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## January 2026 (2601)

### Item Assist

#### New: Item refinement

Writers and reviewers can refine question content, response options, or item metadata in ExamDeveloper using the new **refinement** feature of Item Assist. If an item type is configured and enabled for Item Assist, both manually authored items and AI-generated items of that type can be refined.

① A new revision of an item will be created each time a refinement is saved.

## Additional blueprint levels supported

In the Item Assist prompt editor, blueprint placeholders no longer use static node name values. Instead, they dynamically reflect the node names configured in the project. This update enables prompts to support three or more blueprint levels if applicable to the project. Additionally, managers can configure blueprint levels to be included in the ragContext parameter sent to the LLM service.

## Search

### Additional search filters

Two filters were added to the Search page:

- **Review state** filters by the item's current review workflow status in the ExamDeveloper project. (This could be "Default" or a custom review status such as "Peer Review"). ⓘ This filter is only available for Project views; it is not available for Item Bank views.
- **Written by** filters by the last name of the user(s) who wrote the item. Any users that have written an item within the project, including disabled users, will be available to select in the list of options. ⓘ Items can be editable or viewable within the project.

## Authoring

### Spell check functionality

Spell check functionality is now enabled within content fields in the Authoring editor. A red underline will be displayed beneath words identified as being misspelled. Right-click the underlined word to select a suggested spelling, ignore that instance of the spelling, or ignore all instances of the spelling.

### Open book" PDF attribute

The "open book" option for PDF assets is now available in Authoring. When a PDF is added to an item, the author can right-click the PDF icon to access the new PDF attributes and enable the **Material Copy PDF Text** option. When this option

is enabled, candidates can copy and paste content from the PDF into their response during exam delivery.

## Case permissions

The following updates to case permissions were implemented for Authoring projects:

- The overall case permission includes **Create Cases** and **Review Cases**. **View Cases** is *not* an option for Authoring projects.
- Users with **Create Cases** can create new groups of items to be delivered as a case.
- Users with **Review Cases** can order/reorder questions on the case, remove questions from the case, and change the title of the case.
- Users who are assigned to questions within a case can see the entire case, but they can only interact with their assigned questions.

## Case history

You can now view a case's history in the **Case** panel in Authoring. The history will include changes to the case title and a record of items that were added or removed.

## Show source language as exhibits for translated items

The **Export Default Language Items as Exhibits** option in the QTI Builder is now available for Authoring projects. This option allows you to export default language items as exhibits. For example, if the option is enabled in the QTI and an item's source language is English but delivered in Spanish, a **Click for translation** button displays the English translation of the item to candidates during exam delivery.

## Batch edit "delivery settings"

**Delivery settings** were added to the **Batch Edit** options for Authoring projects. Project managers can select items from search results on the **Manage > Project**

**Bank** page and batch edit applicable delivery settings such as Shuffle response, Response confirmation, Calculator, etc.

- ❶ Some item templates do not use all delivery settings. Any settings that do not apply to a given item will not be updated.

## February 2026 (2602)

### Search

#### Preview items from the Search page

We added the ability to preview items from the new Search page. The **Preview** option is found in the **Batch actions** menu where you can also copy IDs and export search results. You can preview up to 1000 items in a single batch. However, If you select a large number of items that requires more than 30 seconds to load, the preview will be sent to the Queue page.

- ❶ You can navigate away from the Queue page while the preview generates, and a notification will be shown in ExamDeveloper when the file is ready. However, once you access your preview you cannot access it again.

#### "Comment" search type, filters, and columns

We added a **Comment** search type that allows you to search by words or phrases included in item comments, using the same operators that apply to **Content** searches (AND, OR, NOT).

Along with this change, you can filter searches by **Comment flag** or **Comment date** (the date a comment was added). A **Comments** column was also added to search views which displays the comment flag, comment text, user name, and date.

### Authoring

#### Submit options for cases (Authoring projects)

We added an option to submit either a single item in a case or the entire case at once. Previously, you could not submit a single item; you could only submit the entire case. (Note: this change only applies to cases using VUE item templates.)

- When submitting an *entire case*, routine validations will run on all items and any errors will be presented. You must resolve all presented errors before submitting the case.
- When submitting an *entire case*, all exhibits used by items in the case will also be submitted.
- When submitting a *single item*, only the exhibit used by the item will be submitted.

## Delete cases

We added the ability to delete cases from the new Assignments page.

- Project managers can delete any case.
- Users with the "Create Cases" permission can delete only cases they created.
- Users with the "Review Cases" permission will not see the delete option.

## Modified options for adding items with exhibits to a case

When you attempt to add a question to a case that contains exhibits, you will now be prompted to either add the question and any associated exhibits or decline to add the item altogether. (Previously, you were prompted to retain or remove any associated exhibits from an item.)

## Modified options for deleting exhibits from a case

When an exhibit is removed from a case, that exhibit is removed from all questions on the case where the exhibit is used. We added a new prompt that is presented when attempting to delete an exhibit from a case. The prompt informs you that other questions will be impacted if you remove the exhibit.

Or, if you do not have editing rights to other questions that are using the exhibit, you will not be allowed to remove the exhibit at all. However, you can still de-

select the **Used** checkbox in the Case panel to remove the exhibit from items that you have permission to edit.

### Indicator for view-only items in a case

An eye icon (also known as a "viewable" indicator) will be displayed in the **Case** panel in Authoring for any items that cannot be edited by the current user. For example, when a reviewer is working on a case but is only permitted to edit some items, the eye icon will indicate which items are view-only (cannot be edited).

### Deprecated case permissions

We are deprecating the following permissions within Authoring: **View Cases**, **Set Standard**, and **Preview Questions**. If preview is enabled for a project, all users with access to the project will be able to preview questions. If a role currently has the **Preview Questions** permission it will be removed, and any users will be able to preview items in an item bank with preview enabled.

### Import "delivery settings"

We added the ability to import item content with **delivery settings** in Authoring via QTI and JSON import. (Delivery settings are known as "advanced properties" in legacy projects.)

## March 2026 (2603)

### ExamDeveloper APIs

#### New: Project and Item Bank JSON APIs

Two additional options for accessing on-demand data via ExamDeveloper APIs are now available: an **Item Bank JSON** and a **Project JSON**. The output for both APIs will match the corresponding files that are currently exported with the JSON output of the Custom Report (*itembank.json* and *project.json*).

- The Project JSON includes information specific to the project such as review states and project IDs.

- The Item Bank JSON includes information specific to the item bank including all defined languages and configurations. **Note:** The JSON has been updated to include a list of all project IDs and the project names that are associated with the item bank.

## Authoring

### JSON export of Custom Report (Authoring projects)

Previously, the Custom Report did not separate **content** from **key**, so any time you exported content the key was also exported. Or, if you attempted to export just the key without the content, none of the associated data would be exported. We updated the JSON output of this report to allow the export of only the content, only the key, or both the content and key.

### New: Asset enhancements

We added the following capabilities for assets attached to Authoring items:

- the option to upload new assets directly in the Authoring editor when authoring items (previously, new assets were uploaded to the asset library before they could be added to an item)
  - a new **Full view** option that allows you to preview certain asset types (audio, video, and documents)
  - the ability to download a copy of any asset attached to an item
- ❶ The following asset types are *no longer supported*: BMP, TGA, TIF, EPS, AVI, WMV, FLV, F4W, SWF, ODG, and XLS.

### New: Response option sorting for multiple choice items

Item authors can now sort response options in multiple choice items by A-Z, Z-A, longest to shortest, or shortest to longest. They can also choose "Randomize" to sort options in a random order. The new **Sort** menu is located below the list of response options for the item.

- ❶ Sorting is available for all multiple choice item types *except for* Grid multiple choice items.

## Preview options for cases

You can now preview a single item in a case or the entire case as a group (all items in the case). A new **Preview case** option will launch the entire case for preview. (The existing **Preview** option will continue to launch a preview for only the item currently in focus.)

## Essay migration validations

When attempting to migrate Essay items from the legacy editor to Authoring, any items that do not match in structure will be prevented from migrating. For example, if the number or type of content components or essay response boxes don't match between the legacy and Authoring templates, those items will not be migrated.

# April 2026 (2604)

## Authoring

### New: Variables for content randomization

We introduced the ability to use **variables** within item content, which randomizes variables such as names and numbers in the item stem. Item bank managers add a list of approved values for each variable that can be used as replacements, and authors add the variables to the item content.

For example, if an item bank manager creates a variable "first.name" with the replacement values of "Bob", "Sally", and "Tiger", and another variable "trial.number" with the values "1", "2", and "3", an author can add those variables within the item content. For example, the stem could be: "If **[first.name]** is reviewing lab results and must report the findings from Trial **[trial.number]**, which data should be included in the lab report?" Upon delivery of the exam, the item stem will randomly display one of the values for each variable so that candidates see different versions of the question.

- ① In a given item, the *same replacement value* is used for each variable. For example, if "Sally" is randomly selected for the **first.name** variable in item

123456, "Sally" will be used wherever the **first.name** variable is present in item 123456. This rule also applies across items that are part of a case (when cases are exported as sections). So "Sally" would be used for the **first.name** variable in *all items* that are part of a given case/section.

- ① The **itembank.json** will also be updated to show variables created at the item bank level.

## Advanced toolbar (Essay templates)

An updated menu in the Essay toolbar will be shown in item previews and exam delivery for Essay response boxes that utilize the **Advanced** toolbar.

- ① Project managers can now enable a template setting that allows authors to change the toolbar settings when editing an item.

## Deleted items reflected in case history

If an item is deleted and was used previously in an Authoring case, users will see a banner message indicating that the item is no longer part of the project. Since the item was deleted, the content cannot be shown in the case history.

## Preview cases from the Assignments dashboard

Users with access to the updated **Assignments** page can preview a case directly from the **Cases** tab.

## Indicator for view-only items that are shared with a case

An eye icon (or "viewable" indicator) is displayed in the **Case** panel for any *shared* items that cannot be edited by the current user. For example, when a reviewer is working on a case with shared items but is only permitted to edit some of those items, the eye icon will indicate which items are view-only.

## "Write case" button hidden based on project configurations

The **Write case** button is hidden if project configurations do not allow users to write outside of their assignment. If the project configuration only allows users to write within their assignment, they will not have the option to write a new case.

## Exam export

### Asynchronous export of exams

All exported exams will be sent to the Queue page (**Manage > Queue**). This allows you to leave the page after exporting an exam instead of waiting for the file to generate, which will save time when working with large exams. If you leave the page after exporting, a notification will be shown when the file is ready. The Queue page will display an **Exam form QTI** link to download the file, and an error report will be included if any errors occurred during the export.

## Item Assist

### Rationales generated with item refinement

Rationales can be generated or updated using the refinement feature in Item Assist. For example, if a rationale was previously generated with an item, you can update the rationale for that item in the Refinement panel. Or, if a manually written item does not yet have a rationale, you can generate one by refining the item with Item Assist.

❶ "Rationale" metadata must be configured for the project.

## Reporting

### Project manager reflected in user tracking information (JSON)

If a project manager directly changes the state of an item (outside of the review workflow), it was not reflected in the JSON output. A new addition to the **userTrackingInformation** JSON array now reflects project manager state changes. If the project manager changes the state as part of a review workflow, the state change will be tracked in both the **reviewers** array(s) and the **manager** array.

## Search

### "Translation group ID" search type

A new **Translation group ID** search type allows project managers to search for items that are linked to the same translation group and verify what translations exist for the group. For example, say an item bank has a translation group named 123456 that contains an English item with the unique ID 123456 and a French item with the unique ID 456789. German is a language option in the bank, but this item has not been translated to German. If a project manager searches for translation group ID 123456, the returned search results will show columns with the following values:

| Translation group ID | English | French | German |
|----------------------|---------|--------|--------|
| 123456               | 123456  | 456789 |        |

### "Case" filter and column

A new **Case** filter allows you to filter search results for items that are either part of a case or not part of a case. You can filter by specific cases by selecting the case ID or case name, or filter for all items that are part of any case.

### "Written date" filter

A new **Written date** filter allows you to filter items in search results by the date the item was first written or imported into ExamDeveloper.

### "Delivery settings" columns

**Delivery settings** can be added to search views. This displays the current “delivery settings” for items in Authoring (known as “advanced properties” in legacy projects). Adding this option to the search results will display eight columns, one for each delivery setting (Title, Calculator, Enumerated, etc.). If no values are set for the item, the column value will be blank in the search results.

### "Collections", "Sections", and "Forms" columns

**Collections**, **Sections**, and **Forms** can be added as separate columns to search views. This presents information similar to the legacy search custom report.

## May 2026 (2605)

### Enemy detection

#### **New: Enemy detection**

We are introducing a new **Enemy detection** feature that allows project managers to run an enemy check on a group of items. The results of an enemy check identify pairs of similar items that are potential enemies, and those pairs can be confirmed as enemies or not enemies. Project managers can specify which items will be evaluated and what similarity index (cosine) to analyze the items against. If two items are marked as 'not enemies', the pair will be stored in the non-enemies database and will not be flagged in future checks unless either item is modified.

- The following item templates will be supported for enemy detection starting with the **2606** release: Inline drag and drop, Multiple choice one correct – multiple response, Multiple choice with passage (one correct, multiple correct), Selectable text, Audio capture, Audio capture w/ video
- The following item templates are *not* supported for enemy detection: External QTI, Workspace, R-type (legacy), Compound (legacy)

### Authoring

#### **Weighted scoring**

Weighted scoring is enabled at the item level for the following templates when the scoring type is set to dichotomous: Drop down, Fill-in-the-blank, Ordered list, Inline drag and drop, all multiple choice and grid multiple choice templates, and external scoring and unique word list scoring for Essay templates.

#### **Revision comparison for weighted scoring**

Changes to an item's scoring weight will be shown in revision comparison mode when applicable. When comparing revisions of an item, you can see when an item's weight was added, removed, or changed.

## Delete and replace a spreadsheet (Spreadsheet templates)

You can now delete a spreadsheet and replace it with a new file (if the Spreadsheet item template allows authors to upload a spreadsheet from assets instead of only using the default spreadsheet created by the test driver).

# June 2026 (2606)

## Item translation

### New: Item translation

We are introducing the ability to translate items into multiple languages using AI-powered translation services. Once an item is translated, the source item will be locked to prevent further edits to ensure consistency across all language versions.

- In the initial release, translation will be available only for **Multiple Choice – One Correct** template items.
- The content glossary will not yet be supported (coming in a future release).
- Items in a Draft, Imported, or Obsolete state cannot be translated.
- Translation for items in a case will be enhanced in a future release. For now, translated case content will be handled as individual items linked to the source item, rather than as translated cases.

## Item Assist

### Updates to the Item Assist Prompt editor

Placeholders for metadata and additional author prompts will no longer be automatically appended to the default **Content generation** prompt for new projects. Similarly, metadata placeholders will not be prepended to the default **Content refinement** prompt. These placeholders must be added manually if they need to be included in the final prompt sent to Item Assist for item generation or refinement.

Additionally, Blueprint areas on the **Content generation** tab are now displayed as generic node level identifiers ("Level 1", "Level 2", etc.) instead of project-specific node names ("task", "subtask", etc.). To ensure backward compatibility, existing prompts using `{{<$<blueprint node name>>}}` continue to work. To adopt the new format in existing prompts, you must manually update the blueprint placeholders.

## Authoring

### **“Set at item level” template configuration (select templates only)**

To improve item migration efficiency, a new **Set at item level** option has been added to the following settings in Drag and drop, Hot spot/Hot area, and Spreadsheet item templates:

- **Drag and drop:** Token/Target, Scoring rules
- **Hot spot/Hot area:** Response type
- **Spreadsheet:** Spreadsheet type

When **Set at item level** is enabled, authors will be *required* to configure the affected setting(s) before submitting any items authored with the affected template.

## Exam forms

### **"Published" form is now "locked" form**

The name for the action of publishing a form has been changed to "Lock" and "Unlock". Project managers or users with the *Publish Exam* permission (changed to *Lock Exam*) will be able to lock or unlock a form. 'Locking' a form locks down revisions of items seen on that form as well as the version of the QTI to be exported. Users can unlock the form which will allow new versions of content to become available and the QTI settings to be changed.

# July 2026 (2607)

## ExamDeveloper APIs

### New permissions for access tokens

New permissions can now be created for the **Access token** page. These permissions can be granted to users who do not need access to ExamDeveloper to write items, such as technical exports who handle database backups or analysis. The new permissions only allow users to access APIs on the **Access token** page in ExamDeveloper; they will not be able to create questions, search for items, etc. However, depending on the permission (API service account or API service account NC\*), they will be able to export content made available via the access tokens. \*Note: NC = no content.

### Asynchronous export (Question and All Data APIs)

An asynchronous format is now available for the **Question** and **Question All Data** exports that are generated using ExamDeveloper APIs. Users with API tokens can use the asynchronous format to request larger data sets from these two APIs when connecting via locally installed tools such as Visual Studio Code or Excel (OData for the Question API or Web connection for the All Data API). Once the requested data is generated, you can refresh it within your chosen tool and the larger data set will sync/be retrieved.

## Review forms

### New: "Review forms" (Authoring editor only)

We've added a new feature that allows ExamDeveloper project managers to assign forms to users with the **Take Exam** permission. Users with this permission can preview the forms they are assigned to. Once **End exam** is clicked in the preview, the results will be sent to ExamDeveloper for project manager review.

- Users can start or resume a preview from the **Assignments** page.
- The **Take Exam** permission will be available to assign to users on a new **Assignment management** page.

- A *manifest.json* file, similar to the *manifest.xml*, will be included in the preview result output to support the updated preview service integration.
- A new **Reviewers** tab will organize expandable results by reviewer name with sortable columns (ID, form name, username, start/completion dates) and a "New" label for results received within the last 14 days. Each reviewer's results can be viewed in more detail to show their individual results and interaction history. ⓘ An **Exams** tab will be present but displayed as "coming soon" for this release.

## Item Assist

### Support for Essay and Display items

Item Assist previously supported only the **Multiple choice – one correct** item type. With this release, support expands to **Essay** and **Display** item types — enabling AI-assisted generation and refinement for these formats using the same workflow. **Note:** Refinement for Essay items will be available starting with the 2608 release.

For managers:

- Configure **Essay** and **Display** item types from Manage → Settings → Item Assist → General settings
- Set defaults and manage prompts per item type via the enhanced Prompt editor

For authors:

- Select **Essay** or **Display** as the item type when generating items with Item Assist (AI-generated items include structured content, book references, and rationale metadata)
- Refine generated items using the existing Refinement feature

Out of scope (for initial release)

- Multiple content components (one content component + one label only)
- Exhibits, media, and delivery settings

## Preview prompts in Authoring

A new **Prompt Preview** button allows authors to see the exact prompt being sent to Item Assist before generating content. The new button is located next to the **Generate** button on the Item Assist page in Authoring.

## Update RAG context in Authoring

Authors and project managers will be able to view and edit the RAG context based on the blueprint level selection when generating items with Item Assist. This promotes greater control over the knowledge base context that is sent to Item Assist when generating items.

## Warnings for unused metadata and author prompts

When generating items via Item Assist, a dismissible warning will appear if configured metadata or additional author prompts are not used in the prompt. Users will also see a warning when refining items with Item Assist if any configured metadata is not referenced in the prompt.

## Author selections saved during a session

When generating items with Item Assist, selections made by authors — such as item type, count, blueprint, RAG context, metadata, and additional author inputs — will now persist throughout their current session. This means they won't need to re-enter those details each time an item or set of items is generated (during the same session). Note that opening a new tab or changing the current item bank or project will start a new session.

## Updated blueprint configuration settings

Project managers can now configure how deep Item Assist searches for blueprint hierarchies when querying the knowledge base. On the **General settings** page in Item Assist, managers can select **All levels**, **Lowest level only**, or **Lowest N levels** where "N" creates one or more dynamic options based on the project blueprint depth. This selection controls how much of the blueprint hierarchy is sent as search context to Item Assist (i.e., the RAG context) when

authors generate or refine items, relative to wherever the author clicks in the blueprint tree.

- ❶ This change only affects the RAG context used when searching the project knowledge base during item generation or refinement; it does not impact the blueprint defined on the Prompt page.

## Enemy detection

### New: Enemy detection enhancements

The following enhancements have been added to the **Enemy detection** feature:

- A change log that tracks updates to stop words
- Summary information regarding why a potential pair may be enemies (displayed in the **Similarity criteria** banner when reviewing pairs)
- Enemy checks by exam form or collection
- A new **Asset name** column showing media assets applied to each item in the enemy results table

## Authoring

### New: "Return" and "Advance" Buttons for standalone questions

When reviewing 'standalone' questions that are not part of a case, separate **Return** and **Advance** buttons are now available instead of a single **Submit** button, similar to the existing legacy workflow.

### Spreadsheet asset revision comparison

You can now see file changes in item revision comparisons when a spreadsheet asset has been updated.

### Item "restore" now includes delivery settings

The **Restore** feature now preserves delivery settings when restoring item content to a previous revision. If delivery settings don't exist for that revision, the template-level defaults will be applied.

## Microsoft Word export with grouped cases and exhibits

A new export option for cases created in the Authoring editor groups cases with their associated exhibits in Word documents, clearly labeling which exhibits apply to each question for easier offline review.

## Inline drag-and-drop — label display fix

Inline drag-and-drop item labels now display correctly in Preview delivery, ensuring all response text is fully visible without being cut off or wrapping improperly.

## Template migration

### Improved import support for Items with “Set at item level” template configured

Import for Drag and drop, Hot spot/Hot area, and Spreadsheet items via JSON or QTI now handles template settings configured to be set at the item level. When a template setting is set to **Set at the item level**, imported items will carry over the original item-level values from the legacy system rather than applying them to the template. The setting will appear as required for the item, and authors must provide a value before the item can be moved to a submitted state.

 If legacy data for a setting is missing or empty, the item will still be imported successfully.

## August 2026 (2608)

### Key concealment

#### New: Show/hide answer during item review

A new **Show answer** toggle allows project managers to conceal answer keys when reviewing or viewing items with SMEs and other stakeholders. Managers can also choose to reveal keys on demand without leaving the review workflow or entering Preview mode.

- When enabled for a project, each item loads with the key hidden by default. Project managers can reveal the key on demand using the **Show answer** toggle.
- When navigating between items, the key resets to hidden, ensuring keys are not unintentionally revealed.
- When the toggle is turned off or the item enters **edit** mode, the key will be revealed for that item.

This phase will only support **multiple choice questions** (all variations); additional item types will be supported with the 2609 release.

### Search

#### "Enemies" filter

A new **Enemies** filter allows you to specify how enemy relationships are returned in search results. The filter has two options; you can show *all* enemies for each item, even if the enemy items are not contained in the refined search results (the default behavior) or show only enemies that are also contained within the refined results. For example, with the second option, if you perform a refined search and 10 items are returned, only those 10 items will be included in the Enemies column — even if one of the items has additional enemies that are not included in the refined search results.

**Note:** The Enemies column is not added to default search views; it must be added to your search view when you use the Enemies filter.

## "Asset" filters and columns

Two new columns are available on the **Search** page to provide details about assets used in items:

- **Asset name:** a single column that displays all assets used in an item. The column includes assets used in content components, response options, and background images, as well as images used within text components.
- **Asset indicator:** displays an asset indicator icon for items that contain an asset. When added to a search view, the **Asset** column is displayed in the search results and an asset indicator icon is shown for any item that contains an asset.

In addition to columns, a new **Asset filter** will be added to refine search results for items that contain certain assets. You can search for all items with assets, items with no assets, or a particular asset type (e.g., MP4) or name (e.g., Video1.mp4).

## "Other blueprints" column

A new **Other blueprints** column is available. This column shows additional blueprints configured for the item bank.

## Delivery settings available as individual columns

**Delivery settings** (e.g., Calculator, Enumerated, Shuffle Response, etc.) are now available as individual columns in search results. This means you can now add each delivery setting as a single column rather than adding all or none of the delivery settings columns.

## Additional updates

The following additional updates were made to the **Search** page:

- To help improve page load times for larger item banks, search no longer loads items automatically when the page is launched. You must click **Search** to retrieve results.

- The search results grid has been updated so that the top row is frozen/always visible when scrolling through results.
- You can now choose how many rows to display per page in search results, making it easier to browse large result sets.
- **Translation Group ID** search now respects user permissions, enabling item bank and project managers to view and access items based on their project-level access rights.

## ExamDeveloper APIs

### New "Statistics" API

A **Statistics** API is now available from the **Access token** page, allowing you to retrieve statistics data for all items in a project.

## Item Assist

### Upgraded Item Assist LLM

Item Assist's LLM and default prompts will be upgraded from GPT-5 to GPT 5.5. This upgrade will only impact new projects; existing projects will continue to use GPT -5. **Note:** other models are available upon request.

### "Blueprint required" setting enabled by default

The **Blueprint required** setting is now enabled by default when configuring new projects for Item Assist, ensuring authors must follow the configured blueprint structure. (The setting can still be disabled if needed.)

### Mismatch error for blueprint placeholder prompts

An error message will now be displayed when blueprint, metadata, or additional author prompt placeholders in the prompt editor text do not match the configured capsules (displayed in the right panel of the prompt editor), helping authors to be aware of potential configuration issues.

### Changes to item generation limit

The maximum number of items that can be generated in a single Item Assist request has been changed to improve performance.

## Authoring

### Dynamic text for Authoring editor templates

**Dynamic text** has been added as an option in Authoring item template settings. If this setting is enabled for a template, authors can add dynamic text to the text components of items. (Dynamic text allows you to insert predefined scripts in certain text components. When an item contains dynamic text, the content changes automatically during exam delivery based on the script.)

### "Review form" available for legacy projects

**Review form** functionality is now available for legacy editor projects, enabling project managers to assign users with the **Take exam** permission to review a form.

### "Review form" assignment email notifications

Assignment notification emails can be sent for **Review form** assignments, keeping reviewers informed when new work is assigned to them.

### "Item weight" updates

The following updates were made to the **Item weight** setting:

- Project managers can now view and edit item weight regardless of the template settings.
- The Item weight drop-down in Authoring is now left-aligned with other item content component fields (such as the stem).

### Validation for variable names

Validation rules have been added to ensure variable names and properties begin with an underscore or alphabetic character, preventing errors from invalid naming conventions.

## **Hot Spot/Hot Area drawing boundary fix**

The **Hot spot/Hot area** template no longer allows users to draw outside the designated response area (which could cause scoring errors).

## **Hot keys QTI setting honored for Authoring items**

The QTI hot keys setting is now correctly applied when authoring items, resolving an issue where keyboard shortcuts were not being honored in some environments.

## **Math equations honor item bank font setting and equation configurations**

Math equations in the Authoring equation editor now default to the font face and point size defined at the item bank level, ensuring consistent formatting. Users can still manually override within the editor. Equation items will also respect the item bank's equation configuration settings, providing consistent behavior with project-level rules.

## **General updates**

### **Username character limit increased to 50**

The maximum ExamDeveloper username length has been increased from 25 to 50 characters, aligning with Navigator requirements. This resolves an issue where administrators were unable to create or modify user accounts with usernames longer than 25 characters. The minimum length of 5 characters and all other username rules remain unchanged.

### **Updated look/feel in ExamDeveloper**

The user interface for newer ExamDeveloper pages (such as Access token, Enemy detection, Manage variables, etc.) has been updated to reflect new Pearson branding. Functionality is expected to remain the same, but pages will have a new appearance and style. Side navigation icons have also been updated for improved visual clarity and consistency across the application.

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## Item Assist

### "Multiple choice – Multiple correct" content generation

Item Assist now supports the **Multiple choice – Multiple correct** item type, enabling AI-assisted content generation for questions with more than one correct answer.

## Search

### New: Search by Exhibit ID

**Exhibit ID** search is now available. This search type allows you to refine search results for items that use the same exhibit. For example, a search for Exhibit ID 987654 will return items that use 987654 as an exhibit. If the **Exhibit reference** column is included in the search view, you can see the IDs of any exhibits that are referenced in the item and how each exhibit is used (split screen or popup). An example is shown below:

| Item ID | Exhibit reference   |
|---------|---------------------|
| 123456  | SplitScreen: 987654 |
| 56789   | Popup: 572015       |

## Item templates

### Option-level scoring for Multiple choice – Multiple correct items

Custom weights can be set per response option for **Multiple choice – Multiple correct** items when the template uses a new scoring rule, "Multiple option sum". When authoring an item that uses this scoring rule, a **Score** field appears next to each response option, allowing you to assign an individual weight to each one. During exam delivery, a candidate earns the sum of the correct options they choose. Weights assigned to incorrect options are ignored and do not affect the candidate's score.

## Access tokens

### Password protection for API documentation page (Swagger)

Password protection has been added to the API documentation page (Swagger) to restrict access to authorized users only.

## Authoring

### Spell check enhancements

Spell check has been updated for Authoring projects. In addition to reviewing individual misspellings within text components, you now have the option to open a spell checker modal to review all identified misspellings at once.

### Hide blueprint and references for Display items

**Display** items opened in the Authoring editor will now hide the **Blueprint** and **References** panels to provide a cleaner editing view for display content.

### "Submit all" update for cases

When editing a case, if you choose **Submit all** and do not have editing rights to all questions in the case, only the items you can edit will be submitted.

### Review assignments open in View mode

Review assignments now open in View mode by default, preventing accidental edits. You can switch to Edit mode when ready to make changes.

### Advance/Return buttons not shown from Search

Project managers will only see the **Advance** and **Return** buttons when accessing items as part of a **review** assignment. When accessing items from search, they can see **Edit/More** options.

## General updates

### Other applications open in a new tab

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Other applications now open in a new browser tab from the Navigator portal, allowing you to keep your place in ExamDeveloper while viewing other tools.