



# DesignPLUS

## BUILDING ENGAGING, ACCESSIBLE CANVAS COURSES

Ready to go beyond what Canvas enables you to do?

The Rich Content Editor and forthcoming Block Editor in Canvas are great tools for building course content. But we know that many of you want to **go beyond that to deliver more** engaging, professionally styled, consistently branded, and fully accessible courses in Canvas.

That's why **we've spent the last 8 years honing a clever and affordable set of course design tools** that enable you to do things you never thought possible, while saving time and never requiring coding skills.

See what we mean by going beyond. and why our customers call these tools game-changing:

### Building Courses in Canvas:

Create content items using the rich content editor (RCE)

Duplicate content items to make similar ones in the same course

Build modules, then duplicate and update one at a time

Style pages by using the basic editor toolbar and HTML inline styles.

*On the roadmap: Drop prebuilt content blocks onto a new Canvas page*

### ✨ Going Beyond with DesignPLUS... ✨

Create engaging, accessible, professionally-styled content items using an intuitive sidebar that's available everywhere you can create content in Canvas

Create Templates at the institutional, sub-account, design team, or course level that can be reused across courses to provide a consistent experience for learners

Create a module pattern with various course content items, and then generate as many modules as you need with just one click! Scaffold an entire course in minutes instead of days

Build Themes and branding elements at the institutional or subaccount level that can be reused to achieve consistent, professional-looking design without any coding skills

Drop dozens of prebuilt, customizable content blocks and interactive elements onto a new or existing page, assignment, syllabus, quiz description, or discussion topic. Then, edit them further without ever leaving Canvas.

Create beautifully styled course content elements at the institution, campus, department, and user levels that all course designers can easily use to establish a consistent, high-quality look and feel across a set of courses

Easily add interactive content like tooltips, popovers, modal dialogs, sortable tables, tabs, accordions, quick checks – all without requiring any coding skills

Easily add progress indicators that show students where they are in a module's progression, or a Module List that highlights a specific module as active

Create a variety of page layouts with a columns and cards tool

Create beautiful button links without having to use images as buttons

Create sections of content that use a background shape or background image with text overlay

Access 30 Google font options to apply font styles to any element on a page.

Lock certain elements in the editor to prevent users from editing them



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## Building Courses in Canvas:

Upload images from your computer and select from preset sizes

See and resolve a number of accessibility issues on a page

Bulk edit assignment due dates to shift dates forward

Create rubrics

## ✦ Going Beyond with DesignPLUS... ✦

Upload and embed images from your computer and easily crop and resize (by the pixel) the images.

Search and embed images from Pexels or Unsplash without having to leave your course

Create folders of images at the institution or subaccount level that can be used across courses.

Use a variety of accessibility checkers that group similar issues together, provide a better understanding of the issues, and assist in fixing them.

Receive guidance to further improve accessibility, including descriptive link text, proper alt text for embedded math equations, and heading hierarchy.

Bulk update dates and/or times when assignments and pages will be due, lock and/or unlock, including the option to shift dates forwards or backwards by a specific amount of days.

Bulk update your Announcement deploy dates, including the option to shift dates forwards or backwards by a specific amount of days.

Enable the option to make rubrics sortable so that anyone editing a rubric can move criteria up or down the rubric table

## PLUS...

**The Library:** Search an ever-growing library full to the brim with community-created shared assets that can be pulled into your Canvas courses

**External assets tool:** Identify files that are stored outside of the current course and easily import them into the course so they are visible to students.

**Action Items tool:** Embed action items (hidden from students) to help instructors with course-building and/or guide course designers to meet quality standards

**Mobile Compatibility Checker:** Preview your content on different screen sizes and rest easy knowing your beautiful pages are mobile-friendly

**Style editor:** Use advanced styling tools to create an endless number of styles that can be saved and applied to course elements

**Quick Style Manager:** Share styles created with the Style Editor with colleagues or at the institutional or sub-account level

**Table to Columns:** Convert tables used for layout purposes into accessible and mobile-responsive columns with the click of a button

**Objectives Tool:** Insert prewritten, recurring program or course objectives, competencies, or other standards

**Policies Tool:** Provide consistent, institutionally-sanctioned content that appears in courses and is updated by the institution

**Advanced Editor:** Target a specific element on the page and view only the portion of HTML relevant to that element, rather than having to browse through the full code to find it

**Attributes:** Add/adjust IDs, classes, styles, titles, dir, and lang for specific elements without having to enter the code view

Ready to go beyond? Schedule a demo at [cidilabs.com](https://cidilabs.com)

