

Pattern Match Question Misgrades Responses with Optional Semicolon in Ultra

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Description

In Ultra courses, Fill in the Blank questions using Pattern Match may misgrade responses when optional special characters are included in the regex. For example, when the instructor creates a pattern to allow answers with or without a semicolon, both valid responses are incorrectly marked as wrong due to ambiguity in handling special characters.

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Known Issue

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Learn SaaS

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SaaS

Service Packs

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Steps to Replicate

1. Log into **Blackboard Learn Ultra Experience** as an administrator
2. Navigate to **System Admin > Courses > Create an Ultra Course**
3. In the course, go to Content and create a new Test
4. Add a **Fill in the Blank** question
5. In the question text, include a response pattern with optional characters (e.g., `[continue(;)?(statement)?]`)
6. Set the response type to **Match a Pattern** and save the question
7. Enter **Student Preview** and take the test
8. Submit the answer using either `continue` or `continue;`
9. Check the results

Observed Behavior:

Both responses are graded as incorrect.

Expected Behavior:

Both `continue` and `continue;` should be graded as correct.

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Target Release

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