

To support our commitment to a more inclusive campus, we will be introducing a **new feature called Ally into all Canvas courses beginning Spring 2022**. This feature helps improve the accessibility of course content for all learners ensuring that course content is accessibility for students with disabilities, but also improving the learning experience for students who use mobile devices as well as those who want to engage with the material in a different way.

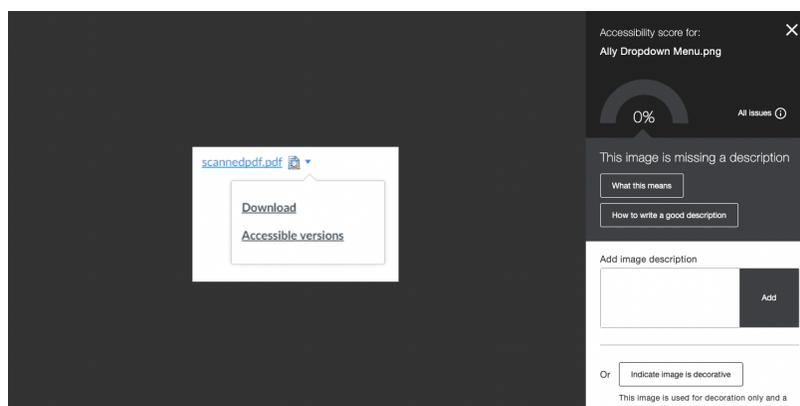
This tool has three primary features meant to promote access and engagement for all students:

Detailed Instructor Feedback

Ally provides scores (visible only to instructors) to measure the accessibility of content. Accessibility scores are determined by the severity of issues in each digital file or WYSIWYG content editor.

-  **Low** (0-33%): Needs help! There are severe accessibility issues.
-  **Medium** (34-66%): A little better. The file is somewhat accessible and needs improvement.
-  **High** (67-99%): Almost there. The file is accessible, but more improvements are possible.
-  **Perfect** (100%): Perfect! Ally didn't identify any accessibility issues.

In addition, Ally provides you detailed feedback and support to help you become an accessibility pro. From the Course Accessibility Report, use the dashboard to review your course content, learn how to make changes, and improve the accessibility of your course content.

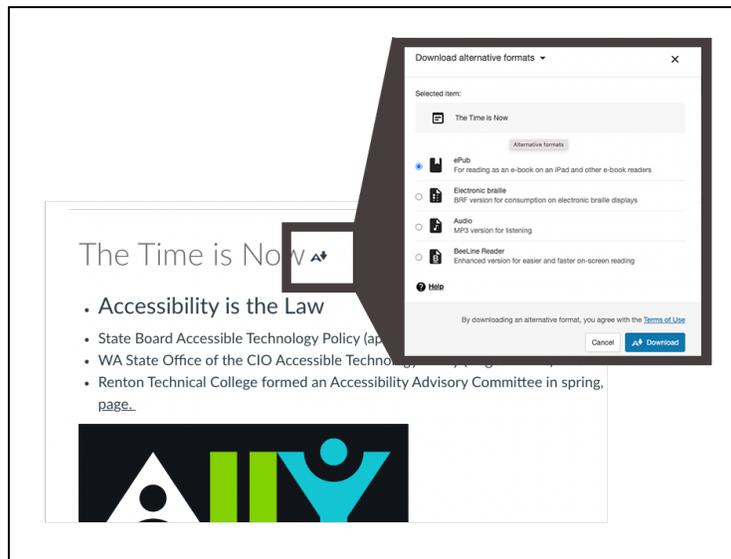


These gages are also visible to instructors in the files area of your course as well as on pages in Canvas.

Alternative Formats for Students

Ally creates alternative formats of course content based on the original. These formats are made available through an icon next to the original content. The instructor does not need to do anything, as these alternative formats are created automatically. You can disable alternative formats for any individual content item for whatever reason.

Click the alternative format icon to view alternative formats.



Institutional Reporting

In addition to course level reporting, Blackboard Ally provides an institution-wide course content accessibility report that allows for deep insight and understanding into how the institution is performing and evolving from a course content accessibility point of view. This report will be used to track progress of our accessibility efforts as well as identify areas which need support and/or training resources.