



Adaptive Authoring

Product Release Notes

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Introduction

Welcome to the January release notes 2026 update for our Adaptive Authoring suite! We are kicking off the month with a feature-rich release designed to empower authors, delight learners, and ensure that digital experiences are inclusive for everyone.

This update focuses on **intelligent design investigation**, **sleeker content layouts**, and **iron-clad platform security**. Most importantly, we are furthering our commitment to **Accessibility** by enhancing how our content speaks to assistive technologies. We're not just fixing bugs; we're analyzing the future of course delivery through advanced data spikes and UI audits to ensure your authoring experience—and your learners' experience—is second to none!

Explore these new features in detail and check out our public [roadmap](#) to see what's coming next.

Improvements

Accessibility: Contextual Content Blocks

What it is/What has Changed

We have significantly improved how content blocks are contextualized for screen readers, with a specific focus on establishing clear heading hierarchies (H1, H2, etc.).

Why we have done this:

Accessibility is at the heart of modern learning. Proper heading structures are vital for visually impaired learners who rely on screen readers to navigate and understand the relationship between different sections of a course. Without logical nesting, a page can feel like a wall of disconnected text.

How it works

Poet now automatically ensures that content blocks are tagged with the correct semantic HTML. This allows screen readers to announce headings in the proper order, providing a "logical map" of the page content that helps learners jump to the information they need most.

Improvements

Dynamic Accordion Flex Slide Layouts

What it is

We have optimized the Flex Slide Accordion block by removing restrictive, hardcoded height properties.

Why we have done this

Content comes in all shapes and sizes. By removing fixed heights, we eliminate awkward white space or cut-off text, ensuring your content looks professional on any device.

How it works:

Accordion items now automatically calculate the space they need based on the text you provide. Your content now "breathes" naturally, providing a cleaner, more modern look for your learners.

Improvements

Refined Course Progress Logic

What has Changed

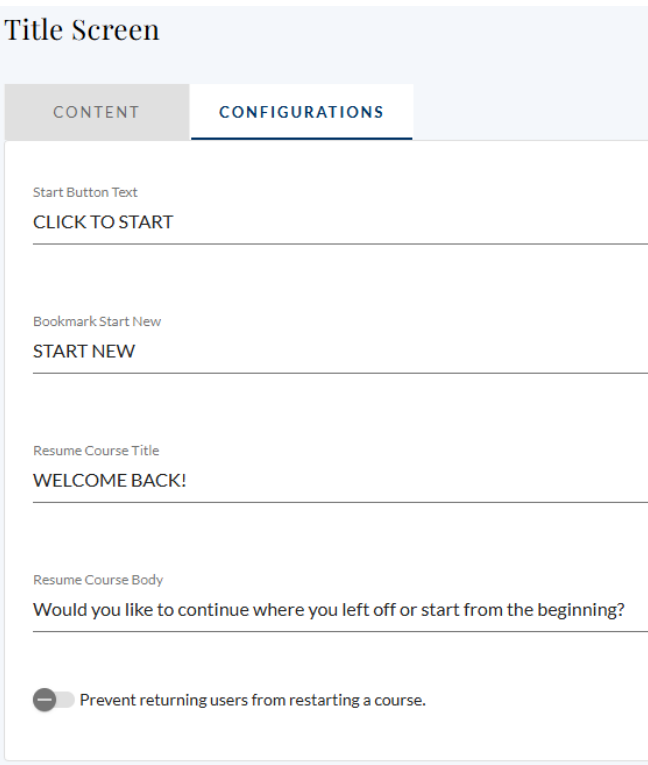
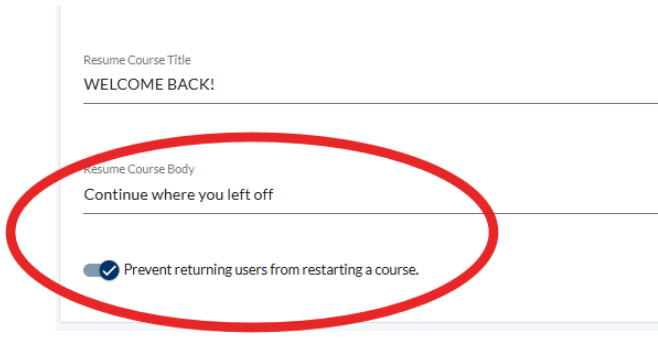
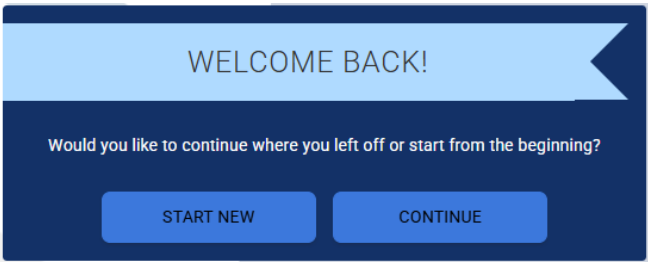
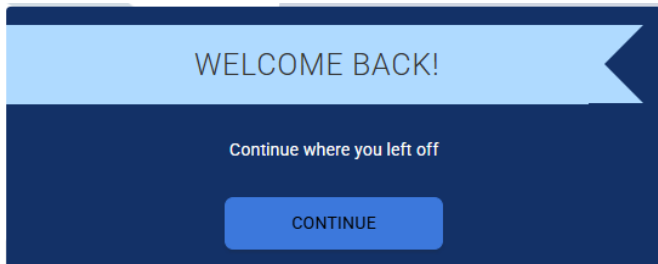
We have optimized the "Prevent Returning User to Start New Course" functionality, specifically for courses that utilize internal variables.

Why we have done this

Previously, courses containing complex variables could occasionally bypass restart prevention logic. This update ensures that your enrollment settings are respected regardless of the course's technical complexity.

How it works

The system now correctly evaluates the state of internal variables when a user returns to a course, ensuring the "Start New" option is only presented according to your specific configuration.

Navigate to the Title Screen of your course and click into the configurations tab	Toggle on the prevent returning users from restarting a course
	 All text can be personalised
Toggle off behavior in course player 	Toggle on behavior in course player 
Behavior - the course user can restart a course where they left it or restart the course again	Behavior - the course user can only restart a course where they left it. Useful if the course has a test out feature or the course is designed to test the current knowledge of the user.

Intuitive Navigation & UI Updates

What it is/What has Changed

We have introduced navigation arrows to in-course pop-ups and replaced the "Close (X)" icon in Card Flip feedback modals with a more descriptive journey-based icon.

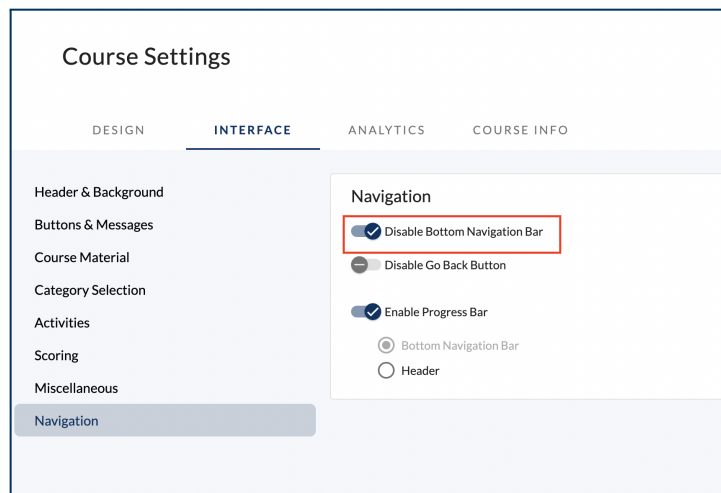
Why we have done this

To improve the "scent of information" for learners. Standardizing how users move through pop-ups and feedback loops reduces cognitive load and prevents users from feeling "stuck."

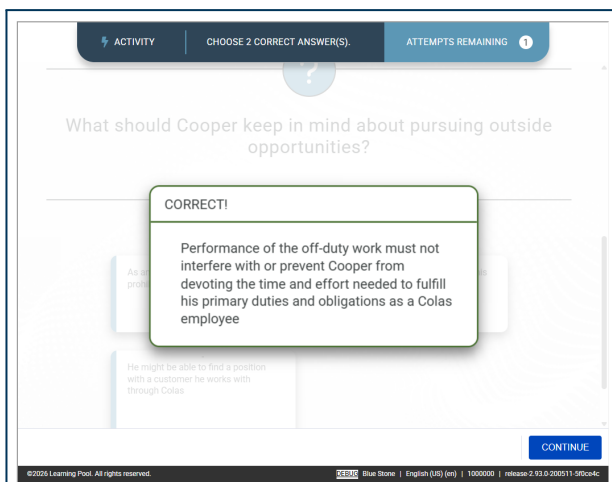
How it works

Learners will now see clear directional arrows when a pop-up contains multiple steps. Additionally, the updated feedback modal icon more clearly signals the next step in the learning journey.

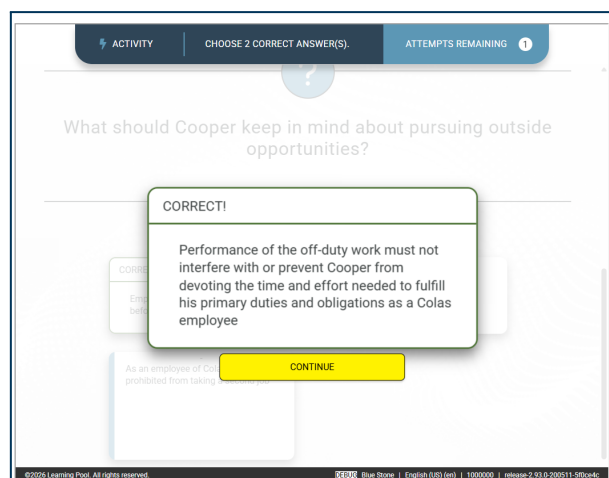
Within a flex slide navigate to Course Settings and the interface tab



Behavior - With the toggle off (usual behavior).



Behavior - With the toggle on (new behavior).



Bug Fixes and Workflow Wins

Interface Stability: Resolved a bug where the "Back" button was disabled in the Tools tab when viewing older course versions.

Mobile Precision: Fixed an issue where the Hotspot Tooltip was being covered by the Attempts Banner on mobile screens—feedback is now crystal clear on every device!

Navigation Fix: Squashed a bug in Scholar that prevented users from clicking the "Continue" button within specific Flex slides.

Clean Transitions: The "Translation Complete" pop-up will no longer incorrectly trigger when returning from the Version History screen.

The Engine Room: Security & Performance

- Security First: We have completed a massive security sweep, addressing over 15 WhiteSource policy matches. This includes Critical CVSS patches for the lodash and lodash-es libraries, ensuring your data remains in a vault.
- Speedy Automation: We have migrated our Admin Notifications and Cinematic Themes testing suites to Playwright.
 - Why? This makes our internal testing faster and more reliable, meaning we can ship new features to you with even higher confidence.
- System Maintenance: Updated the Jenkins test pipeline and patched foundational libraries like axios, socket.io, and formidable to keep the platform humming at peak performance.
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Future Developments

We are working on lots of new features and functionality including UI updates and a course review tool to make the authoring and workflows processes more intuitive and streamlined .

Find out more here: <https://learningpool.com/roadmaps/adaptive-authoring/>

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