

## **Replace Strings**

Replace Strings allow instructors to customize content and communications in Brightspace and can provide a more personalized learning experience. Activated by enclosing in curly braces {}, replace strings are automatically populated by the corresponding values for the user, and can be used in any Brightspace tool that utilizes the HTML editor. **Note:** *Replace strings do NOT work in emails since they do not utilize the HTML editor.* 

For example, typing "Hello {FirstName}," will present to students as "Hello Anne" when they view the content.

While replace strings can be used extensively throughout a multitude of tools in Brightspace, the most common uses in your course would be:

- Announcements
- Course homepage widgets

Some of the most commonly used replace strings, with descriptions and examples, include:

<b>Replace String</b>	Description	Example
{FirstName}	first name	Anne
{LastName}	last name	Anderson
{UserName}	Brightspace username (NetID)	ab111111
{ExternalEmail}	email address	anne.anderson@dal.ca
{OrgDefinedId}	this is the B00 number	B00111111

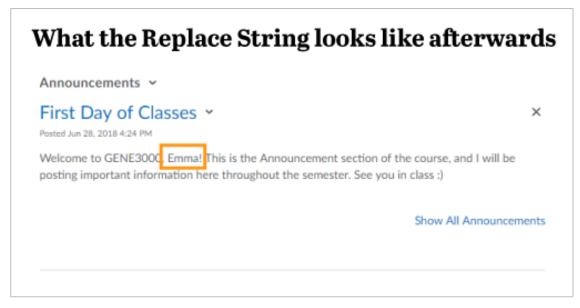
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After creating an Announcement with a replace string, users would see:





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