

Quick Start with Ally for Instructors

Improve the usability and accessibility of your content

Your class is full of diverse students with unique learning abilities. Providing them with more accessible original content means they can choose formats that work best for them: HTML for improved reading on mobile phones, Electronic Braille for the visually impaired, and Audio for learning on the go. Ally automatically scans your original content, and performs a series of steps to make them more accessible.

- Generate alternative formats for students to download
- Provide accessibility scores
- Give instructor feedback on how to improve your accessibility score



Typically, you should see your accessibility score within 15-90 seconds. This may take longer if your content is complex, or if you have a lot of course content and it is being assessed all at once.

Alternative formats



Ally creates alternative formats of your course files based on the original. These formats are made available with the original file so students can find everything in one convenient location.



You don't need to do anything. The alternative formats are created for you. If you want, you can disable alternative formats for any individual content item for whatever reason.

Select the menu beside your file and select **Alternative formats** to see the different formats available and to disable them.

Accessibility score indicators

Ally measures the accessibility of each file attached to your course and shows you at-a-glance how it scores. Scores range from Low to Perfect. The higher the score the fewer the issues.

-  Low: File is not accessible and needs immediate attention.
-  Medium: File is somewhat accessible and could use improvement.

-  High: File is accessible but could be improved.
-  Perfect: File is accessible. No improvement needed.

For files with **Low to High** scores, Ally shows you the issues and gives a step-by-step guide on how to fix them.

Find a file and select the **Accessibility score**. Follow the steps in front of you to go step-by-step. Select All issues to see every issue in the file and decide what issues to fix first.



Select All issues if you want to see how much each fix will improve the accessibility of the file.

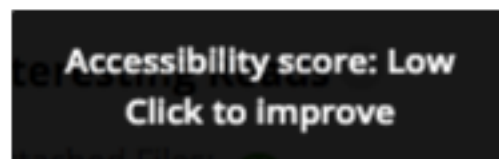
Instructor feedback

Ally provides you detailed feedback and support to help you become an accessibility pro. Learn about accessibility issues, why they matter, and how to fix them. Green is the goal!

Select the Accessibility score to open the instructor feedback. Follow the steps in front of you to go step-by-step. Select All issues to see every issue in the file and decide what issues to fix first.



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15 Text fragments with insufficient contrast

Accessibility score for: Vincent Van Gogh(62) (7).docx

26%

All Issues ⓘ

This document contains text with insufficient contrast

What this means

How to fix contrast

Upload a version with sufficient contrast

Drop file to upload or Browse

Vincent van Gogh

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Summary of Van Gogh's life

Vincent van Gogh (30 March 1853 - 29 July 1890) was a Dutch Post-Impressionist painter who is among the most famous and influential figures in the history of Western art. In just over a decade he created about 2,100 artworks, including around 860 oil paintings. They include landscapes, still lifes, portraits and self-portraits, and are characterized by bold colors and dramatic, impulsive and expressive brushwork that contributed to the foundations of modern art. His suicide at 37 followed years of mental illness and poverty.

Van Gogh was unsuccessful during his lifetime, and was considered a madman and a failure. He became famous after his suicide, and exists in the public imagination as the quintessential misunderstood genius, the artist "where discourses on madness and creativity converge". His reputation began to grow in the early 20th century as elements of his painting style came to be incorporated by the Fauves and the German Expressionists. He attained widespread critical, commercial and popular success over the ensuing decades, and is remembered as an important but tragic painter, whose troubled personality typifies the romantic ideal of the tortured artist.

Some highlights of van Gogh's work

Artwork title	Year Created	Location
The potato Eaters	1885	Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam

Course Universal Design Report

The course universal design report acts as a complement to the existing accessibility indicators. It provides an accessibility summary and overview at the course level.

The report shows instructors this useful information:

- Accessibility score for the course
- Distribution of course content by content type
- List of all issues identified in the course

Instructors see their course content items that have issues. Instructors can then access the instructor feedback from the report to fix the issue.

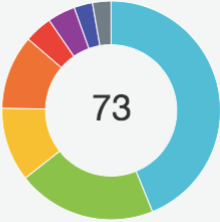
The report helps instructors determine priority and gives options for order of fixing. For example, content with most severe issues first or start with content that's easiest to fix.

Course accessibility score

47%

Introduction to Languages of all kinds

Overview Content



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All course content

Word document	32
PDF document	15
Image	8
Presentation	8
HTML file	3
Page	3
Other	2
Item	2

Start

Content with the easiest issues to fix

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Start

Fix low scoring content

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Start

Remaining issues

Severity	Issue	Content affected
🔴	The document is scanned but not OCR'd	📄 6 >
🟡	The document contains images without a description	📄 36 >

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