

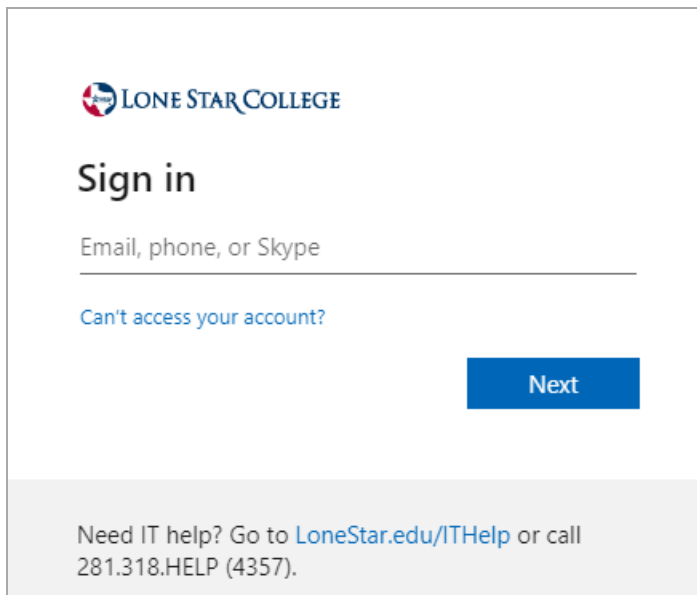
# Getting Started with SoftChalk

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SoftChalk Cloud is a program that allows faculty to easily create professional-looking, interactive lessons to upload into their online classes. SoftChalk Cloud content resides online in a SoftChalk Cloud account rather than being uploaded into D2L. If you decide to host your content in SoftChalk Cloud rather than in your D2L course, it is highly recommended that you also keep a local copy using the **SoftChalk Create App (Desktop App)**.

## Access SoftChalk Create Online

1. Go to the **LSC SoftChalk** page at [lonestar.softchalkcloud.com](https://lonestar.softchalkcloud.com)  
(<https://lonestar.softchalkcloud.com>)
2. Go through the **LSC Single Sign-On** process and login with your **LSC Email Address** and **LSC Password**.



The screenshot shows the Lone Star College sign-in interface. At the top left is the Lone Star College logo. Below it, the text "Sign in" is displayed. Underneath is a text input field with the placeholder "Email, phone, or Skype". Below the input field is a blue link that says "Can't access your account?". To the right of the input field is a blue button labeled "Next". At the bottom of the page, there is a grey footer area with the text: "Need IT help? Go to [LoneStar.edu/ITHelp](https://lonestar.edu/ITHelp) or call 281.318.HELP (4357)."

3. Upon successful log-in, you'll land on the **Lessons** page below.

The screenshot shows the Lone Star College SoftChalk interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Lone Star College logo and a search bar. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for 'My Content', 'ScoreCenter', 'SoftChalk Share', 'Account', and 'About'. The main content area is divided into two sections: 'ACTIONS' and 'Lessons'. The 'ACTIONS' section includes a '+ Create Lesson' button, 'Upload Lesson', and 'Create Folder'. The 'Lessons' section is a table with columns for 'Name', 'Privacy', and 'F'. The table contains four rows of lesson entries: '123456', '12345', 'test', and 'Fatty Acid Synthesis'. A storage indicator shows '1.91 MB of 2.00 GB used'.

4. If you wish to create your SoftChalk lesson online, select **[Create Lesson]** → **[Use Create Online]**.

This is a close-up screenshot of the 'ACTIONS' section of the interface. The '+ Create Lesson' button is highlighted with a red box. A dropdown menu is open, showing three options: 'Use Create Online' (with a globe icon), 'Use SoftChalk Create' (with a mobile phone icon), and 'Use SoftChalk Create' (with a desktop monitor icon). The 'Use Create Online' option is highlighted with a red box. Below the actions, a storage indicator shows '1.91 MB of 2.00 GB used'.

5. Refer to the **SoftChalk Training Videos** (<https://softchalk.com/support/training>) and **SoftChalk User Guides** (<https://softchalk.com/support/user-guides/>) to learn how to create your lessons with SoftChalk. If you would like to use the **SoftChalk Desktop App** to create your lessons, please follow the instructions in the next section.

## Install and Access SoftChalk Create App [Desktop Application]

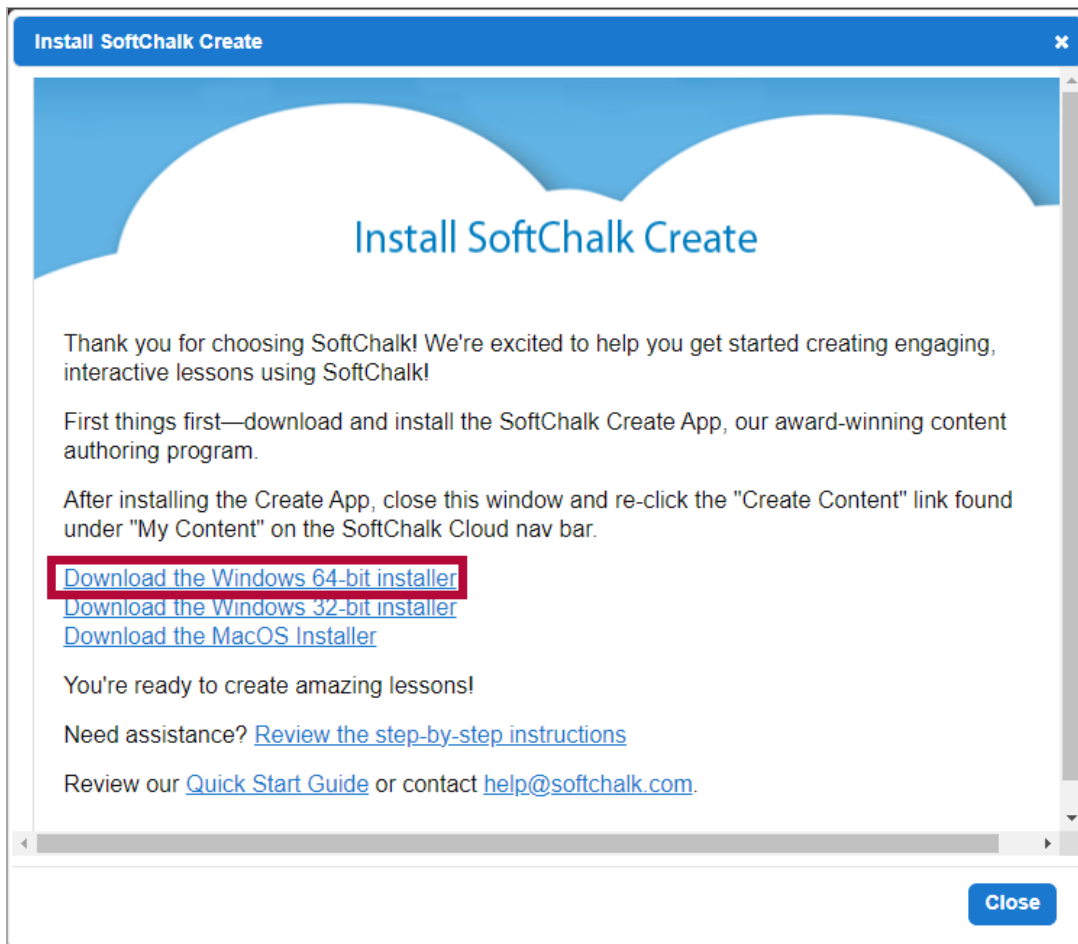
1. After logging in, select **[Create Lesson]** → **[Use SoftChalk Create]**.

The screenshot shows the Lone Star College content management system interface. At the top, the Lone Star College logo is on the left, and a user profile for '(lonestar) | Search' is on the right. Below the logo is a navigation bar with links for 'My Content', 'ScoreCenter', 'SoftChalk Share', 'Account', and 'About'. The main content area is divided into two sections: 'ACTIONS' on the left and 'Lessons' on the right. The 'ACTIONS' section includes a '+ Create Lesson' button (highlighted with a red box), 'Upload Lesson', and 'Create Folder'. Below this is a 'STORAGE' section with a progress bar showing '1.91 MB of 2.00 GB used'. The 'Lessons' section is a table with columns for 'Name', 'Privacy', and 'F'. It contains four rows of lesson entries: '123456', '12345', 'test', and 'Fatty Acid Synthesis'.

Name	Privacy	F
123456	Personal	6
12345	Personal	6
test	Personal	6
Fatty Acid Synthesis	Personal	9

This is a close-up of the 'ACTIONS' section from the previous screenshot. It shows the '+ Create Lesson' button (highlighted with a red box) and its dropdown menu. The dropdown menu contains two options: 'Use Create Online' and 'Use SoftChalk Create' (highlighted with a red box). Below the dropdown is the 'STORAGE' section with a progress bar showing '1.91 MB of 2.00 GB used'.

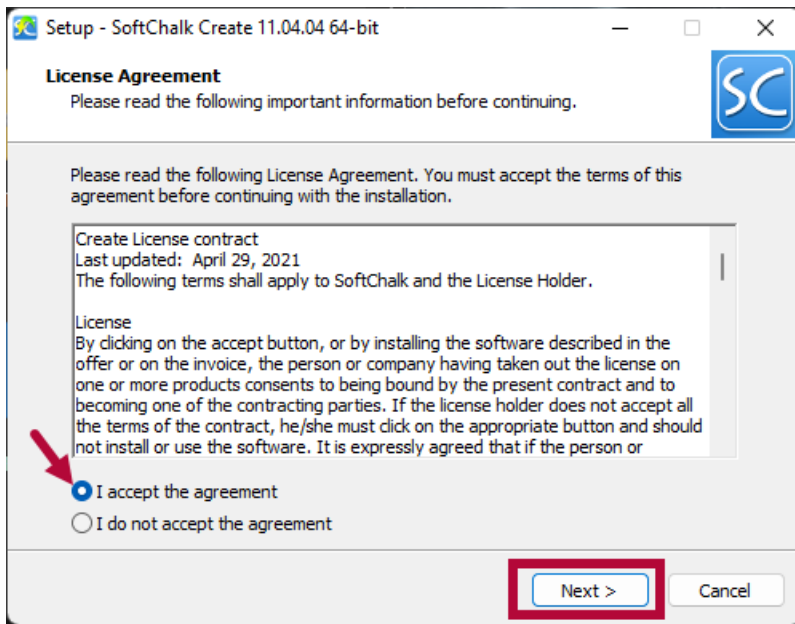
2. On the following window, select **[Download the Windows 64-bit installer]**.



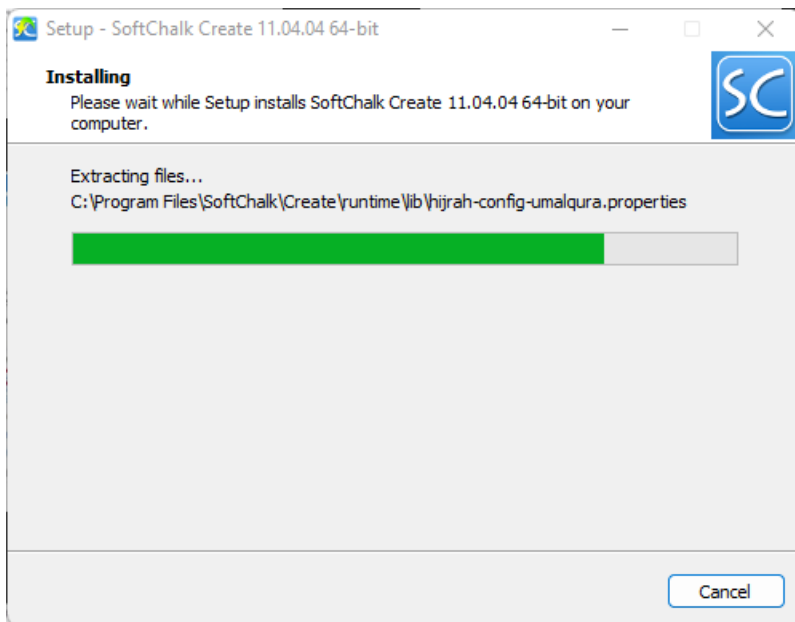
3. After downloading the **SoftChalk Create App** installer, open the installer by double clicking the launcher icon.



4. Click **[I accept the agreement]** → **[Next]**.



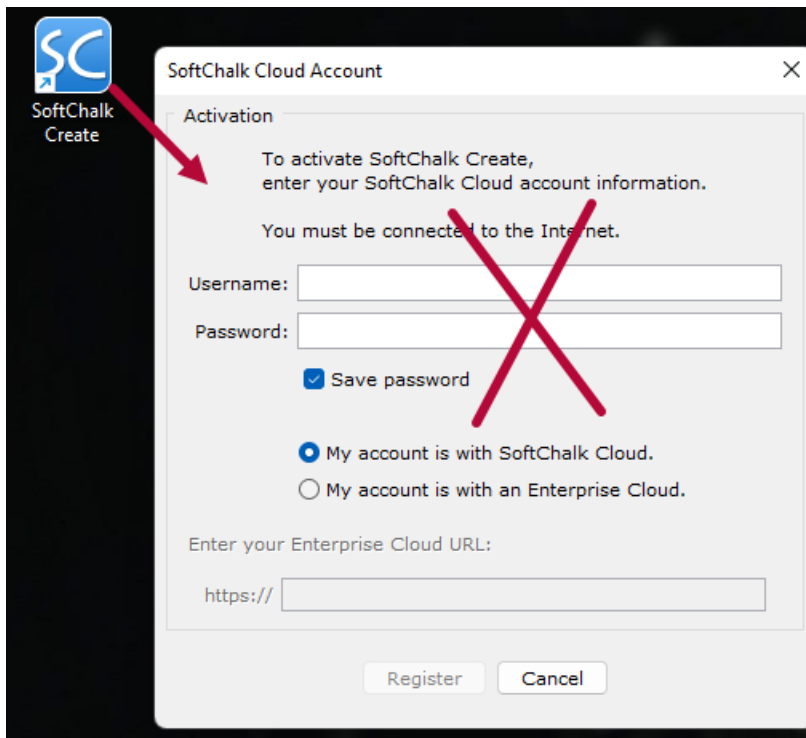
5. Wait for the installation to complete.



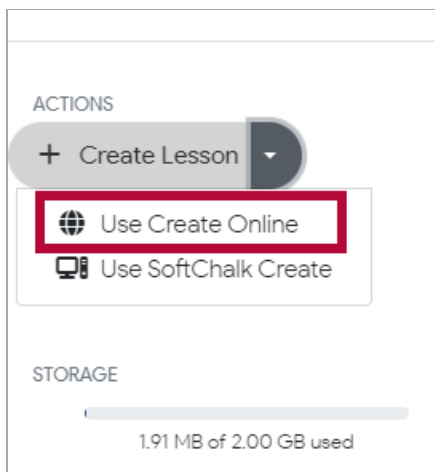
6. When the installation is completed, the window will close. You may see the **[SoftChalk Create]** shortcut now located at where you installed the program, opening the shortcut will show the window in the screenshot below.

**NOTE:** You do **NOT** want to log into SoftChalk Cloud through this window, as **your LSCS Username and Password will not work here.**

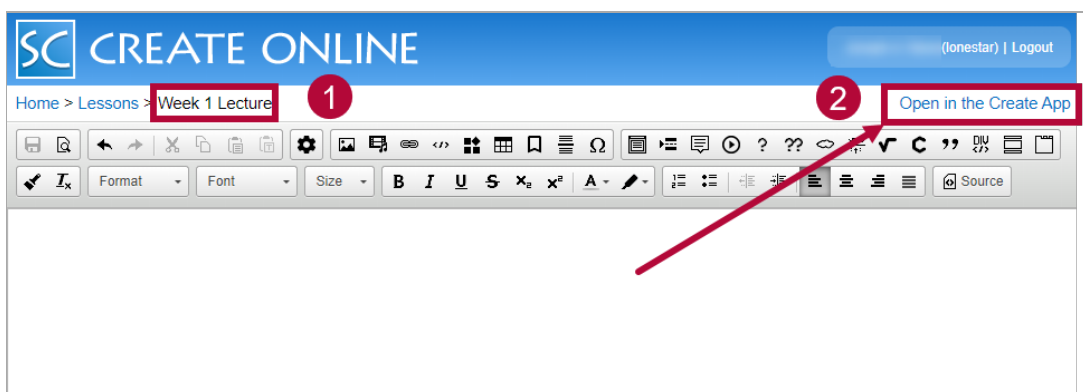
If you see the following, please close the window and head back to your **LSC SoftChalk** site through a web browser.



7. Back on the **Lessons** page, select **[Create Lesson]** → **[Use Create Online]**.

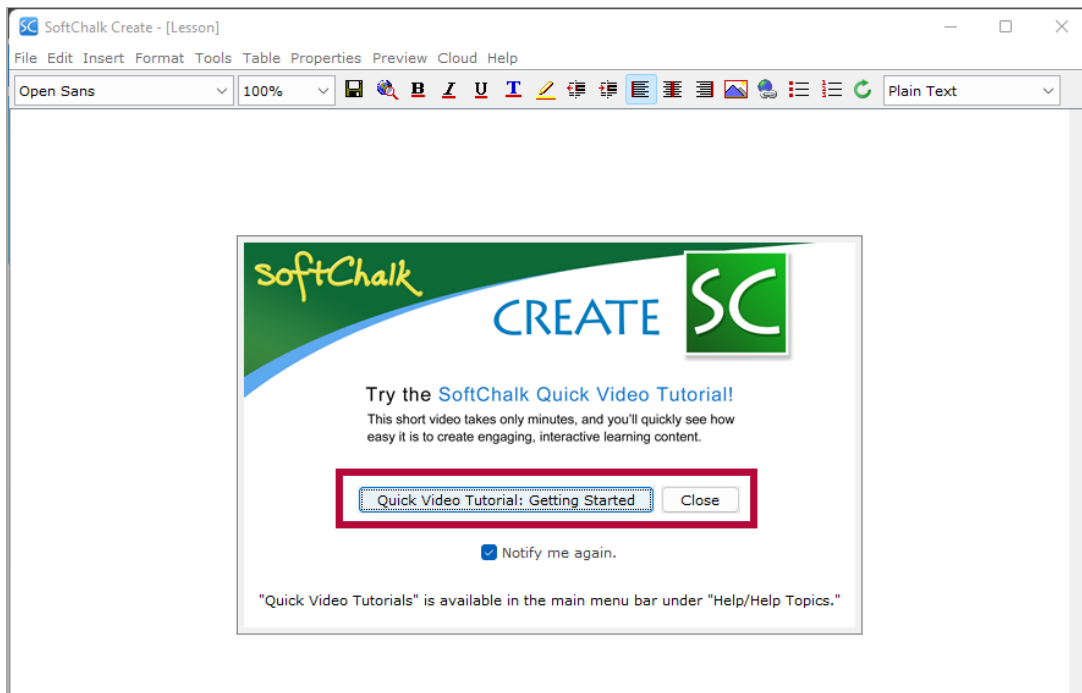


8. On the **Create Lesson** page, **name your lesson**, then click on **[Open in the Create App]**.



9. The **SoftChalk Create App** that was installed should now launch correctly. You can either view the **[Quick Video Tutorial: Getting Started]** video, or close the popup.

You are ready to create lessons using the **SoftChalk Create App**.



## User Guides and Tutorials

- [SoftChalk Training Videos](https://softchalk.com/support/training) (<https://softchalk.com/support/training>)
- [SoftChalk User Guides](https://softchalk.com/support/user-guides/) (<https://softchalk.com/support/user-guides/>)
- [On-demand SoftChalk Cloud Video Tutorials](http://softchalk.com/learn-more/training/video-tutorials) (<http://softchalk.com/learn-more/training/video-tutorials>)
- [On-demand SoftChalk Create Video Tutorials](https://softchalk.com/support/training/desktop-tutorials) (<https://softchalk.com/support/training/desktop-tutorials>)