PlayPosit is a tool which educators can use to customize videos to contain interactive elements (e.g. checks for understanding, review checklists). PlayPosit calls the interactive videos you create within in “bulbs.”

Using PlayPosit in Canvas

Step 1: Sign into Canvas and use Dashboard or Courses to get to the course site for which you want to create the PlayPosit assignment.

Step 2: Use the Course Navigation menu to go to the Assignments page.

Step 3: Create a new assignment by clicking on the “+ Assignment” button.
Step 4: On the assignment creation page, title the assignment and then use the Rich Content Editor (RCE) to provide instructions and contextual information. Continue down the page and enter in the details of the assignment (points, due dates, submission attempts) except for submission type, which we will cover in Step 6.

Step 5: It is crucial that the points in the assignment settings match up to the point values of the video you make in Playposit; for example, if you are asking five questions at one point each in the PlayPosit video, then put 5 in the Points text field. In the settings option for PlayPosit interactions, you can assign a point value to each interaction, and it is important to make sure this also aligns with the Canvas points in the end.
Step 6: To configure the assignment to work with PlayPosit change the submission type from Online to External Tool.

Step 7: Click on Find to browse the applications available in Canvas. Scroll down to PlayPosit and select it.

Step 8: In the new window (below left), select Enter PlayPosit. As noted above, PlayPosit calls interactive videos you create within it “bulbs.” In the next window you will see your most recently created or edited bulbs, and the option to create a new one. If you want to work with an existing bulb, please proceed to step 11.

Step 9: To create a new bulb, find a video on YouTube or on Vimeo that suits your instructional needs, and generate questions (polls, multiple choice, fill in blank, free response, checklists, etc.) you would like your learners to interact with and decide the timestamp (exact time in video) when these interactions should appear in the video. We suggest not interrupting the learner at key points in the video. Once you have your questions set, follow the step-by-step instructions and video tutorials on the official PlayPosit knowledge page or follow along with this video to learn how to add the questions to the bulb.
Step 10. As noted earlier, it is important to assign point values to your PlayPosit interactions so that the assignment total matches that you entered in the Canvas assignment settings in step 5. Doing so will ensure that the scores from students are accurately imputed to the Canvas Gradebook.

Step 11: Once your bulb is created and saved it can be accessed through Canvas. Go back to the this screen (pictured at left below) by returning to your assignment draft on Canvas, and in the external tool options click into PlayPosit (like we did in Steps 6 and 7). Next, click the LMS button to the left of the bulb to connect it to the assignment on Canvas. One last page will appear where you need to check Self-paced and then click Link.

Step 12: You will return to the assignment draft in Canvas after linking the bulb to PlayPosit. Choose Save & Publish at the bottom of this page. Please place the assignment into a module, see here for steps on doing that.