This article shows how Classes*v2 tools map to Canvas tools. The titles below show the Classes*v2 tool name followed by the equivalent Canvas tool name.

Example: In Classes*v2, you could use the "Forums" tool for asynchronous discussions with your students. In Canvas, the equivalent tool is called "Discussions." The title of that section is "Forums → Discussions."

Classes*v2 Tool Equivalents in Canvas

**Announcements → Announcements**

The Canvas Announcements tool is similar to the Classes*v2 Announcements tool. You can post announcements to your students immediately, or you can schedule them to appear at a later date.

For more information, please go to the [Announcements guide](#).

**Assignments → Assignments**

The Assignments tool in Canvas allows you to create activities for your students. This Canvas tool allows you to create assignments that can be submitted online, submitted through an external application, or that will be submitted on paper. You can also use the Assignments tool as way for students to share drafts of documents for you to review. Assignments can be graded or ungraded and can be scored in points, percents, or complete/incomplete.

For more information, please go to the [Assignments guide](#).

**NOTE:** As part of the process of grading your assignments, you have access to the exciting SpeedGrader feature which allows for robust and easy to use grading tools. SpeedGrader can be used to grade your assignments, quizzes, and graded discussions.

For more information, please go to the [SpeedGrader guide](#).
Drop Box → Assignments

Canvas does not have a distinct tool which functions exactly like the Classes*v2 drop box. Instead, in Canvas, you leverage the ease and organization of the Assignments tool to coordinate file sharing between instructor and individual student.

For more information, please go to the Assignments guide.

Email/Messages → Conversations/Inbox

The Conversations/Inbox tool in Canvas is a much easier way to communicate with your students. In Canvas, your Inbox is accessible from anywhere in the system in the left-side global navigation bar.

From the Inbox tool, you can access all of your email messages from all courses that you are enrolled in. You can compose messages to participants in any course. You can opt to send messages to individuals, or you can send to all students, all teaching assistants, or all participants in the class.

For more information, please go to the Conversations/Inbox guide.

Forums → Discussions

Asynchronous online discussions are easy to create and manage in Canvas' Discussions tool. Like Classes*v2, you can have threaded discussions which are graded. Canvas does allow you to restrict students from viewing posts in a discussion board until they have posted a reply.

For more information, please go to the Discussions guide.

Groups (Site Info) → Groups (People)

In Canvas, the ability to create and modify Groups is found within the People tool. You can manually create groups, randomly create groups, or create self sign-up groups.

One of the most exciting things about Groups in Canvas is that each group gets their own mini course site within your course. Members of the group can share files, have their own discussion boards and collaborations, and can easily send emails between each other.

As an instructor, you can also assign specific assignments/quizzes/discussions/etc. to your predefined groups.

For more information, please go to the Groups guide.
Media Gallery *** / Panopto → Panopto (Media Library)

For video files in Canvas, we recommend that you use Panopto (Media Library). Panopto is a robust lecture capture, video sharing and streaming tool which makes it easy to store and share files with your students. Panopto is also capable of allowing students to share files with the class.

*** NOTE: Media Gallery has been replaced by Panopto in Classes*v2 as of July 2016. All media files that were stored in Media Gallery have been moved to Panopto (Media Library).

For more information, please go to the Media Library guide.

Resources → Files

The Files tool in Canvas is your repository for your documents and files. You can easily upload your files by dragging and dropping them onto the browser window.

For more information on the Canvas Files tool, please go to the Files guide.

NOTE: Each file must be "published" before your students can view it.

Roster → People

In Canvas, you can easily view and add members to your course via the People Tool. The people tool lists your students, their login ID, role, and the last time they were active in your course.

For more information, please go to the People guide.

Syllabus → Syllabus

In Canvas, the Syllabus tool functions very similarly to the Classes*v2 Syllabus. You can upload a file or you can post your content on the page.

For more information, please see the article How do I post my Syllabus in Canvas?

Tests & Quizzes → Quizzes

In Canvas, the Quizzes tool allows you to create graded quizzes/tests and ungraded surveys. You can allow students multiple attempts, allow them to see feedback, and can create feedback at the question or at the answer choice level. The Quizzes tool currently has 12
different questions types to choose from and you can create your questions in a question bank or directly within a quiz.

For more information, please go to the Quizzes guide.

**NOTE:** Canvas has developed a new Quizzes tool (Quizzes.Next), however, it will NOT be enabled in Canvas @ Yale until there is full functional parity with the current Quizzes tool.

### Web Content → Redirect Tool

In Canvas, the Redirect Tool allows you to add webpage links to your course navigation. This tool can be found in Settings, under Apps. You can type "Redirect Tool" in the "Filter by name" search box to find it more easily. Once you add the Redirect Tool app to your course, you will be able to rename it to whatever text you want displayed in the course navigation.

### New Canvas Tools

#### Attendance (Roll Call)

The Attendance (Roll Call) tool is a quick and easy way for you to take attendance in your class - whether your class is online or face-to-face. You can quickly mark student attendance in bulk or create seating charts to help you track attendance faster. With graded attendance, you can preselect how many points are deducted for those who are late or absent, and provide comments on why the student was excused or not.

For more information, please go to the Attendance (Roll Call) guide.

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For more information:

- Transition Information and Timeline
- Migrate Classes*v2 Resources to Canvas Files
- Migrate Classes*v2 Test and Quizzes to Canvas Quizzes