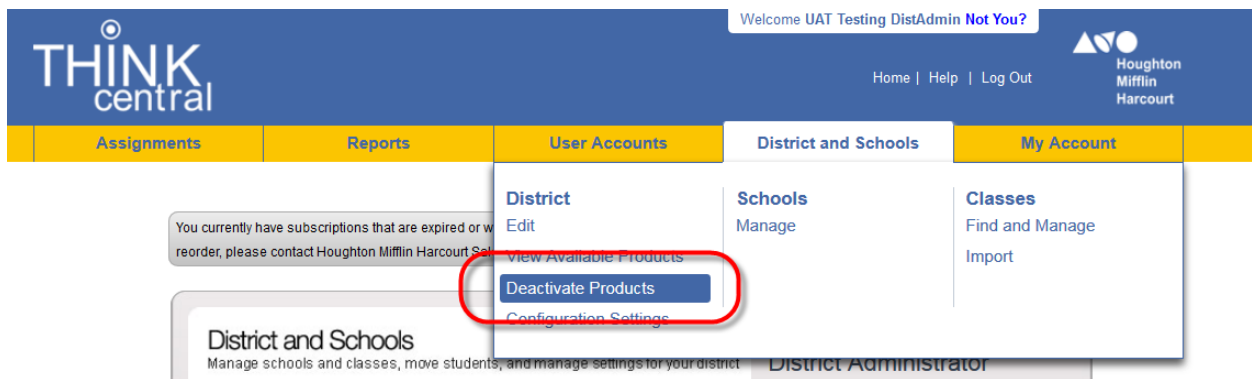
This change aligns *ThinkCentral* with industry standards for security best practices.



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Deactivate Student Classroom Materials

ThinkCentral now simplifies the process for removing student classroom materials from multiple classes across a school or district by providing administrators with an easy-to-use tool. To begin, navigate to the “Districts and Schools” tab, and select “Deactivate Products,” as pictured here:





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On the “Deactivate Products” screen (captured in the screenshot below), administrators can use the search function with filters to view student classroom materials that are available for deactivation. Administrators can then use checkboxes to indicate which products they wish to deactivate.

Deactivate Products

1. Search for a Product to Deactivate

Filter your search by Subject:

☐ All

☐ Art

☐ English Language Development

☐ Health

☐ Mathematics

☐ Reading

☐ Science

☐ Social Studies

Grade:

All

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Program:

All

Language:

All

Product Name:

[Search an ISBN](#)

2. Available Products

Select one or more free play products to deactivate.

<input type="checkbox"/> All	ISBN	Product Name	Subject	Grade
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In the final step, administrators can then indicate for which classes they would like to deactivate the student classroom materials by selecting one, a few, or all of the classes in the school or district (similar to the screenshot below). Selecting the “Deactivate” button completes the process.

3. Choose Your Classes

To show the classes in which you want to deactivate the selected products, you can filter the class list by school and/or filter by Classnames, Keywords, or Phrases.

Filter by School:

Filter by Classname, Keyword, or Phrase (separated by a comma):

Show

« 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Select at least one or more classes in which you want to deactivate the selected products.

<input type="checkbox"/> All	Classname	Teacher	School
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alg1 Sect1617-01	Smith, Jordan	ZZ Harcourt Review D A Sch C
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alg1 Sect1617-02	Smith, Jordan	ZZ Harcourt Review D A Sch C
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alg1 Sect1618-01	Baker, Carson	ZZ Harcourt Review D A Sch C
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alg1 Sect1618-02	Baker, Carson	ZZ Harcourt Review D A Sch C

Deactivate Reset



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Adjust Scores for Auto-Scored Items

Teachers now have the ability to manually adjust the item scores for test questions that were previously auto-scored by *ThinkCentral*. Access this feature from the “Assignments” menu by navigating to the “View Class Results & Prescriptions” screen, then selecting “Enter Scores” for an assignment (as highlighted in the screenshot below).

View Class Results & Prescriptions

Class: JBTest Class
Assessment:
Assignment Name: SE Items Chapter 3 Review Test
Mastery Level: 70%
Assigned: 10/20/2016 Due: 10/27/2016

Results & Prescriptions

Manage Scores Enter Scores View & Assign Prescriptions

Select	Student	Cumulative Score	Prescriptions
✓	Mastered		
ⓘ	jbstudent, jbstudent	90%	Yes

Manage Scores Enter Scores View & Assign Prescriptions



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From the “View Items” screen that opens, teachers can indicate the student for whom they wish to adjust a score and select the “Score” button (as indicated in the screenshot below).

View Items

Find Items

Class: JBTest Class

Start date: 10/20/16

Subject: Mathematics

End date: 10/27/16

Find

Clear

Select Items and Students

SE Items Chapter 3 Review Test 10/27/2016

Student	Subject	Item	Score
<input checked="" type="radio"/> jbstudent, jbstudent	Mathematics	SE Items Chapter 3 Review Test	90%

Return

Score...



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When selecting “View all questions” teachers will see the auto-scored items displayed and can use a score drop-down menu to adjust the item score, as pictured here:

The screenshot shows the ThinkCentral interface for reviewing a test. At the top, there are two radio buttons: "View only the questions to score" and "View all questions". A red arrow points to the "View all questions" button. To the right of these buttons is a "Manage Scores" button. Below this, the test title "Chapter 3 Review Test - October 19, 2016" is displayed. There are three buttons: "Save", "Clear", and "Back to View Items". A key is shown: "Key: Correct (green check), Partially Correct (orange circle), Incorrect (red X), Score excluded (yellow triangle), Score required (yellow triangle)". The question is titled "Question [1]" and is marked as correct with a green check. It is a multiple-choice question (MC) from the NSI.2 test. The question text is: "[WHICH WORD COMPLETES THE SENTENCE?]" and "[2 ____ IS THE SAME AS 20 ONES.]". The options are: A. ones, B. fives, C. tens (selected with a green check), and D. hundreds. At the bottom left, the "Score: 1" dropdown menu is highlighted with a red circle. Below the question is a "Detailed Comment" field. The next question, "Question [2]", is partially visible at the bottom.

Our Technical Support Group will be happy to assist you with any questions you may have regarding these new features. Please do not hesitate to contact them at techsupport@hmhco.com, 800.323.9239, (+1) 973.368.0392, or through our [online service request system](#).

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