Blackboard Ally - What

1. Alternative formats for course content in Blackboard
2. Instructor Feedback
   1. Checks and scores all content.
   2. Feedback and guidance on how to fix the accessibility issues identified
3. Institutional Reporting
Blackboard Ally - How

1. Course building workflows are not changed
2. Instructor adds course content
3. Automated content review based on accessibility checklist (WCAG 2.0 standards)
4. Alternative Accessible Formats available to the student & instructor
5. Accessibility score presented to the Instructor with guidance
Instructor Feedback

• Red: content has significant accessibility issues

• Orange: content is somewhat accessible

• Green: content is accessible, although further improvements might be possible
Ally - Faculty

• Accessibility indicator is shown in context of content
  - Red: content has significant accessibility issues
  - Orange: content is somewhat accessible, but still has remaining issues
  - Green: content is accessible, although further improvements might be possible
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Red

Accessibility score for: JGeronimo_EtendedBio_2017.docx
10%
This document does not have headings
What this means
How to add headings
Upload a version with headings

Orange

Accessibility score for: ETT29_FA2014_Syllabus_taggedpdf.pdf
42%
This PDF contains images that are missing an alternative description
What this means
How to add descriptions
Upload a version with alternative descriptions
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Each content item will have Alternative Accessible Formats:

• Enhanced
• HTML
• Audio
• Electronic Braille
• ePub
Ally - Student
Institutional Reports

• Provides detailed reporting on how the institution is performing and evolving from a course content accessibility point of view.
• Helps identify problem areas
• Available in May 2018
Institutional Reports

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- Overtime, Ally can help improve and create sustainable accessibility in courses.
- Monitor accessibility over time
- View accessibility issues by severity
- Identify which file types have the most issues