

## What is Ally?

Blackboard Ally is a tool that works within Canvas to help instructors ensure content is accessible to all learners. It scans pages, documents, images, and more, providing each item with an accessibility score and instructions on how to correct materials if necessary.

## Why use it?

### Integration

Ally integrates into your Canvas course sites. You'll be able to see your accessibility check meters throughout the course content and files. In many cases, you can make changes directly in Canvas to optimize the accessibility of your course materials.



### Intuitive Interface

- Content scanning and automated corrections where possible
- Clickable accessibility meters for course content
- Easy-to-follow instructions on how to make content compliant
- Multiple alternative accessible formats available for students
- Real-time updates when content is added or revised

## Keep in mind

- Your students will never see an accessibility score for your course materials. They can only view alternative formats created for content.
- Ally checks the following: images, Canvas pages, uploaded HTML files, links to YouTube videos, and PDF, Word, PowerPoint, and LibreOffice documents.
- Ally will find accessibility issues based on the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1, an international standard. Common issues may include untagged PDFs, missing headings or titles, images without descriptions, and more.

## How to get help

To register for an Ally workshop or schedule a one-on-one consultation, visit our training page at [odl.fsu.edu/training](http://odl.fsu.edu/training). For technical questions about Ally, please contact Dr. John L. Crow at [jlcrow@fsu.edu](mailto:jlcrow@fsu.edu) or 850-645-0973. For resources, visit [odl.fsu.edu/ally](http://odl.fsu.edu/ally).