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Change the name of Rich Content Editor to Poor Content Editor ;)

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The content editor hasn't had a major update for years - it still doesn't offer basic features which have been available on other platforms for years e.g. image padding, text overlay, expandable horizontally or full-screen view and this effectively means it isn't a what you see if what you get editor at all - and this makes it impossible to see how the page will actually look without constantly saving it and then editing it again...

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Stefanie Sanders
Dec 14, 2018 7:39 AM

Hi, **Tony**, we appreciate the humorous approach you've taken to an issue that clearly causes you great concern. That said, we have marked this idea for archival, as in its current form it cannot be accurately evaluated for potential prioritization. We encourage you to search through [Canvas Studio](#) for existing ideas to which to add your support— [here's a content sort of ideas tagged rich content editor for your consideration](#)—and if you don't find one currently open for voting, please submit a new, specifically focused idea that can move forward for community consideration, after reviewing [How do I create a new feature idea in the Canvas Community?](#)

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Tony Sales

@ Stefanie Sanders on Dec 14, 2018 8:03 AM

Hi Stefanie, I know - it was just tongue in cheek – and I wasn't expecting it to get through moderation And I have found little support for this idea in the community and have already put it up for voting although I have little faith in that (as even if it gets enough votes is only means it is considered) ☹️ But having spoken to one of your developers face to face a week or so ago it seems the text editor hasn't been a priority for many years (last major update in 2010???) and isn't going to be one for a long time but as this is such a basic tool and what is available in other free platforms is a lot better I find this very frustrating. I notice that you are now selling pre-made templates as well as other add-ons to improve content etc and might I cynically suggest there is little motivation for you to improve the content editor as then no-one would buy the extra content...

But don't take any of this personally, I suppose I am just frustrated at the business model, and that a lot of things we were promised would be easy by the people selling it to our college turned out to be exaggerations or wishful thinking – particularly the myth that you can just import all of your existing Moodle courses – to begin with the importer only accepts Moodle version 1.9-2.0 which is five or six years out of date, and hasn't been looked at for years – and in reality the result is importing Moodle courses just creates a big mess of files, empty pages and broken links (which take longer to fix than creating a course from scratch - something it seems other colleges have also found, and the developer recommended importing them to a sandbox area and the letting teachers copy across the stuff that worked and they wanted to keep – which really defeats the object of importing them in the first place.

The reality is that although we are running a pilot with Canvas in one area of the college, given these kind of issues and frustrations I don't think I would currently be able to recommend we roll Canvas out across the whole college at any point in the future...

Have a great xmas ☺️

Tony Sales

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