

Canvas Rich Content Editor FAQ

The rich content editor is the formatting toolbar visible whenever you add or edit content in an Announcement, Assignment, Discussion, Page, Quiz, or Syllabus in Canvas. Take a look at the FAQ sections below to learn how to use some common features of the new rich content editor.

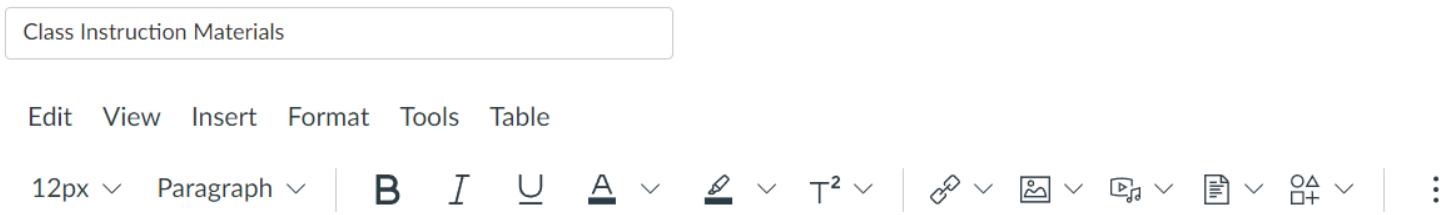


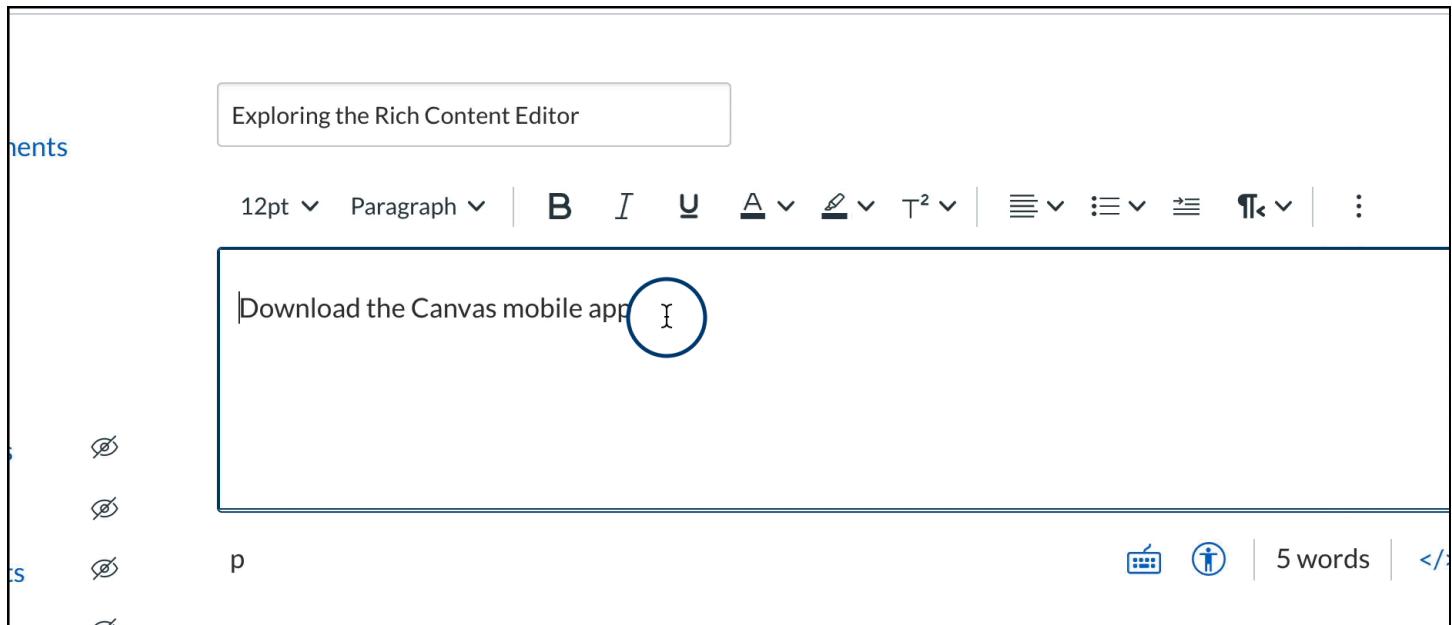
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How do I link to an external URL on the web?

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The screenshot shows the Rich Content Editor interface. At the top, there is a toolbar with various formatting options: font size (12pt), font style (Paragraph), bold (B), italic (I), underline (U), font color (A), font style (T²), alignment (alignments), and a more options menu (⋮). Below the toolbar is a text input field containing the placeholder text "Download the Canvas mobile app". A cursor icon is positioned inside the text field. To the left of the text input, there are three small circular icons with the letters "S", "E", and "L". To the right of the text input, there are icons for a mobile device, a person, and text, followed by the text "5 words" and a code editor icon (</>).

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How do I link to files?

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The screenshot shows a rich content editor with the following features:

- Toolbar:** Includes buttons for font size (12pt), font style (Paragraph), bold (B), italic (I), underline (U), font color (A), font style (Pencil), font size (T²), alignment (Align Left, Align Center, Align Right, Align Justify), and a more options menu (⋮).
- Text Area:** A large text box containing the placeholder text "Let's add a file below...".
- Link Input:** A text input field with the placeholder "Link to a file" and a magnifying glass icon.
- Image Placeholder:** A green circular placeholder with a white letter "G" inside.
- Text Statistics:** Below the text area, showing "9 words".
- Text Type:** A "p" icon indicating the current text type.
- Page Role Selection:** A "Options" section with the sub-section "Can edit this page role selection" and a dropdown menu showing "Only teachers".

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How do I upload and embed an image?

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Exploring the Rich Content Editor

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Let's embed an image below...

|

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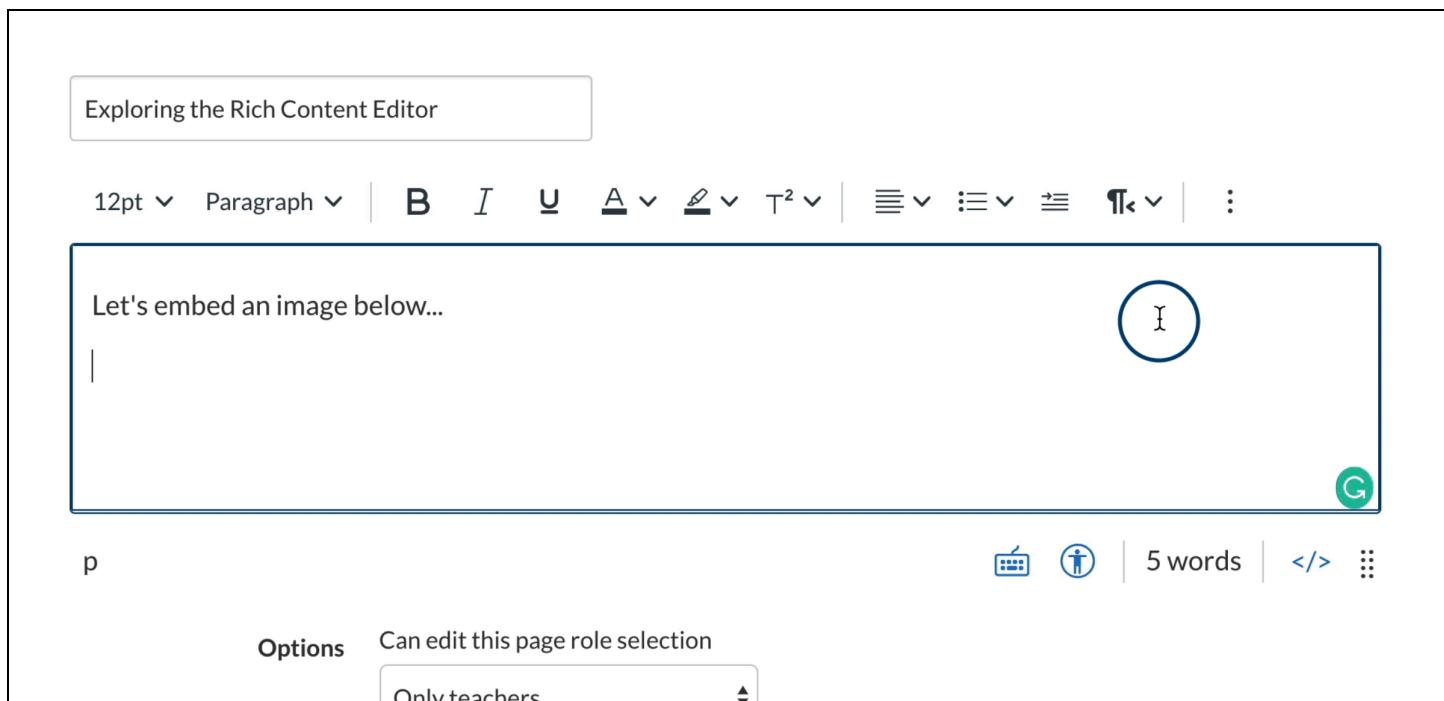
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p

Options Can edit this page role selection

Only teachers

5 words | </> |



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How do I embed Studio media?

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New Rich Content Editor

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Let's embed Studio media on the page below...

p   | 8 words | </> 

Options Can edit this page role selection
Only teachers 

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How do I manage alt text and display options for embedded images?

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Exploring the Rich Content Editor

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Let's add alt text and manage image options below...



A group of Stormtrooper LEGO minifigures are riding a red bicycle. The image is set against a plain, light-colored background. A blue circle highlights the image itself, indicating it is the target for alt text or image options.

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How do I upload a document?

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Exploring the Rich Content Editor

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Let's add a file below...

I G

p

Options Can edit this page role selection

Only teachers

5 words | </> ::

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How do I use the math equation editor?

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Exploring the Rich Content Editor

12pt ▾ Paragraph ▾ | **B** *I* U A ▾ L ▾ T² ▾ | ≡ ▾ := ▾ ≈ ▾ π ▾ | :

Let's insert a math equation on the page below...

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I

G

p

9 words | </> |

Options Can edit this page role selection

Only teachers

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How do I link to or embed a file from Google Drive?

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The image shows a rich content editor interface. At the top, a header bar contains the text "Exploring the Rich Content Editor". Below the header is a toolbar with various formatting options: font size (12pt), font style (Paragraph), bold (B), italic (I), underline (U), font color (A), font style (T), font size (T²), alignment (align), list (list), and a more options menu (⋮). The main content area is a large text box containing the placeholder text "Let's embed a Google Drive file below...". In the bottom right corner of the text box, there is a small green circular icon with a white letter "G". At the bottom of the editor, there is a toolbar with icons for keyboard, user profile, word count (7 words), code tags (</>), and a more options menu (⋮). Below the editor, the letter "p" is displayed, indicating the current text block. A "Options" menu is open, showing the option "Can edit this page role selection" and a sub-menu where "Only teachers" is selected. There is also a small upward arrow icon next to the "Only teachers" option.

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How do I link to a YouTube video?

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Canvas Video Guide

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How can I make sure my content is accessible using the built-in Accessibility Checker?

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Let's use the Accessibility Checker to fix the page below...

This is some very important information!



A group of LEGO Star Wars Stormtroopers are riding a red bicycle. The Stormtroopers are white with black markings on their helmets and arms. The bicycle is red with black tires. They are all facing forward, pushing off from the ground.

I

G

p

16 words

</>

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