

<b>SUMMARY OF CRITERION V4.0 NEW FEATURES</b>	
<b>REPORTING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing fine-tuning <b>adjustments were made to the e-rater<sup>®</sup> scoring engine</b>. These modifications are expected to improve the accuracy of holistic scores, particularly, so that long essays with many mistakes are not over-scored.</li> <li>• <b>New Report! Holistic Score Summary Report</b> (color coded red-yellow-green) shows both “Percent of Essays with Each Score” (pie chart) and Number of Essays at each score point (bar graph). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Available for Instructor and Client <i>Criterion</i> Administrator</li> <li>▪ Click on pie slice or bar and a list of students at each score point will be generated that can be easily exported and printed</li> <li>▪ Text and score point ranges associated with color coding can be custom configured by the Client <i>Criterion</i> Administrator</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>New Report! Individual Progress Report</b> shows student’s progress (holistic score and number of errors in the trait feedback) on an assignment from the “First Attempt” to “Most Recent Attempt” essay.</li> <li>• <b>New Report! Student Access Information Report</b> gives the instructor, all in one place, a list of the student IDs/passwords and the student’s last login date or “Never Logged In.” Note that the password column has been removed from the current Student Report.</li> <li>• <b>Enhanced Report! Error Report</b> – for the instructor – now in bar graph format.</li> </ul>
<b>INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Trait Level Indicator</b> message signals if a particular trait needs attention in a specific essay. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ If a trait level is low for that essay’s holistic score, then a message is displayed directing the student to the trait area needing the most improvement.</li> <li>▪ Reports where trait information is shown: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student essay’s <b>Performance Summary</b> and <b>Individual Progress</b> reports</li> <li>• Instructor’s <b>Class Roster Report</b> by assignment</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Three traits targeted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics</li> <li>• Style</li> <li>• Organization &amp; Development</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Trait Feedback Summary Report</b> – which shows the number of errors by trait is now in bar graph. Clicking on the bar can take you to the associated error in an essay.</li> <li>• <b>Spanish/English bilingual Writer’s Handbook</b> with associated bilingual Rollover Feedback messages.</li> <li>• <b>Additional Advisories</b> are now included for Excessive Length; Excessive Number of Problems; Off-Topic detection for library prompts; Unidentifiable Organizational Elements.</li> </ul>

<b>USER ENHANCEMENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Welcome Screen</b> has been changed. There will now be only one Welcome screen and URL where <i>Criterion</i> administrators, instructors and students can all access the system. Once a user type is selected, the user will be taken to the appropriate Log-In screen. The Welcome Screen will now also include a place to post important <i>Criterion</i> messages and include a link to “Criterion News” that will include FAQs.</li><li>• Utility that <b>Exports All Data and Score into a CSV file</b> (comma separated values) bulk export is now available. This will allow data to be put into your data management systems. The data can also be exported into an Excel file where all Excel capabilities can be utilized.</li><li>• <b>Archive Student Portfolios</b> are now exportable in a .csv file. Information that can be exported includes student essay text, student name, class name, assignment name, assignment score information, and (if any) advisory text. This will allow data to be put into an Excel file where all Excel capabilities can be utilized.</li><li>• Ability to <b>Add Assignments across Districts, Schools, and Classes within a Client’s Account.</b></li><li>• <b>Sample essays will be “Read Only”</b> to prevent students from copying/pasting the samples into their essay.</li><li>• <b>Importing Student Information System information</b> can now be done in <i>Criterion</i>.</li></ul>
<b>TECHNICAL IMPROVEMENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Security</b> enhancement: Secure Socket Layer (SSL) will be available 10/2005. Users will see the “padlock” icon for a secure site. All data transmitted to and from the site will be encrypted.</li><li>• Support of <b>Firefox</b> and <b>Safari browsers</b>, in addition to Internet Explorer and Netscape.</li><li>• <b>Usability Improvements</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Spell Check initiation “SAVE”</b> – The essay will be automatically hard-saved to the <i>Criterion</i> database when the Spell Check button is clicked.</li><li>▪ <b>Maximize the essay entry and spell check windows</b> – The student essay and spell check windows will automatically be maximized so that the student cannot click outside of the window, lose the essay window to the background, and incorrectly navigate to the point where the essay is lost.</li><li>▪ <b>Tab key deactivated in the essay window</b> to prevent students from using browser tab key functionality to leave the essay entry screen.</li></ul></li></ul>