

Studio Quickstart

Canvas has a built-in media archive, named Studio, for storing video and audio files. Media files kept in Studio do not count against the total file size limit of a course and can be reused across multiple courses without needing to re-upload the file. Studio also allows for enhanced insights into student usage, adding comments to a media file, controlling downloading, video quizzing and automatic captioning.

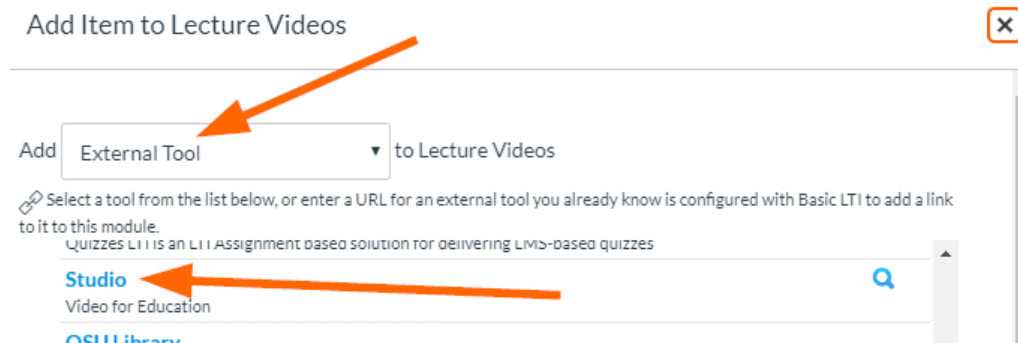
The process is to first add the media files to Studio, then link them to a course module. Also, a Studio file can be embedded into any large text area in Canvas, for example, in Discussions or Assignment descriptions.

To add video or audio files to Studio:

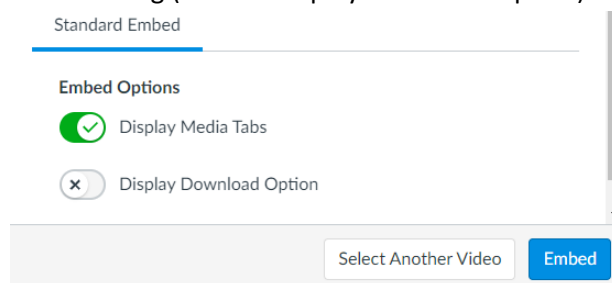
1. Click on Studio in the navigation bar.
2. Click on the blue “+ Create” button and choose “Add Media.”
3. Use Browse Files or drag-and-drop the media file(s) into Studio.
4. Wait for them to upload.

To link to a file in Studio to a course module:

1. Click the “+” button to add materials to the module.
2. Select “External Tool” as the type and click on Studio.

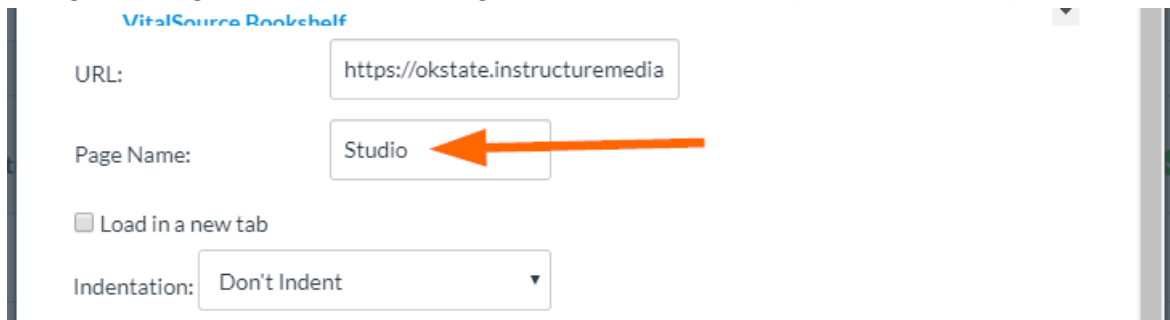


3. Locate and click on the appropriate file.
 - a. Shared videos are located by clicking on the three horizontal lines and then selecting “Shared with Me.”
4. Check to allow (or uncheck to disallow) commenting (labeled Display Media Tabs) and downloading (labeled Display Download Option).



5. Click the blue Embed button

6. Change the “Page Name” used for listing the video in the module (defaults to Studio).



The screenshot shows a configuration form for VitalSource Bookshelf. It includes fields for URL, Page Name, a checkbox for 'Load in a new tab', and a dropdown for 'Indentation'. An orange arrow points to the 'Page Name' field, which contains the text 'Studio'.

VitalSource Bookshelf

URL:

Page Name: ←

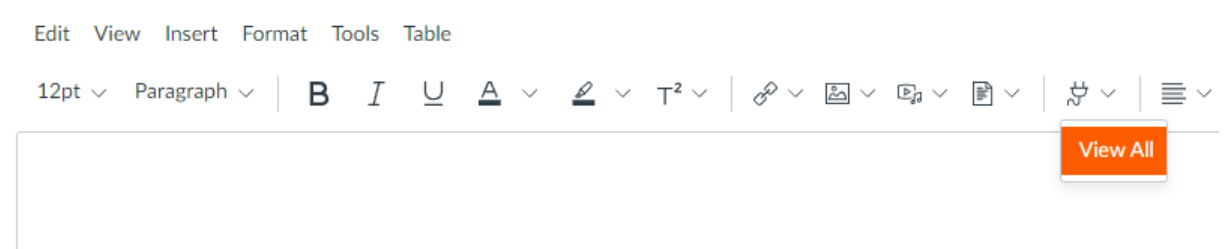
☐ Load in a new tab

Indentation:

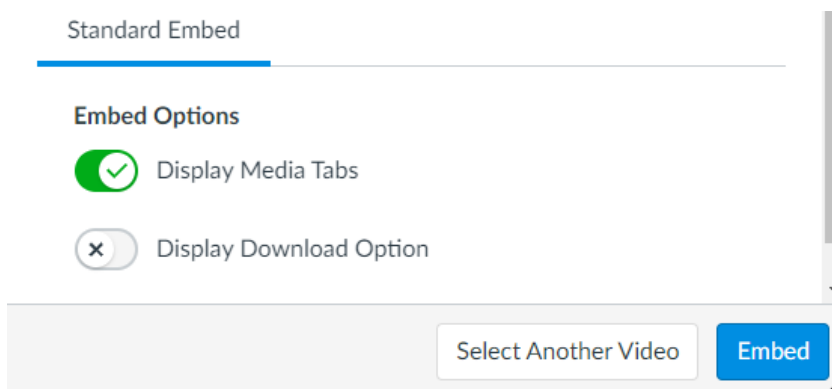
7. Click the orange Add Item button.

To embed a file in Studio into a text area:

1. Within the toolbar for a text area, go to the icon that looks like a plug. If Studio doesn't appear there, go to View All and select Studio on the pop-up window.



2. Locate and click on the appropriate file.
3. Check to allow (or uncheck to disallow) commenting (labeled Display Media Tabs) and downloading (labeled Display Download Option).



The screenshot shows the 'Standard Embed' dialog box. It has a section for 'Embed Options' with two checkboxes: 'Display Media Tabs' (checked) and 'Display Download Option' (unchecked). At the bottom are buttons for 'Select Another Video' and 'Embed'.

Standard Embed

Embed Options

☒ Display Media Tabs

☐ Display Download Option

Select Another Video Embed

4. Click the blue Embed button.

Useful Videos about Studio:

Note that since these videos were made, the Studio tool was renamed and may be referred to as Arc in some videos. Arc has the same features as Studio, only with a different branding.

- Overview <https://vimeo.com/304144995>
- Uploading Videos <https://vimeo.com/304144951>
- Sharing Videos <https://vimeo.com/304144933>
- Adding Captions <https://vimeo.com/304144880>
- Screen Recordings <https://vimeo.com/304144847>
- Embedding Videos <https://vimeo.com/304144805>
- Using with YouTube <https://vimeo.com/304209251>

Video Formats Supported by Studio:

- asf – Windows Media
- qt – Apple QuickTime
- mov – Apple QuickTime
- mpg – Digital Video Format
- mpeg – Digital Video Format
- avi – Digital Video Format
- m4v – Digital Video Format
- wmv – Windows Media
- mp4 – Digital Video Format
- 3gp – Multimedia Mobile Format

Audio Format Supported by Studio:

- mp3 – Digital Audio Format
- wma – Windows Media Audio
- wav – Waveform Audio File Format