What is ALLY?

- Tool within Blackboard that automatically reviews course materials, runs it through the accessibility checklist, and makes the alternative accessible versions available to the student to download.

- Includes guides to help **fix content** so students have fewer problems viewing in Blackboard.

Note: While you're in the process of improving files, students still access alternative copies.

Review Course

Ally indicators are located next to files or content in Blackboard. Click the indicator to view your accessibility feedback. Follow along step-by-step to improve your original file.

How-to's are provided:

- Select What this means to learn more about the issue.
- Select How to and follow the steps to improve the file's accessibility.

Ally identifies issues within the original file such as the following:

- Images without an appropriate alternative description
- Text fragments with insufficient contrast
- Documents and Documents with Tables without headings

Instructor Feedback

- **Accessibility score**: See the overall score for the entire file - what you did correctly
- **All issues**: Select All issues to see every issue in the file. This view shows you by how much the score can improve by fixing each issue. Find the issue you want to start fixing and select Fix.
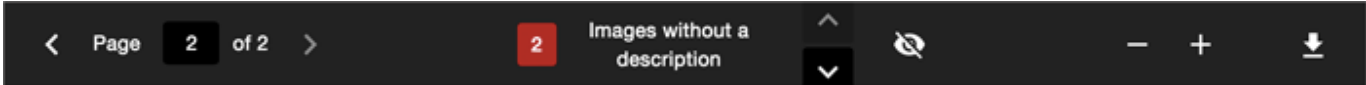
Navigating Ally Instructor Feedback

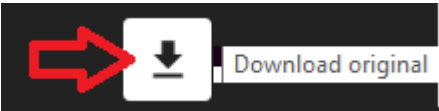What's the issue? → How can I fix it? → Success

Accessibility score for: Plato_Presentation.pptx — 32%

This presentation contains images that are missing an alternative description

What this means
How to add descriptions

Drop file to upload or

1. Score shows level of accessibility
2. View all the file's accessibility issues
3. Description of the most important accessibility issue
4. Explains how the issue affects inclusive learning
5. Detailed steps how to fix the issue
6. Add your changes in the dialogue box or upload new files

Accessibility score for: My Image.jpg — 100%

Perfect!
You have successfully added a description.

100% means the file has no more issues for you to fix, and your students will have a more accessible version to download Ally alternative formats. Congratulations! You're on your way to a more inclusive learning environment for your students.

Preview tools

- Move through the document preview page by page.
- See how many times a specific issue appears in the document.
- Jump between the issue highlights.
- Hide or show the highlights.
- Zoom the preview content in or out.
- Download the original file.

Fix the identified issues and then drag/drop file or re-upload the file to replace the existing one. If item meets standards you will see 100% image.