

New Reports In Service Pack 8.40

For the A+nyWhere Learning System®

Introducing the New Reports

Service Pack 8.40 for A+LS™ Version 3, Release 8.5 introduces 28 new reports. These new reports replace 35 old reports with new streamlined report generation, greater detail, and the choice of outputting the reports to a browser or spreadsheet/database. Administrators will also discover greatly enhanced reporting capabilities with seven completely new reports.

New Features

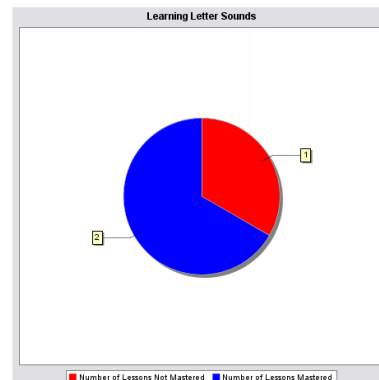
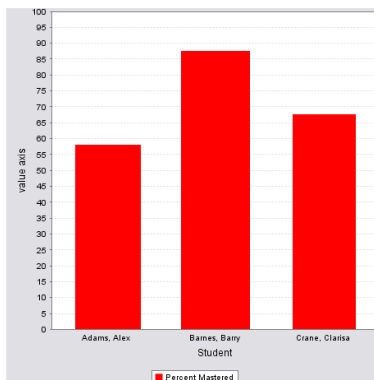
- Some new reports let you “drill down” as far as three levels of data. In the figure below, for example, when you click on the Level 1 skill hotlink ([blue underlined text](#)), Level 2 opens, summarizing student performance. At Level 2, when you click on a student’s name, Level 3 opens, revealing the details of the student’s performance on that particular skill.

The screenshot illustrates the drill-down process through three levels of reporting:

- Level 1:** "Building Vocabulary - I Assessment (A) Alberta Program of Studies". It lists skills under "Knowledge", including "Spelling: know that words have spellings." (circled in red).
- Level 2:** "LA1.4.2.6 - Spelling: know that words have accepted spellings." It lists students: "Adams, Alex", "Barnes, Barry", and "Crane, Clarisa" (Adams, Alex is circled in red).
- Level 3:** "Adams, Alex - LA1.4.2.6 - Spelling: know that words have accepted spellings." It shows a table of performance data for the student.

ALS Skill	Date	# Questions	# Correct	Mastered
Demonstrate mastery of basic vocabulary for Level 1	6/29/2007	2	0	No

- Some new reports have either bar or pie charts (see the figures below). The [View Chart](#) hotlink automatically opens the appropriate chart.



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- The streamlined report generation results in simplified navigation through dialog boxes. For example, the old *Classwide Course Assessment* report required navigation through a total of eight dialog boxes to get to the printable results screen. The new *Course Assessment Detail* report only requires navigation through four screens. The new report also provides more information, such as percentage gain as well as a summation of ALS Lesson activity between the Course Assessment test dates.
- All new reports can be generated as either web (.HTML) or comma delimited (.CSV) files. This allows viewing of and working with the A+LS data in a browser, spreadsheet, or third party database. For more information please see the section *Viewing, Printing, and Data Exporting* below.

Replacing the Old Reports

Many of the new enhanced reports replace old reports of the same or similar name. Some of the new reports replace multiple reports or present the data in an improved format. There is not always a direct correlation between the old and new reports. Please keep this in mind as you use the table below.

The table below lists the old reports (removed) and their corresponding new replacements.

Old Reports (Removed)

New Reports

Users Management	Users Management
Schoolwide Student Summary Report	Student Progress - Selected Students
Student Assignment Detail Schoolwide	(See Administration Management reports)
Student Class Assignments	Student-Class Assignments
Titles Not Owned	Titles Needed for Prescriptions

Classes Management	Classes Management
Class Assess Benchmark Performance	Assessment Benchmark Performance

Assignment Management	Assignment Management
Adaptive Assessment Comparison	Adaptive Assessment Comparison
Class ALS Skills Mastered	Assessment Benchmark Performance (in Classes)
Class Assessment Detail	Assessment Benchmark Performance (in Classes)
Class Assignment Detail	Student Progress - by Class
Class Assignment Test Detail (by student)	Student Progress - by Class
Class Assignment Test Summary	Student Progress - by Class
Class Standard Attainment	Standard Attainment – by Class
Classwide Activity Comparison	Classwide Activity Comparison
Classwide Course Assessment	Activity Usage - by Class
Course Assessment Detail	Course Assessment Detail
LLS™ Student Progress	LLS Student Progress
Standard Mastery by Adaptive Assessment	Standard Mastery by Adaptive Assessment
Student ALS Skills Mastered	Standard Attainment – Selected Students
Student Assessment Detail	Standard Attainment – Selected Students
Student Assessment Detail by Date Range	Standard Attainment – Selected Students
Student Assessment Detail with Score	Standard Attainment – Selected Students
Student Assignment Detail	Student Progress – Selected Students
Student Assignment Detail Classwide	Student Progress - by Class
Student Progress Report by Date Range	Student Progress - by Class
Student Standard Attainment	Standard Attainment – Selected Students
(No corresponding old report)	Total Usage Time by Student

Old Reports (Removed)

New Reports

Curriculum Authoring	Curriculum Authoring
A+ [®] District Driven Assessments [™]	A+ District Driven Assessment Results
All Titles Not Owned	Titles Not Owned

Standards Management	Standards Management
Standards-Activity Alignment	Activity Alignment

Skills Management	Skills Management
(No changes)	(No changes)

Administration Management	Administration Management
Adaptive Test Comparison	Adaptive Assessment Comparison (in Assignments)
Course Assessment Summary	Course Assessment Summary
List of Curriculum Areas	(No replacement)
List of Grade Levels	(No replacement)
List of Languages	(No replacement)
List of Programs	(No replacement)
Total Usage Time by Site	Total Usage Time – by Site
(No corresponding old report)	Activity Usage – by Class
(No corresponding old report)	Activity Usage – Selected Students
(No corresponding old report)	Grade Level Improvement
(No corresponding old report)	Standard Attainment – by Class
(No corresponding old report)	Standard Attainment – Selected Students
(No corresponding old report)	Student Progress – by Class
(No corresponding old report)	Student Progress – by Selected Students

As you browse the reports in the A+LS client, you can get more information on the individual reports by selecting “details.” A help page will open that includes report samples, explanations for each column of data, and step-by-step instructions.

Viewing, Printing, and Exporting Data

After you have selected the report and its data (class(s), student(s), assessment(s), etc...), you will be asked whether you would like the report generated as an .HTML or .CSV file.

.HTML – Viewing and Printing from Your Web Browser

When you select .HTML output, the report wizard automatically launches your computer’s default browser and opens the newly generated .HTML file. Print the A+LS reports exactly as you would print any web page. The specific steps will vary depending on the browser and your operating system.

Level 1 printing: You can use the browser’s menubar (typically *File > Print*) or you can right click on the body of the report and select *Print* from the pop-up menu. Your browser’s normal Print dialog will appear. We recommend confirming your printer setup. Also, you may find that changing your printer settings to *Landscape* (wide output) may work better for some reports, though all reports can be printed in *Portrait* mode.

Level 2 and 3 printing: Some new reports offer a second or third level of data. To access these reports, click on the blue underlined text (often a student name or state objective) and a new window will open with more detailed data. As with Level 1, you can use the menubar’s *File > Print* command or you can right click on the body of the report and select *Print* from the pop-up menu. From there you’ll follow the normal printing sequence.

.HTML files are stored in your client’s A+LS home directory. Under Windows, this is typically:
 c:\als30\alsclient\temp\reports

Report-Specific Information

ALS Lesson Related Reports

Several new reports summarize or detail ALS Lesson activity. In all cases, the data included in the report results will be only from those lessons in which a student has worked. For example, if the student has been assigned four lessons but has only worked on the first two, then the report results will be based on just the first two lessons. Please note that the old *Classwide Student Assignment Lists* will still list all assignments, regardless of activity.

Using the Date Range to Focus Results

Many of the new reports include the option to select a beginning and ending date and time. The beginning date/time defaults to the day your A+LS server was installed. The default end date/time is today. By changing these you can focus the report on just the activities you are interested in.

For example, you assign a Course Assessment “A” test at the beginning of the semester. A month later you assign the same “A” test again, then you decide to run one of the *Standard Attainment* reports. If you run the report with the default date ranges, it will report all the results for every test since your A+LS software was installed. But if you change the date range, you can focus the report on the current semester’s test results.

Titles Not Owned

This Administration Management Window report lists all of the A+LS titles that are not installed on your server. Please note that it checks your titles against those modules currently shipping. If you see a title in the list that you are sure you own, then it means your version is out of date. Updates can be downloaded using the Online Updater in the Administration Management Window.

Titles Needed for Prescriptions

The Users Management Window report lists all of the A+LS lessons prescribed by assessment that are not currently installed on your server. The report wizard checks your titles against those modules currently shipping. If you have outdated modules, they may be listed as missing. Updates can be downloaded using the Online Updater in the Administration Management Window.

How to Get SP 8.40?

As with all A+LS Version 3, Release 8.5 service packs, the update is automatically installed for you by your server’s update server component. Once the server has the service pack, clients are automatically updated when they connect to the server prior to log on. This assumes your technical personnel have configured your server and network to support server updating. If the new reports do not appear within your client, please contact your technical support team.