Adding SoftChalk Lessons to Canvas

SoftChalk is an online platform that allows users to create interactive lessons that can be added directly to Canvas courses. Faculty have **three options** when adding a SoftChalk lesson to Canvas:

1 Use the **hyperlink**, which does NOT track student progress or automatically score the lesson.

2 **Embed** the lesson, which does NOT track student progress or automatically score the lesson.

3 Use the **LTI link**, which will track student progress and automatically score the lesson.

OPTION #1: Add the Lesson with a Hyperlink in the Rich Content Editor

SoftChalk hyperlinks can be added to Canvas pages, discussion boards, and anywhere there is a rich content editor. Keep in mind that using the hyperlink will *not* track student scores and progress.

1. Login to your Canvas course and navigate to the page, discussion, or any other area with a rich content editor where you would like to add the SoftChalk lesson.
2. Type a title in the Title box at the top of the screen.
3. In the large box meant for the body, add a description detailing what students should do or expect in the SoftChalk lesson.
4. Highlight the word or phrase that will link to the SoftChalk lesson.
5. Click Insert.
6. Click Link and select the option for External Links.
7. Paste the SoftChalk lesson's hyperlink in the Link box.
   a. To retrieve the hyperlink of a lesson *you created or is openly available*:
      i. Login to your SoftChalk account.
      ii. Find the desired lesson (either in My Content > Lessons or in the SoftChalk Share Repository) and click on the title.

          iii.   Scroll down to the lesson's information, which can be found below the preview window.

          iv.   Copy the hyperlink from the Hyperlink box.

     b. To retrieve the hyperlink of a lesson *you did not create*, contact the owner and request the link.

8. Click the Done button.
9. Click Save.

OPTION #2: Embed the Lesson in the Rich Content Editor

SoftChalk lessons can be embedded to Canvas pages, discussion boards, and anywhere there is a rich content editor. Keep in mind that using the embed code will *not* track student scores and progress.

1. Login to your Canvas course and navigate to the page, discussion, or any other area with a rich content editor where you would like to add the SoftChalk lesson.
2. Type a title in the Title box at the top of the screen.
3. In the large box meant for the body, add a description detailing what students should do or expect in the SoftChalk lesson.
4. Click Insert.
5. Click Embed.
6. Paste the SoftChalk lesson's embed code in the Embed Code box.
   a. To retrieve the embed code of a lesson *you created or is openly available*:
      i. Login to your SoftChalk account.
      ii. Find the desired lesson (either in My Content > Lessons or in the SoftChalk Share Repository) and click on the title.
      iii. Scroll down to the lesson's information, which can be found below the preview window.
      iv. Copy the code from the Embed box.
   b. To retrieve the embed code of a lesson *you did not create*, contact the owner and request the code.
7. Click the Submit button.
8. Click Save.

OPTION #3: Add the Lesson as an Assignment with a LTI Link

Using the LTI link will automatically score the lesson in Canvas. While the LTI link can be added in a hyperlink box, it is recommended to add scored lessons as assignments in order to have them integrated into Speedgrader.

1. Login to your Canvas course and navigate to Assignments.
2. Click the + Assignment button.
3. Type a title in the Assignment Name box and add a description detailing what students should do or expect in the SoftChalk lesson in the large box meant for the body.
4. Enter the desired point value and assignment group settings.
5. In the Submission Type dropdown menu, select External Tool.
6. Click the Find button and select SoftChalk Link Selector.
7. Locate the lesson in your SoftChalk account. Make sure it is selected and then click the Select for LTI Link button at the top of the window.
8. Choose whether to add the tool in a new tab, select the number of attempts permitted, and indicate who must complete the assignment and when it is due.

Need Additional Assistance?

If you have any questions regarding SoftChalk or how to add a SoftChalk lesson to your Canvas course, review the SoftChalk Quick Guides or contact an Instructional Designer by calling (812) 237-2345 or emailing ISU-IDS@indstate.edu.