

The Canvas Connection

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LearnCanvas LIVE!

LearnCanvas LIVE! is a new webinar series to give instructors an opportunity for advanced Canvas training. Each session includes a brief tutorial on a selected topic, Q&A with expert Canvas trainers, and open discussion for all participants. Learn something new and share your ideas and best practices with other Canvas users.

Ask a Canvas Expert (open discussion with Canvas Trainers)

Wednesday, October 24, 2012, 3pm MT (5pm ET/4pm CT/2pm PT)

Registration

Participants are encouraged to pre-register for the free training webinar. Register and view other topics at <https://learncanvas.webex.com/>.

Need Tips for Using Canvas?

For more ideas about making your Canvas courses the best they can be, view a webinar from the Canvas archives at: help.instructure.com/forums/20373403-best-practice-webinar-archive. Great titles include: “Course Tips and Tricks for the End of the Semester”; “Building Easy-to-Navigate Courses in Canvas”; “Collaborations and Peer Review in Canvas”.

Go Mobile

Canvas has an app for the iPhone and the iPad. Just go to the App Store, search for “Instructure Canvas” and install. Launch the app and use learn.stfrancis.edu as the url. Instructors can also download the SpeedGrader app. A Canvas app for Android phones is due by the end of 2012.

New Feature in the SpeedGrader

The latest release of Canvas unleashed the mighty **Crocodoc!** Instructors are now able to annotate directly on assignment submissions in SpeedGrader. Crocodoc will render .doc, .pdf, .ppt, and (coming soon) .xls files and provides four nifty colors for highlighting, commenting, and drawing. See a **demonstration** at: <https://usfconnect8.stfrancis.edu/crocodocdemo>

View Crocodoc **instructions** at: <http://guides.instructure.com/m/4152/l/80119-how-do-i-use-crocodoc-in-the-speedgrader>

A Little Tidbit

Did you know that sometimes toolbars and plugins block student assignment uploads? Tell your students to disable them. Here’s how in [Chrome](#) and [Firefox](#).

And Don’t Forget LearnIt!

Learnit.stfrancis.edu has a whole bunch of resources for faculty and students, including basic Canvas How-to Guides, instructions for Microsoft Office, and the MyUSF Portal, to name a few. Some new additions to the site: instructions for using **Turnitin** with student papers and a new **Course Facilitation Checklist** for online faculty.