

Canvas Link Validator: Check, Repair, and Verify

Find links or files connected to old or inaccessible content.

FTCC Canvas Course Launch Resource | New Quizzes only | No Canvas-integrated AI features

Click Path

Course Settings → Validate Links in Content → Start Link Validation

Why This Matters

The validator identifies possible broken or inaccessible links. Each result still requires review and important links must be tested in Student View.

Steps

1. Open Course Settings.
2. Select Validate Links in Content and start validation.
3. Open each source item named in the results.
4. Repair internal links so they point to the current course.
5. Check file existence, permissions, and publication.
6. Replace or remove outdated external links.
7. Review student-inaccessible items for dates, prerequisites, modules, and publication.
8. Run validation again, then test key links in Student View.

Verify

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| ☐ Internal links point to the current course. | ☐ Activities, modules, and files are published. |
| ☐ External links reach the intended source. | ☐ No placeholder or obsolete links remain. |
| ☐ Remaining warnings were reviewed. | |

Important Limits and Common Mistakes

- The validator can report false positives.
- A link can open but still be outdated, confusing, or inaccessible.
- The validator does not replace testing the student path.

Primary Resource

Official Canvas guide: community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-validate-links-in-a-course/ta-p/1001

Guided-ready recording path: Course Settings → Validate Links in Content → Start Link Validation → demonstrate the essential setup → show the final verification step.