



Adding SoftChalk Lessons to Blackboard

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

- 1 Use a **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 in the Grade Center.

OPTION #1: Add the Lesson with a Hyperlink

1. Navigate to the content area in your Blackboard course where you would like to add the SoftChalk lesson.
2. Hover over the Build Content button and select the Web Link option.
3. Type a title in the Name box.
4. For the URL, paste the hyperlink that is automatically created and provided in SoftChalk.
 - a. To retrieve the hyperlink of a lesson *you created or is openly available*:
 - i. Log into 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.
5. In the Description text editor box, add a description detailing what students should do or expect in the lesson.
6. Select additional settings such as whether the lesson should open in a new window, whether the number of views should be tracked, and whether the SoftChalk lesson should have availability dates.
7. Click Submit.

OPTION #2: Embed the Lesson

1. Navigate to the content area in your Blackboard course where you would like to add the SoftChalk lesson.
2. Hover over the Build Content button and select the Item option.
3. Type a title in the Name box.
4. In the Text editor box, add a description detailing what students should do or expect in the lesson. Make sure your mouse is at the end of your narrative before moving onto the next step.
5. Click on the Source Code icon (< >) in the text editor and paste in the embed code.
 - a. To retrieve the embed code of a lesson *you created or is openly available*:
 - i. Log into 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 embed 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.
6. Click Save to return to the normal text editor.
7. Select additional settings such as whether the number of views should be tracked and whether the SoftChalk lesson should have availability dates.
8. Click Submit.

OPTION #3: Add the Lesson with a LTI Link and Track Student Progress

1. Navigate to the content area in your Blackboard course where you would like to add the SoftChalk lesson.
2. Hover over the Build Content button and select the Web Link option.
3. Type a title in the Name box.
4. For the URL, paste the LTI link that is automatically created and provided in SoftChalk.
 - a. To retrieve the LTI link of a lesson *you created*:
 - i. Log into your [SoftChalk](#) account.
 - ii. Find the desired lesson (in My Content > Lessons) and click on the title.
 - iii. Scroll down to the lesson's information, which can be found below the preview window.
 - iv. Copy the LTI link from the LTI Link box.
 - b. To retrieve the LTI link of a lesson *you did not create*, contact the owner and request the link.
5. Click the box next to "This link is to a Tool Provider."
6. Click on the circle next to YES by Enable Evaluation.
7. Select a value for Points Possible. If you select a value for the Grade Center that is more or fewer than the points for the SoftChalk lesson, Blackboard will automatically adjust the scores to reflect your desired point value.
8. If desired, select a due date for the lesson.
9. In the Description text editor box, add a description detailing what students should do or expect in the lesson.
10. Select additional settings such as whether the lesson should open in a new window, whether the number of views should be tracked, and whether the SoftChalk lesson should have availability dates.
11. Click Submit.

Need Additional Assistance?

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