

Accessing 3rd Party Applications in D2L's Brightspace

General

Tri-C uses many 3rd party applications (apps) within our Brightspace Learning Management System. Each application might have a unique way of being accessed. Below is a list of 3rd party apps currently in use in Brightspace with access directions and resource links. Please note:

- As more applications are added to Brightspace, this document will be updated. To see the most current document select the document link on OLAT's [How to Articles](#) web page.
- For adding **publisher content** to a Brightspace course site, contact the publisher's representative directly.

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3rd Party Applications (Apps)

Accessibility

Ally Accessibility Tool

Ally is an accessibility tool that is integrated within Brightspace. Faculty are encouraged to use Ally and the Ally Course Report to assess how their course content aligns with WCAG 2.1 AA (accessibility) guidelines.

Access to the Faculty Ally report: Go to the Course > Course Tools > Ally Report

Resources:

- [Ally for Faculty](#)
- [Ally for Students](#)

Communication

Qwickly

Qwickly allows instructors to send emails or announcements to students in more than one course at the same time.

Access: Brightspace Homepage > select Qwickly Course Tools in the top banner

Resources:

- [Tri-C's Qwickly resource page](#)
- [Qwickly YouTube tutorials](#)
- [Qwickly User Guides](#)

Remind

Although access to Remind is not available from within Brightspace, Remind can still be used through Remind's mobile phone app or by logging in to a faculty's Remind account. Once an instructor activates Remind for a CRN-based course, students will be automatically enrolled in Remind and instructors can then text message their students without sharing cell phone numbers.

Access Remind account: <https://www.remind.com>

Resources:

- [Tri-C's Remind resource page](#)
- [Remind Text Messaging Training for Faculty - On Demand](#)

Webex

Instructors and students can use the Webex Tool in Brightspace for meetings and office hours or a [Tri-C Webex account](#) can be accessed directly.

Brightspace Access: A Webex module can be created or the Webex tool link can added in an existing module, then in that location select Existing Activities > External Learning Tools > Webex > Meetings and/or office hours can then be created

Resources:

- [Tri-C's Webex for Faculty resource page](#)
- On-Demand training can be found in [Compass](#)

Student Interactive and Multimedia Activities and Assignments

Hypothes.is

Hypothes.is is an annotation tool that allows social/collaborative annotations. Students can annotate on the same webpage/document.

Access in Brightspace: Go to the appropriate Content area > Existing Activities > External Learning Tools > Create New LTI Link > Add Title > LTI URL to Use (copy and paste this link): https://lms.hypothes.is/lti_launches > Continue with creation

Resources:

- [Hypothes.is Resource Page](#)
- [Hypothes.is Help](#)
- [Hypothes.is in D2L Brightspace](#)

Mediasite

Mediasite is Tri-C's video creation, hosting, and delivery solution. Instructors can share videos in Brightspace and include quiz questions.

Mediasite videos can be added directly to a content area or in a file, assignment, discussion, etc. by selecting the Insert Stuff icon in the text box

Insert Stuff icon: 

Mediasite Video:

Link using Upload/Create: go to the appropriate content area > select Create a File > select the Insert Stuff icon > select Mediasite Link > select the presentation > select Link Video or Embed Video > select Insert > select Save and Close

Link using Existing Activities: go to the appropriate content area > select Existing Activities > select Mediasite Link > select the presentation > select Link Video

Mediasite Quiz:

Link: go to the appropriate content area > select Existing Activities > select Mediasite Quiz Link > select the presentation > select Link Video (verify grade center point value)

Copy from Blackboard to Brightspace: If a Mediasite video has been copied from Blackboard, the link for students will not work, please follow these instructions: [Recreate Mediasite link in Brightspace](#)

Resources:

- [Tri-C's Mediasite resource page](#)
- Asynchronous online training can be found in Compass.

Nearpod

Nearpod is an online learning platform that allows instructors to boost student engagement by creating interactive content, lectures, and presentations.

Nearpod is not integrated with Brightspace, but faculty can add a link to a Nearpod lesson in a content area. Nearpod accounts can be requested by emailing olat@tri-c.edu.

Resources:

- [Nearpod Help Center](#)
- [Resources for faculty](#)

Playposit

With PlayPosit, instructors can create and share interactive videos. Instructors begin with any online video and incorporate time-embedded activities to transform it into an active experience for students.

To add an existing Playposit video: Go to the appropriate Content area in Brightspace > Existing Activities > PlayPosit Interactive Videos

Copy from Blackboard to Brightspace: If a Playposit video has been copied from Blackboard, the link for students will not work, please follow these instructions: [Recreate a PlayPosit link in Brightspace](#)

Resources:

- [Tri-C's Playposit resource page](#)
- How to Article: [PlayPosit links in D2L Brightspace](#)

Softchalk

With Softchalk, Instructors can create interactive lessons that include activities, quizzes, videos and much more. The lesson can be synced to the Grade Center.

To add an existing Softchalk lesson to Brightspace: Go to the appropriate Content area in Brightspace > Existing Activities > Softchalk Link Selector

Copy from Blackboard to Brightspace: If a Softchalk lesson has been copied from Blackboard, the link for students will not work, please follow these instructions: [Recreating Softchalk Activity Links in Brightspace](#)

Resources:

- Softchalk Resource page: [Using SoftChalk with Brightspace by D2L](#)
- [Tri-C's Softchalk resource page](#)

Turnitin

Turnitin is an assignment creation tool that includes checks for plagiarism and AI use.

Access/Create Turnitin assignment: Go to the appropriate Content area in Brightspace > Existing Activities > Turnitin

Resources:

- Select "How to Use Turnitin in Brightspace" on the [Faculty How to Articles page](#)



- [OLAT's Plagiarism Detection resource page](#)

Testing

ProctorU

ProctorU is Tri-C's virtual test proctoring service.

Access: Go to the appropriate Content area > Existing Activities > External Learning Tools > select ProctorU

Resources:

- [ProctorU for Faculty](#)
- [ProctorU for Students](#)

Respondus Lockdown Browser

Lockdown Browser is a custom browser that locks down the testing environment within a learning management system, so only the test will open on the device. Please note, at Tri-C, Respondus Monitor is not used with the LockDown Browser for video monitoring a student while they take a test/quiz (see ProctorU).

Access: Select Quizzes in the top navigation bar of a course > select the LockDown Browser tab > select the dropdown arrow at the quiz that will use Respondus LockDown Browser > select Settings and complete the requirements including in the Advanced Settings > select Save + Close.

Resources:

Additional resources are available in the LockDown Browser window of a Brightspace course by selecting the Getting Started, Video Tutorials, and/or the Guides & Support tabs.

Respondus 4.0/4.1

Respondus 4.1 is a test creation tool and Respondus tests can be added to a Brightspace course. Most tests can be created right in Brightspace, but for unique situations, Respondus 4.1 might be an alternative option.

To add a Respondus 4.1 test to Brightspace: In Respondus update from 4.0 to 4.1 > change the Current Personality option to D2L Brightspace > then complete the Preview + Publish options.

Resources:

- Full instructions are available on the [Faculty How to Articles page](#)
- [OLAT's Respondus page](#)

Tutoring

Pear Deck Tutor (formerly Tutorme)

Pear Deck is Tri-C's on-demand virtual tutoring service available to all Tri-C students.

Access: On the home page of Brightspace (not in a course site), students select Pear Deck Tutor in the top navigation bar

Resources: [Tri-C's Tutoring Services](#)

Tutor Ocean

Tutor Ocean is a scheduling application for students to make in-person and virtual appointments.



Access: Students select the “Tri-C Tutoring: in-person or virtual” link under the Tri-C Student Support Services section on the home page of Brightspace

Resources: [Tri-C's Tutoring Services](#)

