

# What's changing from Bridges/Sakai 10 to the 'New' Bridges/Sakai 11?

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## Fresh & responsive interface

The 'New' Bridges features a sleeker, more modern look with redesigned menus and a responsive interface that allows you to easily work on Bridges from any device: desktop, mobile, or tablet. With the interface change, however, some of the features you commonly use may be found in a different place, explained in three topics below:

- **Accessing sites:** learn about the newly designed site drawer, which allows you to easily create new sites, as well as "favorite" sites to place them in your top navigation menu.
- **Navigating your site:** review how to enter student view, move through tools and pages easily, and collapse/expand the menu.
- **Managing your site:** check out new features in Resources and slight tweaks to the Site Info tool to make maintaining and updating your sites easier than ever.

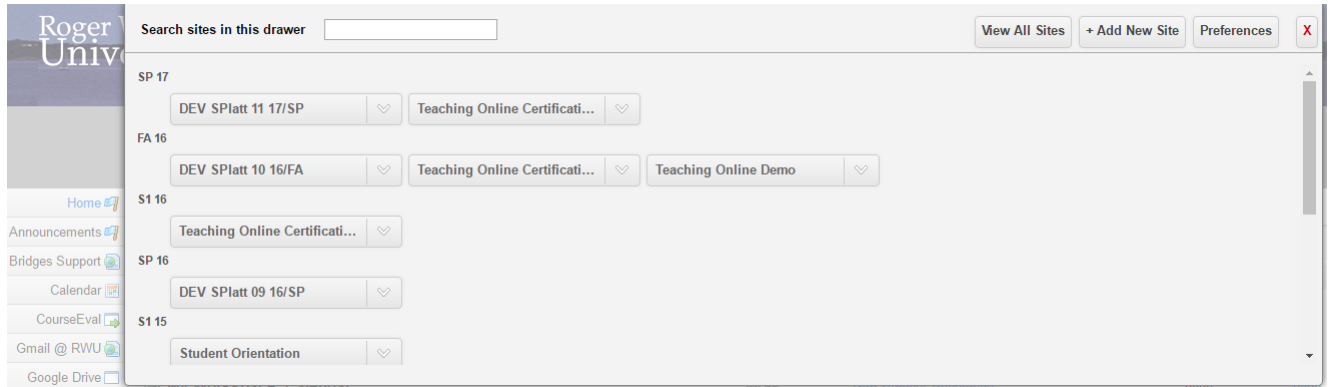
## Accessing your sites

The "site drawer" from which you access your sites in Bridges has been tweaked to make it easier to use. Previously in Bridges, you accessed this by clicking on "More Sites." In The 'New' Bridges, you should click on the "Sites" button on the top right edge of the page.

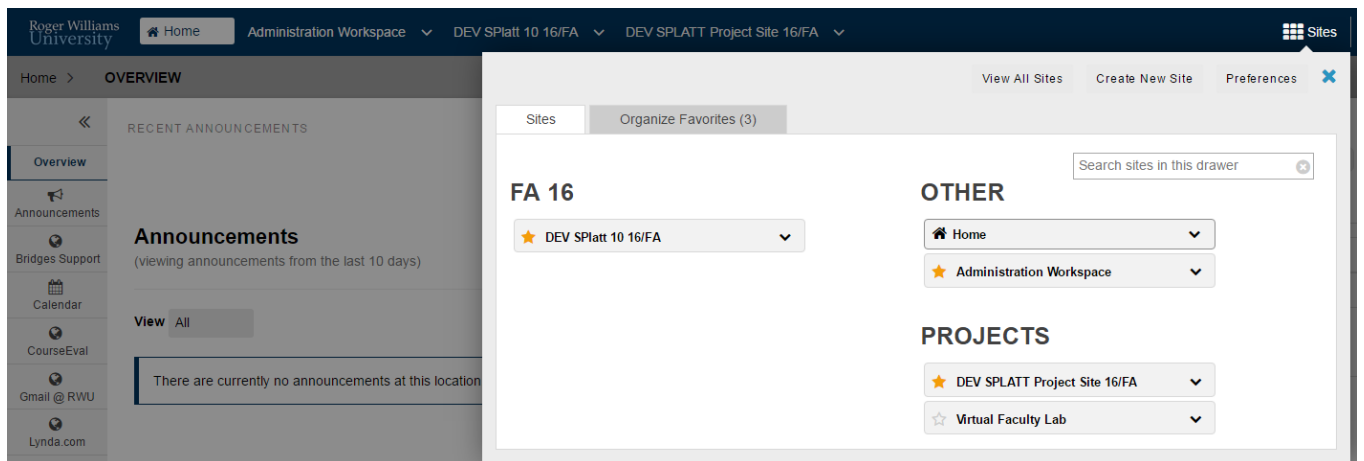
**Easily organize your sites:** in the 'New' Bridges, you can simply select the star icon to the left of the site name to "favorite" the site—so the star turns yellow—for the site to appear in your top navigation bar (this makes it more easily accessed when you log into Bridges). If you no longer want a site to appear in your top navigation bar, you can click on the yellow star icon next to it to deselect it as a "favorite." As in Bridges 10, you can see all your sites by clicking on "membership" in the left side navigation panel in Home (a.k.a. My Workspace). Easily create a new project site: Now, your site drawer features a "Create new site" button so you can easily create a new Bridges project site.



## Current Bridges 10 Site Drawer

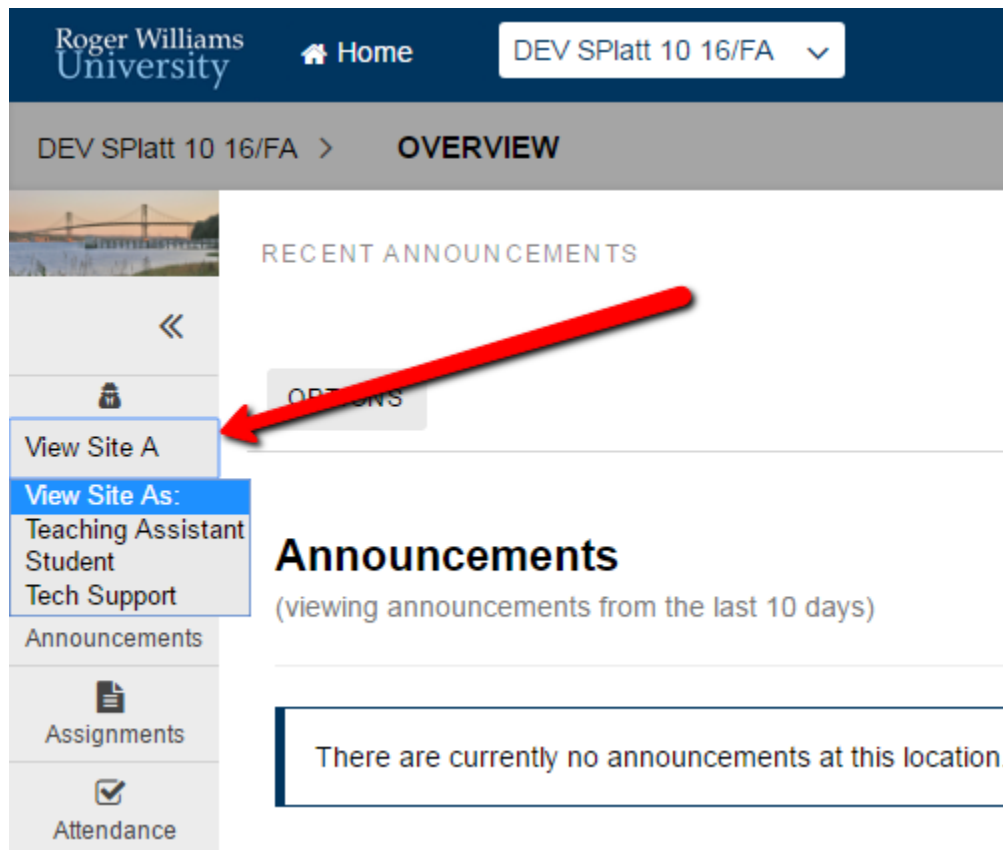


## Bridges 11 Updated Site Drawer featuring Favorites and a New Site button.



## Navigating your site: Entering student view

The “Enter student view” button has shifted from the upper right corner of the page to the top of your site’s left-hand menu.



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of a course site. The left-hand menu is open, and the 'View Site As' dropdown menu is visible. A red arrow points to the 'View Site As' dropdown menu. The main content area shows the 'Announcements' section, which is currently empty.

Roger Williams University Home DEV SPlatt 10 16/FA

DEV SPlatt 10 16/FA > OVERVIEW

RECENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Options

View Site A

View Site As:  
Teaching Assistant  
Student  
Tech Support

Announcements

Assignments

Attendance

### Announcements

(viewing announcements from the last 10 days)

There are currently no announcements at this location.



## Navigating your site: moving throughout tools

How do you get back to a tool's home page in the 'New' Bridges? In Bridges 10, an icon featuring 2 blue arrows would "refresh" the page and bring you back to the tool's home page. The 'New' Bridges will feature a more traditional website "breadcrumb trail" and you'll be able to click on the tool name to get back to its home page—a bit more intuitive!

In the example below, I've clicked on the "Site Info" tab in my site and then clicked on the "Edit Tools" button (now called "Manage Tools" in the 'New' Bridges: look under Manage your site for more information about that). On the left is what I used to click in Bridges 10 to get back to the Site Info home page, and on the right is what I now click to return to that page in the 'New' Bridges (both found in the upper left-hand corner of your site):

### Bridges

The screenshot shows the Bridges 10 interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with "My Workspace" and "Administration Workspace". Below that, "Faculty Learning Lab" and "Instructional Design" are visible. A sidebar on the left contains various tool icons. The "DEV SPLatt 11 17/SP: Site Info" section is highlighted with a red box. Below it, three buttons are also highlighted with red boxes: "Edit Site Information", "Edit Tools", and "Page Order".

### Bridges Upgrade

The screenshot shows the Bridges Upgrade interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with "Home" and "DEV SPLatt 10 16/FA". Below that, "DEV SPLatt 10 16/FA" is visible. A "SITE INFO" button with a gear icon is highlighted with a red box. Below it, three buttons are also highlighted with red boxes: "EDIT SITE INFORMATION", "MANAGE TOOLS", and "TOOL ORDER". The main content area shows details for "DEV SPLatt 10 16/FA", including Term, Roster(s) with site access, Site URL, Site contact and email, Available to, Modification date, Modified by, Display in Site Browser, Creation date, and Appearance.

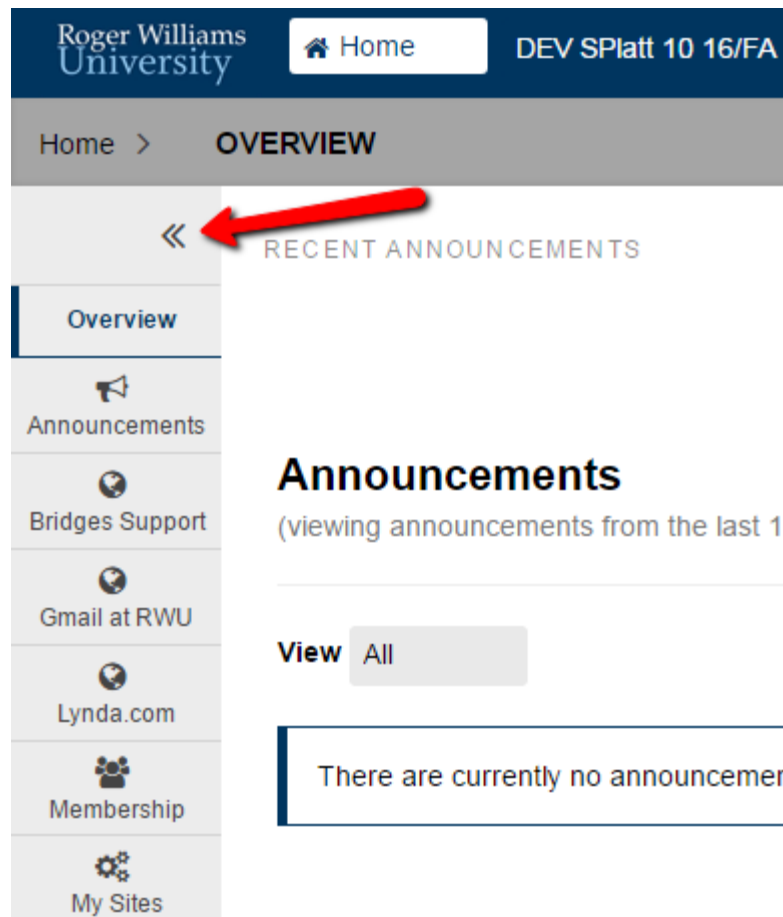


## Navigating your site: new features for the side menu

The left-hand menu, which provides access to the tools in your Bridges site, has new features to make navigating your Bridges site easier for both you and your students. The left-hand navigation menu is now...

**Floating:** the left-hand menu in your site will “float” along the side of the page as you scroll down, so no matter where you are on the site, you’ll be able to quickly access its tools.

**Collapsible:** You can collapse the left-hand menu to make it display its icons only for a cleaner look. Click on the << arrows at the top of the menu to collapse the menu, and the >> arrows that appear in their place to re-expand.



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Roger Williams University Bridges site. The top bar is dark blue with the university logo on the left, a 'Home' button in the center, and 'DEV SP1att 10 16/FA' on the right. Below this is a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > OVERVIEW'. The left-hand navigation menu is a vertical sidebar with a light gray background. At the top of this menu is a double-left arrow (<<) with a red arrow pointing to it from the right, and the text 'RECENT ANNOUNCEMENTS' to its right. Below this are several menu items, each with an icon and a label: 'Overview' (with a blue bar on the left), 'Announcements' (with a megaphone icon), 'Bridges Support' (with a globe icon), 'Gmail at RWU' (with a globe icon), 'Lynda.com' (with a globe icon), 'Membership' (with a group of people icon), and 'My Sites' (with a gear icon). The main content area to the right of the menu is titled 'Announcements' and shows a message: 'There are currently no announcements'.



## Managing your site: Uploading/Removing Resources

- Now, when you upload Resources, you'll have the option to choose whether the file(s) should be visible to students or hidden right away.
- The Add and Actions menu have been consolidated.
- You also no longer have to worry about accidentally deleting files in Resources! Now, when you move files to the Trash, you can still access and restore them if needed.

The screenshot shows the Roger Williams University site management interface. The top navigation bar includes the university logo, a Home button, and a dropdown menu for the current site (DEV SPlatt 10 16/FA). Below this, the breadcrumb trail shows the current location: DEV SPlatt 10 16/FA > RESOURCES. A red arrow points to the TRASH button in the top navigation bar. The main content area displays a list of resources. A folder named "DEV SPlatt 10 16/FA Resources" is selected, and its Actions dropdown menu is open. A second red arrow points to this menu. The menu contains the following options: Add, Upload Files, Create Folders, Add Web Links (URLs), Create Text Document, Create HTML Page, Create Citation List, Actions, Copy, Edit Details, Reorder, Compress to ZIP Archive, Move, Move to Trash, Edit Folder Permissions, and Make Web Content Link. The list of resources includes a folder and four files: CNN, Koala.jpg, new\_page.html, and Penguins.jpg. The interface also features a sidebar with various site management tools like View Site A, Overview, Announcements, Assignments, Attendance, Calendar, Chat Room, Contact Us, CourseEval, Drop Box, Email, Email Archive, and Forums.



## Managing your site: Slight wording changes in Site Info

When you enter Site Info, you see a row of buttons at the top of the page. Some of these buttons have received a slight change in wording to make them more user-friendly.

Bridges 10	Bridges Upgrade
My Workspace	Home
Edit Tools	Manage Tools
Page Order	Tool Order

- The **Manage Tools** button allows you to add or remove tools to your site.
- The **Tool Order** button allows you to rearrange the order that the tools appear in the left-hand menu of your site.

## A new, easier to use Gradebook

What's up with all the gradebooks in Bridges? Bridges 10 featured Gradebook2. Gradebook2 will be available in the 'New' Bridges, but will retire in future semesters.

The new Gradebook will still incorporate and combine the features found in Gradebook2, but utilizes a spreadsheet-like interface that makes inputting grades and reorganizing your gradebook faster and more efficient, auto-saving your changes as you go.

Here are some things you can easily do in the new Gradebook:

- Enter grades into the spreadsheet from the main gradebook screen, which will be auto-saved
- View category scores
- View grading statistics for an individual assignment
- Set zero for all empty cells OR for all empty cells in one particular assignment
- Hide items or entire categories from students from the gradebook main view (no longer need to enter assignment editing screen)
- Choose what you need to see in the gradebook from dropdown menu if you have many Assignments on the page
- Easily view student reports for each individual student by clicking on his or her name, which allows you to see the grades for all their items in one screen

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