

How do I manage content for a course associated with a blueprint course?

If your content index pages include Blueprint icons, your course is associated with a blueprint course. Blueprint Courses are courses managed as a template and may contain locked objects managed by a Canvas admin, course designer, or other instructor. Locked objects may include attributes for content, points, due dates, and availability dates. Attributes may apply to some or all object types: assignments, discussions, pages, files, and quizzes.

Locked Objects

You cannot manage any objects that are locked in your course. Locked objects enforce the attributes defined by your Canvas admin, which can include content, point values, due dates, and availability dates. You can view locked attributes by viewing an individual locked object.

Attributes for locked objects may be changed from the blueprint course at any time. Any change to an attribute retroactively applies to all locked objects in your course. If an attribute is changed in the blueprint course, any locked attributes in your course that vary from locked attributes in the blueprint course will trigger unsynced changes in the blueprint course and override your course.

Course Settings, including Course Navigation, can also be part of a blueprint course sync.

Unlocked Objects

You can manage any objects that are unlocked in your course. If you modify any unlocked objects, unlocked objects are not overwritten with any synced changes from the blueprint course. Additionally, any new objects you create in your course do not include a blueprint icon and cannot be associated with the blueprint course.

Please note that unlocked objects from the blueprint can be locked at any time. If you've previously removed an unlocked object from your course, any objects that are later locked in the blueprint course will be replaced in your course.

Object Management

This lesson shows how to view objects from the Assignments page. Locked and unlocked objects also display in the Files, Modules, Pages, and Quizzes pages.

In Modules, only individual module items can be locked. You can manually manage modules and unlocked objects within the modules. However, be aware of the following behaviors that may apply at any time:

- New modules may display at the bottom of the Modules page. These modules are new modules added to the blueprint course and have been synced to associated courses.
- If you rearrange modules or module items, any additional course syncs will update your modules to the same structure in the blueprint course. If you move a module item to another module, the module item will exist in both modules.
- If you delete a module created from the blueprint course, the module will not be restored in additional course syncs.
- If you create new module items, any additional course syncs will retain your new item, but it will be reordered above all blueprint synced module items.

Notes:

- To be notified of synced updates from a blueprint course, enable the Blueprint sync notification in User Settings. You can also view the [latest Blueprint sync information](#) in Course Settings.
- To view if your course is a blueprint course, view the [Course Details page](#) in Course Settings. If your course is a blueprint course, you can [lock course objects](#) and [sync course objects](#) to associated courses.
- For details on what course settings and features are synced or not, refer to [Blueprint Sync Functionalities](#).

Open Course

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In Global Navigation, click the **Courses** link [1], then click the name of the course [2].

Open Assignments

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In Course Navigation, click the **Assignments** link.

Note: Blueprint objects can also be viewed in the Files, Modules, Pages, and Quizzes pages.

View Object Icons

[View Object Icons](#)

In any Index page, you can view the status of each object. White squares indicate the object is unlocked [1]. Squares with a lock icon indicate the object is locked [2]. The hover text also confirms the status of the object.

View Object with No Icon

[View Object with No Icon](#)

Any new content you create in your course does not include a blueprint icon and cannot be associated with the blueprint course.

View Status in Individual Object

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Except within Files, blueprint status and locked attributes can be viewed within individual objects.

Files status can only be viewed in the Files Index Page.

View Unlocked Object

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Objects that are unlocked can be edited, published, and managed like any other Canvas object. The only difference is that the page designates that the object is part of a blueprint course.

You can modify unlocked content at any time. Any unlocked content you modify will not be overwritten with additional synced changes from the blueprint course.

Note: New content you create in your course is not associated with the blueprint course and will not display the Blueprint designation.

View Locked Object

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For locked objects, the individual page displays the locked attributes as set by your institution.

Attributes that can be locked include content (including the object title), points, due dates, and availability dates.

Edit Locked Object

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When you edit content in a locked object, locked attributes cannot be edited.

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