

# AppStream for Virtual Desktop

- AppStream is an AWS application, Amazon Web Services. “It is the world's most comprehensive and broadly adopted cloud platform, offering over 200 fully featured services from data centers globally.”
- OCC has renamed the AWS app in Canvas to “AppStream”. (Don’t ask me why because I have no idea.)
- If you do not have Office 365 or any of the required software in Office 365, you may login to Canvas and click on your class shell to use AppStream for the software you are missing (such as MS Access).
- If you are using a Mac computer, your Office 365 does not include Access. Therefore, you will need to use AppStream for the MS Access lessons.
- The free version of Office 365 does not include MS Access.
- If you have the paid version of Office 365, you probably do not need to use AppStream.
- AppStream is a way for you to connect to the campus network, where all of the software needed is available for you to use from your computer at home (or anywhere you are connected to the Internet).
- When using AppStream, SAVE OFTEN (just in case you are disconnected).

## IMPORTANT

When I use "AppStream for Virtual Desktop", I am allowed to save my files into the Home Folder. Experiment first to see if you are able to save in the Home Folder by saving a practice file, logging out of AppStream, and logging back in. Is your practice file saved in the Home Folder? Then proceed with doing your assignments. Otherwise,

- Login to your personal email and send the files to yourself as attachments.  
or
  - Open your Google Drive or OneDrive account and drag your closed files there for safekeeping.
- If you don't save your work, it will be lost. :/