

The Canvas Connection

August 2, 2013

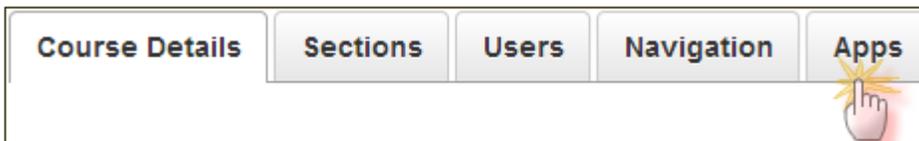
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New Features – to be released August 3, 2013

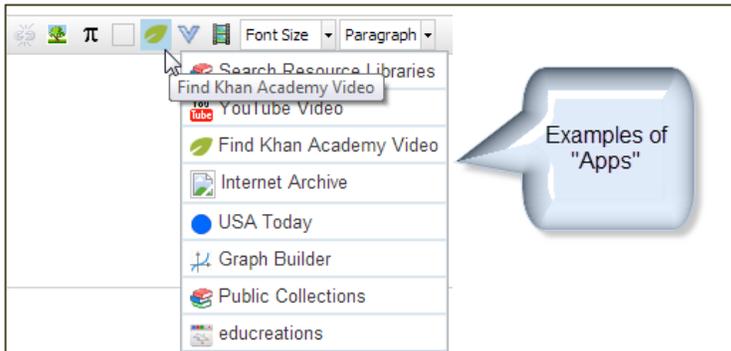
Every 3 weeks the Canvas engineers fix any bugs in the Canvas software, and will sometimes add new features. The next update will happen on **Saturday, August 3, 2013**; some of the updates include:

Canvas App Center to be enabled

The “App Center” will be available for all instructors to use from the Settings page.



Apps are new features that instructors can use to engage students visually and interactively. Some of the apps you may have already used in your discussion topic’s “rich content editor”.



Some of the apps are free of charge, while others are not. Our suggestion is that you “shop” the apps and see what they can do, and incorporate them as you see fit. Contact DAT for assistance with utilizing these apps.

Toggle Subscriptions on Discussions Page

Users can subscribe to and unsubscribe from discussion threads directly on the Discussions index page by locating the discussion and clicking its discussion icon. When subscribing, the discussion icon will turn green when a user hovers over the icon and then stay green when subscribed. When unsubscribing, the discussion icon will turn red when a user hovers over the icon and then turn gray when unsubscribed.





For Faculty, Fall 2013 Canvas Training Opportunities

The Department of Academic Technology is pleased to present two Canvas workshops for your registration at a time that's convenient for you. The registration form, with times for these workshops, is available at <http://learnit.stfrancis.edu/workshops/faculty/>

Canvas Gradebook Strategies:

Which Gradebook strategy works best with your teaching style? Grading based on points? Or on grade-weighted assignment groups? Learn the merits of using either strategy at this 45-minute workshop

August 14 in St. Albert's 112. *All workshops Hands-On.*

Webinar demonstrations (August 16, 17, and 30).

Canvas "Top Ten"

An overview of the Top Ten feature changes in Canvas that have taken place over the past academic year, and how they impact instructors and students. This one-hour session will also include a question-and-answer session about all-things-Canvas.

Face-to-Face at St. Albert's on August 16.

Webinar on September 6.

Future workshops and webinars will be scheduled in the near future during the Fall semester. We welcome your input on issues you would like to see presented or addressed.

Service Announcement: Turnitin down for 4 hours on August 10, 2013:

Turnitin service may be intermittently unavailable during a scheduled maintenance period on Saturday, August 10th, from 9 to 2 pm Central Time ([click for local time](#)). An announcement will appear for users within Turnitin in advance of when the system will be unavailable for this scheduled maintenance.

Instructors are encouraged to modify assignment due dates either before or at least several hours after the scheduled maintenance window.