



# 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:

Replace String	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

When adding an Announcement and using a replace string, your content might look like this:

## Creating an Announcement, using a Replace String

### New Announcement

#### General

Headline \*

First Day of Classes

Content \*

Paragraph

Font Family

Size

...

Welcome to GENE3000. {FirstName} This is the Announcement section of the course, and I will be posting important information here throughout the semester. See you in class :)



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

## What the Replace String looks like afterwards

Announcements ▾

First Day of Classes ▾

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Posted Jun 28, 2018 4:24 PM

Welcome to GENE3000. Emma! This is the Announcement section of the course, and I will be posting important information here throughout the semester. See you in class :)

Show All Announcements