5 Avenue to Learn Functions   
you may not know about!

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# [Intelligent Agents](https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/le/intelligent_agents/instructor/create_agent.htm?Highlight=intelligent%20agents)

## What is it?

Intelligent Agents monitor your Avenue course for conditions that you set to be met, which triggers a pre-set action. For example, Intelligent Agents can monitor for specific Content items to be opened or for learners to achieve a certain range of scores on a quiz. Once a condition has been met, the Intelligent Agent can send an email to the learner or complete another action of your choosing.

## How might I use it?

Intelligent Agents can be useful to provide customized feedback to learners that can guide their learning journey. Try sending a friendly reminder email to students if they haven’t submitted a quiz yet, or a congratulatory email to any students who achieved 85% or above on an online exam!

# [Broken Link Checker](https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/le/broken_link_viewer/admin/broken_link_viewer_intro.htm?tocpath=Administrators%7CBrightspace%7CSystem%20administration%7CFind%20and%20resolve%20broken%20links%7C_____0)

## What is it?

The Broken Link checker displays a list of all the links within a course that can no longer be accessed. Links may be broken because the original page has been removed, blocked, or otherwise cannot be accessed.

## How might I use it?

Use this list to show you where learners may face barriers accessing the materials for the course. Best practice would be to check for broken links prior to opening your course for students each semester. Within this tool, you can delete broken links, but in order to replace them with a correct link, you will need to go to that place in your Avenue course. For example, if a video link is broken in Module 1 of your Content, you will need to go to that module to replace the link.

# [Instructor Widget](https://avenuehelp.mcmaster.ca/exec/instructor-profile-widget/)

## What is it?

The Instructor Widget can be used on your course homepage to introduce yourself to your learners! The widget includes a photo, name, description, and contact links.

## How might I use it?

Use this widget to humanize your course and make it easier for learners to connect with you. Having a person’s face associated with the course promotes human connection and engagement. Providing a brief profile of your experience to build credibility with learners and including your contact information will help learners get in touch with you for support throughout the semester.

# [“Tools” Toggle Menu](https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/le/course_administration/instructor/change_status_of_tool.htm?Highlight=tool%20toggle)

## What is it?

The “Tools” menu under Course Admin allows you to control which items are visible in the dropdown menus of your Avenue course. Simplifying which tools are visible to learners can help streamline your course experience and make navigation simpler!

## How might I use it?

Toggle off tools that you aren’t using in your course to simplify the view for learners and make it easier to find the relevant aspects of the course. For example, if you’re not using the Blog tool, toggle it off and it won’t be visible in the Communications dropdown menu.

# [Student View](https://avenuehelp.mcmaster.ca/exec/role-switch/)

## What is it?

Student View previews the course as it would be viewable to a student in that moment. If certain items are hidden or set to release at a later date, these items will not be visible from Student View.

## How might I use it?

Use Student View prior to opening your course to students each semester. This is a means of doing quality assurance testing for learners, by allowing yourself to take note of anything that should be visible to students but is not. Generally, it’s a good idea to see your course through your learners’ eyes to better understand their needs or experiences. Ask yourself: Is it easy to find everything I need to get started in this course? If I were a student, would I know what’s expected of me?