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Assignment Suite Update

This update to the ALEKS assignment suite includes five new features:

- **Save for Later:** Students can start an assignment and then save it for later to complete before the due date.
- **Quick Retake:** Students can complete a quick retake of an assignment on only the problems they got wrong. After scoring 100% on the assignment, students can retake the assignment to practice all the questions again.
- **Save Settings:** Instructors can save their settings for an assignment category so that when they create a new assignment in that category, their pre-set settings will automatically appear.
- **Ability to Prevent Automatic Assessments:** This option was added to the Homework assignment settings. It was previously only available for quizzes and tests.
- **More Options on Quiz and Test:** Instructors will now have available to them the same options that have been available only on Homework assignments (i.e. worked example and ability to take an assignment multiple times).

The Assignment suite update is available for all Higher Ed courses in the Basic and Advanced Instructor Modules.

Save for Later

This option allows students to take a break from the current assignment they are working on and return to Learning Mode or switch to another assignment. NOTE: The “Save for Later” feature is not available if the assignment is timed.

Instructor Side

Instructors can access the option below “STEP 1: Name & Date” when creating or editing an assignment. Checking the box next to “Allow students to save this assignment for later and go back to Learning Mode” will display a button on the student interface that will allow students to save the assignment and return to it later.. This option is NOT checked by default.

New Homework

STEP 1: Name & Date

Name: Homework 10

Status: Enabled

Start Date: Jul 23 2012 7:57 pm

End Date: Aug 2 2012 11:59 pm

Location: Anywhere

Time Limit: 1:30

Allow students to save this assignment for later and go back to Learning Mode.

Publish this Homework to the student calendar

Allow student access to "Worked Example" while working on this Homework

Student Side

When the “Save for Later” option is enabled, students will see a message that says they can take a break while working on an assignment by clicking on the “Save for Later” button.

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Please read the following carefully.
When you are ready, click on "Start Homework".

Homework 1:

Things to remember for this Homework:

- You can take a break from this Homework and return to it at a later time by clicking on the 'Save for later' button;
- You can answer questions in any order you want - partial answers you type in will be saved;
- This Homework is due **today**;
- Use a calculator only when provided by ALEKS.

<< Back | Start Homework >>

Below is an example of the “Save for Later” button that students see while working on an assignment.

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Navigate questions by number
1 2 3 4 5

Submit Homework | Save for Later

Question #1 / 5 (1 point) [View Worked Example](#)

Subtract.

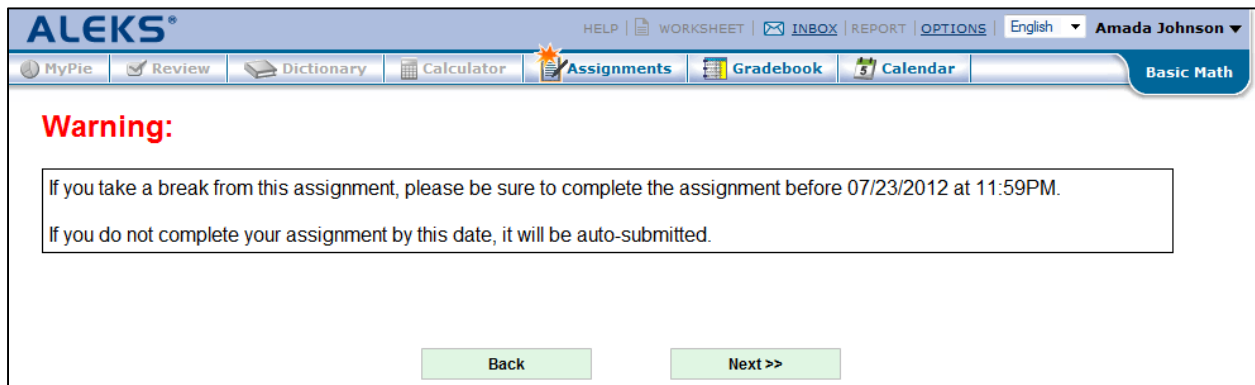
$$\begin{array}{r} 88 \\ - 37 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Clear Undo Help

Next Question >>

NOTE: If a student is working on question #3 and clicks on the “Save for Later” button, when she returns to the assignment, she will be taken back to question #1. If she enters answers for questions #1-3, those answers are saved and will appear in the answer input box.

After clicking on the “Save for Later” button, students will see a warning message that reminds them to complete the assignment before the due date and time displayed.



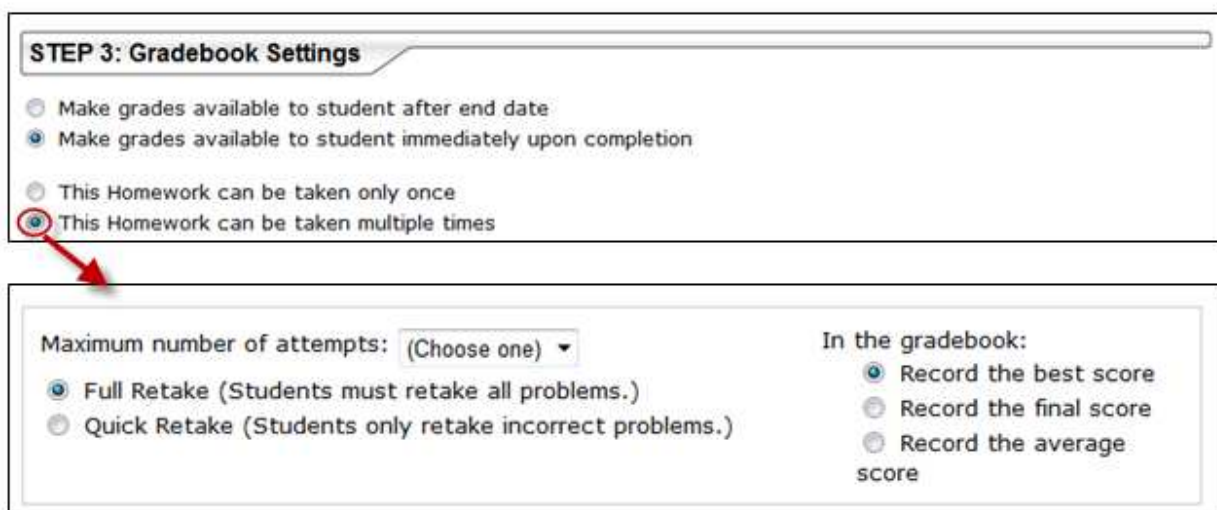
Quick Retake

This option allows instructors to set the number of times an assignment can be taken again. Only the questions the student answered incorrectly will appear on the assignment. After scoring 100% on the assignment, students can retake the assignment to practice all the questions again.

Instructor Side

Instructors can access the feature below “STEP 3: Gradebook Settings” when creating or editing an assignment. For this example, a new “Homework” assignment is created.

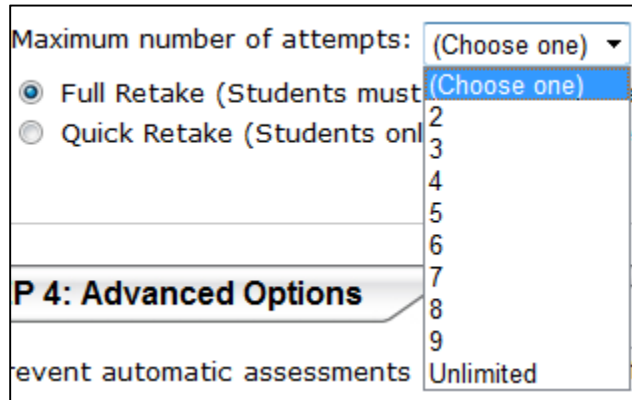
Instructors can select the “This homework can be taken multiple times” option. The box will expand and additional settings for the Quick Retake setting will be displayed.



Instructors have two retake options:

- **Full Retake – (default setting)** – Students must retake all problems on the assignment.
- **Quick Retake** – Students only retake the problems they answered incorrectly on the assignment. After scoring 100% on the assignment, students can retake the assignment to practice all the questions again

Instructors can select the maximum number of attempts that students can retake the assignment in the drop-down box. **“Unlimited” is the default setting.**



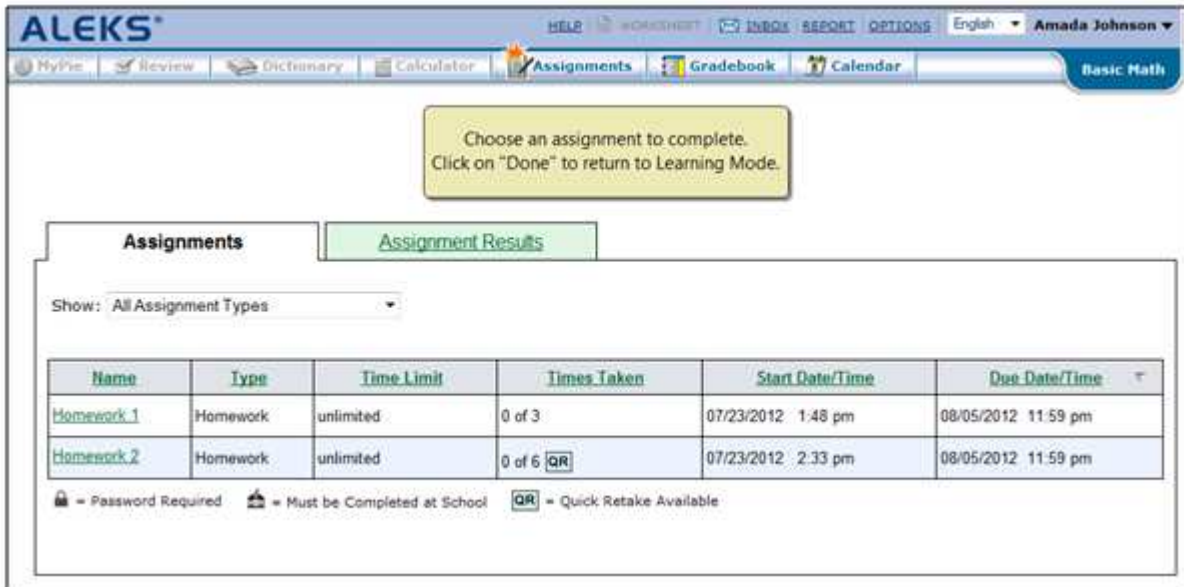
Instructors have three options for how students' grades are recorded in the gradebook:

- **Record the best score – (default setting).** The best score from all attempts on the assignment will be recorded in the gradebook.
- **Record the final score** – The score that was achieved on the last attempt of the assignment will be recorded in the gradebook.
- **Record the average score** – The average score of all attempts achieved on the assignment will be recorded in the gradebook.

Student Side

Full Retake Example

For assignments that have more than one attempt and Full Retake enabled, the maximum number of attempts that students can work on the assignment is displayed in the “Times Taken” column. For example, “Homework 1” has a maximum of three attempts whereas “Homework 3” has a maximum of 6 attempts.



Choose an assignment to complete.
Click on "Done" to return to Learning Mode.

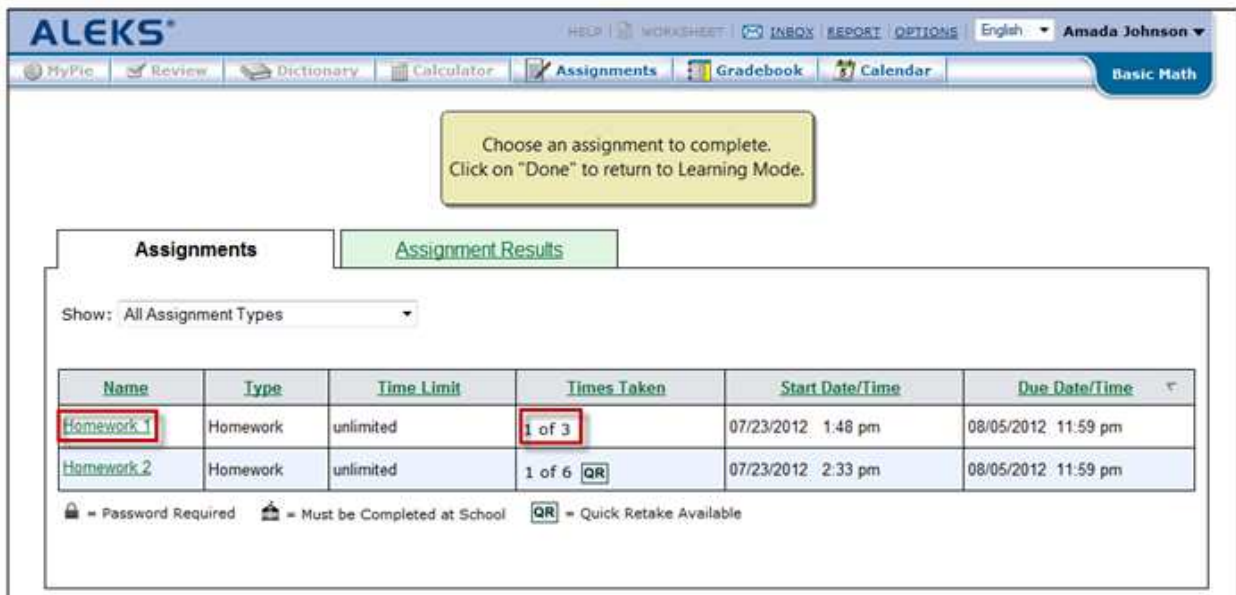
Assignments Assignment Results

Show: All Assignment Types

Name	Type	Time Limit	Times Taken	Start Date/Time	Due Date/Time
Homework 1	Homework	unlimited	0 of 3	07/23/2012 1:48 pm	08/05/2012 11:59 pm
Homework 2	Homework	unlimited	0 of 6 QR	07/23/2012 2:33 pm	08/05/2012 11:59 pm

= Password Required = Must be Completed at School **QR** = Quick Retake Available

In the screenshot below, the student has taken “Homework 1” “1 of 3” times. Clicking on the “Homework 1” link allows the student to attempt the assignment again.



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When the student attempts the assignment again, she will see that all questions appear on the assignment.

The screenshot shows the ALEKS interface for a math problem. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ALEKS logo and user information (Amada Johnson). Below the navigation bar, there are several tabs: MyPie, Review, Dictionary, Calculator, Assignments, Gradebook, and Calendar. The main content area shows a navigation box with buttons for questions 1 through 5, a 'Submit Homework' button, and a 'Save for Later' button. Below this, the question is identified as 'Question #1 / 5 (1 point)' with a 'View Worked Example' link. The problem is 'Subtract.' followed by a vertical subtraction problem: 58 minus 37. Below the problem is an input field and buttons for 'Clear', 'Undo', and 'Help'. At the bottom, there is a 'Next Question >>' button.

Quick Retake Example

For assignments that have Quick Retake enabled and more attempts are available, students will see a “QR” icon by the maximum number of attempts they can take the assignment. For instance, in the screenshot below, the student has taken “Homework 2” “3 of 6” times. Clicking on the “Homework 2” link, will allow the student to attempt the assignment again.

The screenshot shows the ALEKS interface for the 'Assignments' tab. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ALEKS logo and user information (Amada Johnson). Below the navigation bar, there are several tabs: MyPie, Review, Dictionary, Calculator, Assignments, Gradebook, and Calendar. The main content area shows a message box: 'Choose an assignment to complete. Click on "Done" to return to Learning Mode.' Below this, there is a section for 'Assignments' with a 'Show: All Assignment Types' dropdown. A table lists assignments with columns for Name, Type, Time Limit, Times Taken, Start Date/Time, and Due Date/Time. The table has two rows: 'Homework 1 (in progress)' and 'Homework 2'. The 'Homework 2' row is highlighted with a red box, and the 'Times Taken' column for 'Homework 2' shows '3 of 6 QR'. Below the table, there is a legend: a lock icon for 'Password Required', a school bag icon for 'Must be Completed at School', and a QR icon for 'Quick Retake Available'.

Name	Type	Time Limit	Times Taken	Start Date/Time	Due Date/Time
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Homework 2	Homework	unlimited	3 of 6 QR	07/23/2012 2:33 pm	08/05/2012 11:59 pm

When the student tries the assignment again, she will see that only the questions she answered incorrectly will be available. Questions that were answered correctly will be disabled and will appear in the color grey with a green checkmark above it. In the example below, the student will only need to answer questions one, four, and five.

After submitting the assignment, students can view their results. If the assignment has Quick Retake available and there are more attempts, a “Quick Retake” button will appear. The message in the yellow box lets students know that they can improve their grade by taking the assignment again. Clicking on the “Quick Retake” button will take students to the assignment.

Questions	Result	Points
1. Perimeter and area on a grid	Incorrect	0 of 1
2. Addition with carry to the hundreds place	Correct	1 of 1
3. Basic word problem using multiplication or division	Correct	1 of 1
4. Multiplication of large numbers	Correct	1 of 1
5. Subtraction with borrowing	Correct	1 of 1

NOTE: If students score 100% on the assignment and the assignment has Quick Retake available with more attempts, the message in the yellow box lets students know that they can retake the assignment to practice the questions again. Clicking on the “Quick Retake” button will take students to the assignment.

The screenshot shows the ALEKS Homework Report for Homework 8, submitted on 09/07/2012. The score is 100%. A yellow box contains the message: "Here are the detailed results for your Homework. Click on each question to view it along with the correct answer." Below this is a table of questions and results.

Questions	Result	Points
1. Finding the percent of a grid that is shaded	Correct	1 of 1
2. Estimating a product or quotient	Correct	1 of 1
3. Word problem using division	Correct	1 of 1
4. Quotient and remainder: Problem type 3	Correct	1 of 1
5. Multiplication as repeated addition	Correct	1 of 1
6. Addition of large numbers	Correct	1 of 1

Below the table, a yellow box states: "You can retake this assignment to practice the questions again." At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Quick Retake" and "Done".

When the student practices the assignment again, she can take all the questions.

The screenshot shows the ALEKS question interface for Question #1 / 5 (1 point). The question is a subtraction problem: $58 - 37$. The interface includes navigation buttons (1-5), "Submit Homework", "Save for Later", and "View Worked Example". Below the problem is an input field and buttons for "Clear", "Undo", and "Help". A "Next Question >>" button is at the bottom.

Save Settings

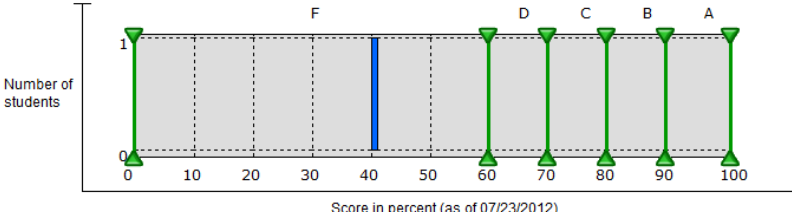
Instructors can save the settings they frequently use for an assignment category, making the creation of future assignments faster. They can do this by checking the box found below “STEP 5: Grading Scale.”

For example, an instructor creating a new homework assignment can check the box next to “Apply these settings to all future assignments created in the “Homework” category.” This will save the instructor time by applying these same default settings to future assignments. **NOTE:** Saving default settings excludes saving the assignment name, content, and the assignment start and end dates.

STEP 5: Grading Scale

To change the grading scale, drag the green bars to the desired percentages. Type in new grading terms to replace the letter grades, as needed.
(As the Homework is completed, results are tallied using blue bars.)

NOTE: To view student grades once this Homework is completed, select the Homework from the gradebook, click on the “view assignment gradebook” link, and view the Student Scores report.



Display Options:

- Do not show letter grades on reports
- Show letter grades on instructor reports only
- Show letter grades on instructor and student reports

Apply these settings to all future assignments created in the “Homework” category. (Excludes name, content, and start and end dates)

Ability to Prevent Automatic Assessments

This option is now available for the Homework setting. By default, automatic assessments are prevented from occurring up to 5 days before the assignment start date.

Prevent automatic assessments

up to 5 days before ▾

- the same day
- up to 1 day before
- up to 2 days before
- up to 3 days before
- up to 4 days before
- up to 5 days before**
- up to 6 days before
- up to 7 days before

More Options on Quiz and Test:

The following options were added to the Quiz and Test assignment settings:

- The time limit on quizzes and tests is now optional by default. Instructors can check the box and use the drop-down menu to select the time limit on an assignment.

Time Limit: 1 ▾ : 30 ▾

- Although not recommended for quizzes and tests, instructors can check this box if they want to allow students to take a break from an assignment.

Allow students to save this assignment for later and go back to Learning Mode. (Not recommended)

- Although not recommended for quizzes and tests, instructors can check this box if they want to allow students access to worked examples while working on an assignment.

Allow student access to "Worked Example" while working on this test (Not recommended)

- Quizzes and tests can be taken multiple times.

This test can be taken only once
 This test can be taken multiple times