

How do I annotate a file as an assignment submission in Canvas?

Your instructor may upload a file for you to annotate as your assignment submission. You can annotate the file and submit the annotated file as your assignment submission from within Canvas.

Note: Group assignments do not support the student annotation submission type.

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Open Assignments

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

Select Assignment

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Click the title of the assignment.

Start Assignment

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Click the **Start Assignment** button.

Open Student Annotation

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Click the **Student Annotation** tab.

Annotate Assignment

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To annotate your assignment submission, use the annotation tools in the DocViewer menu. [Learn more about how to use DocViewer.](#)

To download the file, click the **Download** icon [1].

To zoom in or out, click the **Zoom in** or **Zoom out** icons [2].

To view the document in full screen, click the **Fullscreen** icon [3].

To select and move annotations, click the **Selection** icon [4].

To add a point annotation, click the **Point Annotation** icon [5].

To add a highlight annotation, click the **Highlight Annotation** icon [6].

To add a text annotation, click the **Freetext Annotation** icon [7].

To add a strikeout annotation, click the **Strikeout Annotation** icon [8].

To add a drawing annotation, click the **Free Draw Annotation** icon [9].

To add an area annotation, click the **Area Annotation** icon [10].

Submit Assignment

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To submit your assignment, click the **Submit Assignment** button.

Notes:

- To prevent losing your annotations, be sure to submit your work before leaving the assignment. Any unsubmitted changes will not be saved.
- If you exit the assignment after adding annotations and return later, you will be required to start over because your prior annotations will not be retained.

View Submission

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The Sidebar displays information about your submission [1].

If allowed by your instructor, you may choose to resubmit another version of your assignment by clicking the **New Attempt** button [2]. You will only be able to view the details of your most recent submission in the Sidebar, but your instructor will be able to see all of your submissions.

Once the instructor has graded your submission, the Grades link in Course Navigation displays a grading indicator. You can also see details about your assignment and links to additional feedback in your Grades page.

Notes:

- After submitting an assignment, the assignment still displays in Assignments and in the Syllabus; the listing is not removed with assignment submissions.
- When you resubmit an assignment, you can only access and view your most recent submission. However, instructors can view all of your submissions.

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