

# Install Equatio for Accessibility and More

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Equatio allows the creation of digital equations and formulas. It also offers other STEM and graphing tools. Equatio can be used within the D2L Editor, on your desktop (Windows or Mac), and in Google Chrome. Equatio formulas enable the user to read, write, and listen to scientific material because Equatio generates *alternative text*, attached to the formula image, containing its description. This alternative text is used by readers such as [Read Speaker](https://vtac.lonestar.edu/help/a124) (<https://vtac.lonestar.edu/help/a124>) and **Read and Write**.

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See the article [Use Equatio](https://vtac.lonestar.edu/help/use-equatio) (<https://vtac.lonestar.edu/help/use-equatio>) for more information on how to use this.

## Equatio in the D2L Editor

To use Equatio in the D2L Editor, no installation is needed. Equatio is accessible through the **Insert Stuff** option on the Editor Toolbar. Read [Use Equatio](https://vtac.lonestar.edu/help/use-equatio) (<https://vtac.lonestar.edu/help/use-equatio>) for further details. The Equatio version built into D2L does not present all the features available in the desktop (Windows or Mac) and Google Chrome Extension versions. The Equatio Mobile, Screenshot Reader, Stem Tools (Periodic table, Scientific Calculator and, Molecular Viewer), and **Edit Math** are not available in the built-in D2L version. This version does not work on iPads (See Equatio Mathspace website).

## Equatio for Google Chrome

The Google Chrome Extension is available to **Insert Math** and **Edit Math** in certain browser applications such as D2L. This version does not work on iPads (See Equatio Mathspace website).

**NOTE:** In order to Install Equatio for Google Chrome, follow the instructions in the link below. Remember to select the Microsoft Office option and to use your LSC email and password.

[How to Install Equatio for Google Chrome Extension](https://support.texthelp.com/help/getting-started-with-equatio) (<https://support.texthelp.com/help/getting-started-with-equatio>)

## Equatio for desktop (Windows or MAC)

The Desktop version is used to **Insert Math** and **Edit Math** in Microsoft Word. It is not used with D2L or other browser applications. Nevertheless, the content created in the Desktop version can be copied into D2L. Watch this video for further instructions: [Copy Math from Equatio Desktop into D2L](https://youtu.be/4b5d3dXEzm4) (<https://youtu.be/4b5d3dXEzm4>). This version does not work on iPads (See Equatio Mathspace website).

**NOTE:** In order to Install Equatio for desktop (Windows and MAC), follow the instructions in the link below. Remember to select the Microsoft Office option and to use your LSC email and password.

[How to Install Equatio for desktop \(Windows and Mac\) \(https://support.texthelp.com/help/getting-started-with-equatio-windowsmac\)](https://support.texthelp.com/help/getting-started-with-equatio-windowsmac)

**NOTE:** Once it is installed, you will need to put in the product code **G2Q89FXN**.

## **Equatio Mathspace website (<https://equatio.texthelp.com/>)**

Equatio Math Space is a web-based tool that allows the creation of a digital "space" with equations, shapes, and freehand drawings. The link to "space" can be shared by students and instructors. **This version works on iPads.**

The Equatio website contains an enhanced shape's library that is not available in the other versions. The "space" can be downloaded as a png or pdf, however those files are not accessible. Instructors may create Assignments in the Equatio Math Space website. Those assignments are not integrated to D2L gradebook.

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