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What is ALLY?

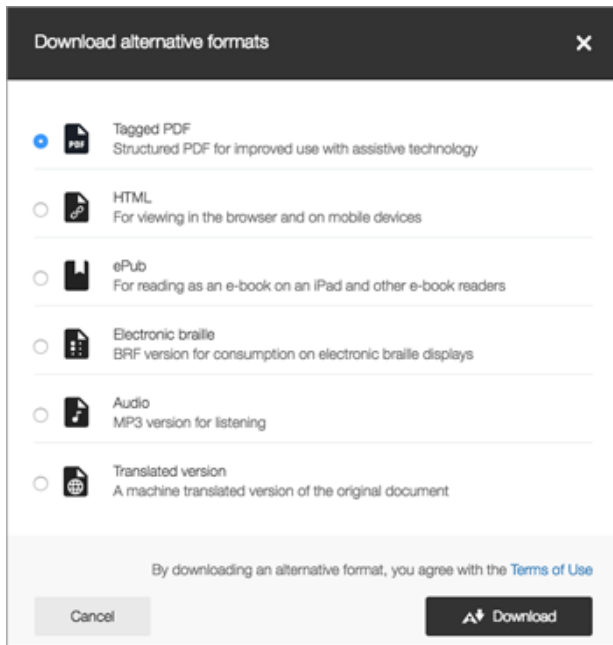
- Tool within Blackboard to help ensure course content is accessible to every student. After your instructor attaches files to a course, Ally creates alternative formats of the file based on the original. For example, if the original file is a PDF, Ally creates audio, electronic braille, and ePub formats of the same content. These formats are made available with the original file so everything is in one convenient location.
- **Alternative formats benefit everyone.** For example, maybe you have a lot of course material to read and get eye strain, or maybe you're an auditory learner. The audio alternative (MP3 format) reads aloud the text in the original file. This also includes alternative descriptions for images, if they are provided.

How-To

Find a file in your course. Select the menu beside it and select Alternative Formats. Choose the version that is best for your needs. Select Download to save the alternative format to your device.

The screenshot shows a file management interface for a course titled "Atoms + Compounds". A document icon is on the left. A dark button labeled "Alternative formats" is positioned above a list of files. The list includes three items, each with a document icon, a file name, an "A" icon with a downward arrow, and a size:

- Attached Files: Elements Compounds Mixtures.ppt (723 KB)
- Elements, Compounds & Mixtures.htm (3.763 KB)
- Dalton's Theory of Atoms.docx (2.348 MB)



Which format should I use?

This table shows at-a-glance the best formats for your different study needs.

Your study needs	Electronic braille	Audio	PDF, OCR	PDF, Tagged	HTML, Semantic	ePub	Translated Version
Adjust text, font, and background color					●	●	
Adjust audio playback speed		●					
Commuting		●	●	●		●	●
Commuting, driving		●					
Copy, paste, and search			●	●	●	●	●
Format adapts to device, responsive					●	●	

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Highlighting, note taking, and bookmarking			●	●		●	
Mobile device		●			●	●	
Offline	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Prefer listening		●					
Prefer reading	●		●	●	●	●	●
Print	●		●	●	●	●	●
Text to speech with speed adjustment			●	●	●	●	
Different language							●