

D2L Boosts Student Productivity with Brightspace

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Summary

D2L (Desire2Learn) is keeping students engaged with direct access to Microsoft Office 365 in its Brightspace platform. Students and instructors have seamless access to Office 365 productivity tools when they need them—in the learning moment.

A Need for More

D2L has changed the digital learning game with the Brightspace platform by connecting digital learning content, mobile devices, collaboration tools, and data analytics in one easy-to-use interface. Using this powerful collection of tools, students receive a personalized learning experience they can digest at their own pace.

More than 1,100 customers and almost 15 million individual learners already use Brightspace to accelerate learning outcomes. While D2L already considered its platform to be world-class, it identified a need for one more crucial tool: a productivity suite integrated into the learning environment.

Complete Tool Set

D2L uses Microsoft Office 365 in the Brightspace platform to offer students a one-stop shop for all of their educational needs. With single sign-on access, students can read and write emails, access calendars, and share documents—all from within the D2L learning environment. Students can also store documents in Microsoft OneDrive and submit assignments directly to the Assignment Dropbox, creating a seamless workflow for both learners and instructors.



Partner: D2L

Country: Ontario, Canada

Website: www.d2l.com

Number of Employees: 800

Industry: Education—K-12, Higher education, Enterprise

Partner Profile

D2L (Desire2Learn) is a global leader in educational technology that is transforming teaching and learning with Brightspace, an integrated learning platform that provides a data-driven, personalized learning experience for every learner.

Office 365 Education Solution

Microsoft Office 365 tools in the Brightspace platform offer students an all-in-one learning environment. Students can access email, calendars, and other collaboration tools without having to leave the Brightspace platform, reducing distractions and boosting productivity.



“Without including Office 365 in the Brightspace platform, students would be required to open a browser in

a separate window, taking attention away from learning,” says Mike Gruber, Senior Director of D2L’s Global Alliances and Business Development. “This solution creates a more effective learning experience by keeping students focused and engaged within Brightspace.”

Productive Students

The combination of Office 365 and Brightspace offers a deeper learning experience for students, providing the vital tools needed to succeed in their studies. With everything they need in a centralized spot, students stay engaged, productive, and focused on learning.

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For teachers and administrators, the Office 365 solution within Brightspace means boosted efficiency and improved teacher-to-student interaction. With a single interface for learning materials, email, calendars, and contacts, teachers can quickly and easily provide one-on-one interaction with students and provide the quality communication necessary for enhanced learning.

“We recognize Microsoft’s continued investment into education and continue to explore how we can offer tools to improve learning and institutional effectiveness,” says Gruber. “We look forward to continuing our partnership to boost student productivity and improve user experience.”

About Office 365 Education Solutions

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