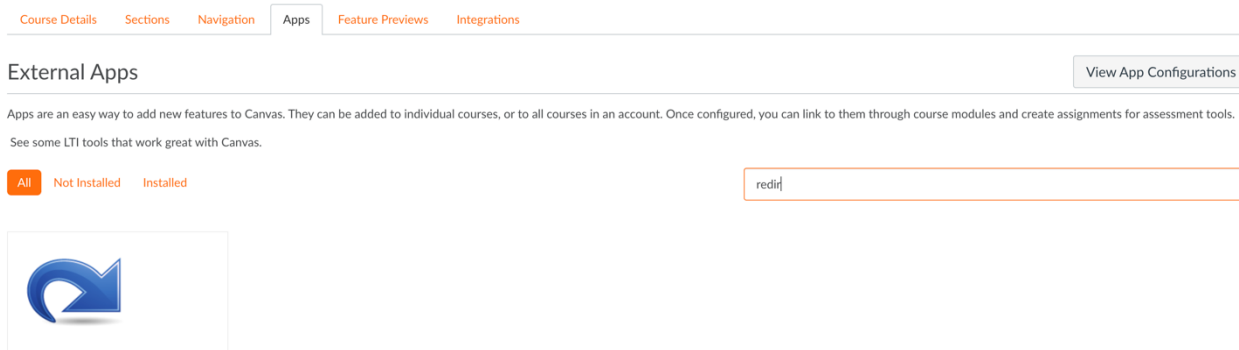# How to Add a Custom Link to a Canvas Course Navigation Menu
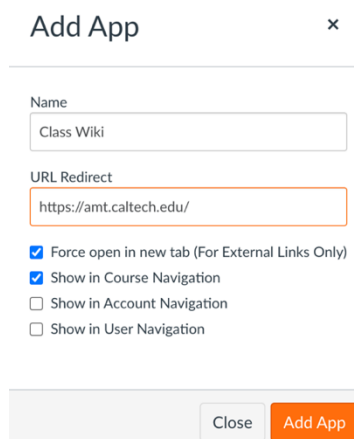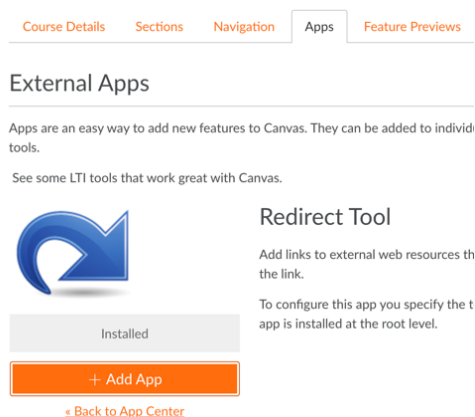
These instructions show how to add a web link to a Canvas course menu, allowing navigation menu access to external resources. This method can also be used to add specific Canvas course pages or resources to the course menu that are not already available when editing course navigation items.
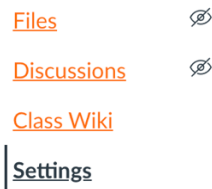
STEP 1: Add the Redirect Tool

1. Login at http://access.caltech.edu with your Caltech credentials, select **Canvas** from the **Academic Services** section, and navigate to your course.

2. Open **Settings** for the course in Canvas, located at the bottom of the left-side navigation menu.

3. At the top of the page, click on the **Apps** tab. To find the **Redirect Tool**, begin typing it in the **Filter by Name** search field, and the Redirect Tool's arrow icon will appear.

4. Select the tool, and click on **+Add App**. In the **Add App** window, enter the **Name** that you would like to appear in the course navigation menu, the **URL Redirect** for the website, and check the **Show in Course Navigation** box. Click the **Add App** button.
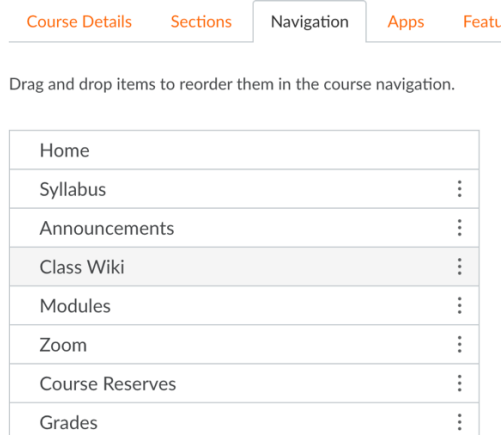
5. The link will appear in the course navigation at the bottom, just above the **Settings** link – if you do not see it, refresh the page. Click on the new link to confirm that the URL is correct.
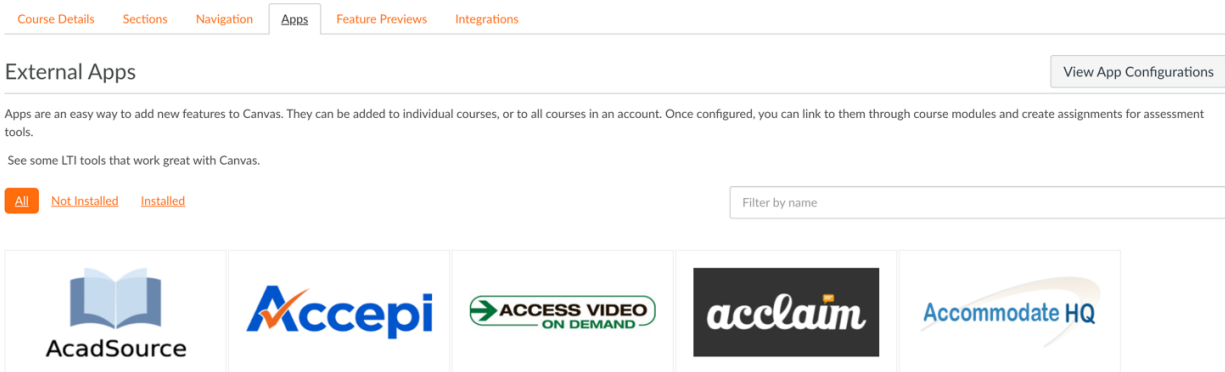
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Discussions 👁‍🗨

Class Wiki

Settings

STEP 2: Position the link in the course navigation menu

6. At the top of the page, select the **Navigation** tab.
7. Click on the new link and drag it to the position you want it to appear in the course menu, then release the mouse. Make sure to click **Save** at the bottom of the page to hold your changes.
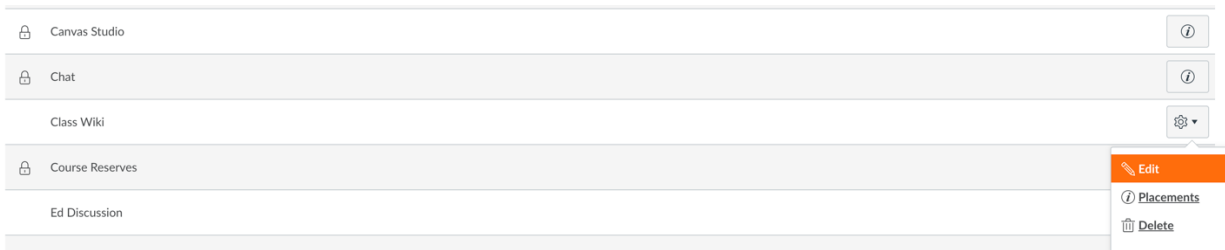
| Course Details | Sections | Navigation | Apps | Featu |

Drag and drop items to reorder them in the course navigation.

Home	
Syllabus	⋮
Announcements	⋮
Class Wiki	⋮
Modules	⋮
Zoom	⋮
Course Reserves	⋮
Grades	⋮

STEP 3: Optional – Edit the Link

8. If you need to change the name of the link or update the URL, open **Settings** again.
9. Click on the **Apps** tab, and then the **View App Configuration** box on the right side of the screen.

| Course Details | Sections | Navigation | Apps | Feature Previews | Integrations |

External Apps

View App Configurations

Apps are an easy way to add new features to Canvas. They can be added to individual courses, or to all courses in an account. Once configured, you can link to them through course modules and create assignments for assessment tools.

See some LTI tools that work great with Canvas.

All Not Installed Installed

Filter by name

AcadSource   Accepi   ACCESS VIDEO ON DEMAND   acclaim   Accommodate HQ

10. Find your custom **Redirect Tool** link, click on the gear icon, and select **Edit**.

🔒 Canvas Studio	ⓘ
🔒 Chat	ⓘ
Class Wiki	⚙ ▾
🔒 Course Reserves	✎ **Edit**
Ed Discussion	ⓘ Placements
	🗑 Delete

11. In the **Edit App** window, update only the **Name** and/or the URL. The URL should be updated only in the **Custom Fields** box. Click **Submit** when you are finished.

Edit App ✕

Name

Class Wiki

Consumer Key

N/A

Shared Secret

[Unchanged]

Launch URL

https://www.edu-apps.org/redirect

Domain

Domain

Privacy

Anonymous ⌄

Custom Fields

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new_tab=1
url=https://amt.caltech.edu/
```

One per line. Format: name=value

Description

Add links to external web resources that show up as navigation items in course, user or account navigation. Whatever URL you specify is loaded within the content pane when users click the link.

Cancel | **Submit**