

# Blackboard

## Ally Release Notes - Version 2.8.1 (Feb 15, 2024)

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### Información:

Ally for D2L Brightspace

Ally 2.8.1 brings a key enhancement to the Instructor Feedback within the Ally Brightspace integration that treats “HTML” content as WYSIWYG content and gives instructors the ability to leverage Ally's capabilities including quick fixes, What and Why guidance and content previews.

Instead of frequently encountering “Guidance Not Available Yet” in the feedback, instructors will now be able to address issues more quickly and easily within the Ally Instructor Feedback flow and focus on the most impactful changes to content.

Image 1: Instructor Feedback with available quick fix for insufficient contrast

The screenshot displays the Ally Instructor Feedback interface. On the left, a document titled "Summary of Van Gogh's life" is shown. Two text fragments are highlighted with red dashed borders, indicating insufficient contrast. The first fragment is "1 / 2 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". The second fragment is "He lived over a decade he created about 2,100 artworks, including around 860 oil paintings". Below these, a paragraph describes his work and a section titled "Highlighted work" shows a painting of sunflowers. On the right, a sidebar displays the "Accessibility score for: Vincent Van Gogh Module" as 63%. It includes a "What this means" button and a section titled "Try one of these colors instead:" with four color swatches. Below the swatches is a checkbox for "Apply to all 2 occurrences" and an "Apply" button. At the bottom of the sidebar is a "Help" link.

This improvement includes Quick Fix capabilities for the following accessibility issues:

- Text with insufficient contrast
- Tables that are missing headers
- Tables without headers
- Images with redundant text
- Images without descriptions
- Heading order

*NOTE: Issues without quick fixes available will still be shown under “All Issues” and may not have specific guidance available pending future roadmap development.*

After this release, any new HTML file created by an instructor will be treated as WYSIWYG going forward. Older existing HTML content within Brightspace will be rescored and reprocessed by Ally in waves over the next few weeks to migrate this data and provide a consistent instructor experience.

### For Administrators - Feature activation and file rescoring

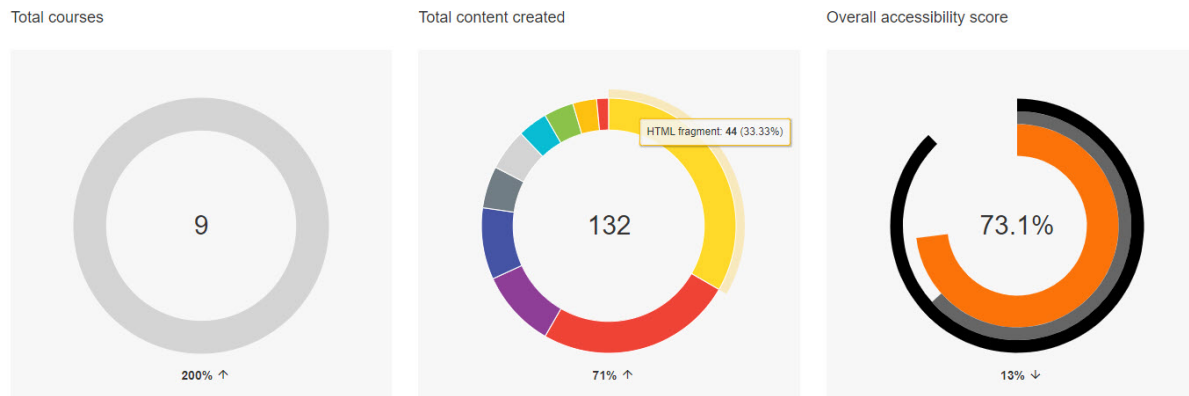
Feature activation and file rescoring will be triggered by region with this release beginning with our Canada region (prod-ca-central-1.ally.ac) on 2/15/24. Other regions will follow in the order shown below:

- Wave 1: Canada (prod-ca-central-1.ally.ac)
- Wave 2: Asia-Pacific (prod-ap-southeast-2.ally.ac)
- Wave 3: Europe (prod-eu-central-1.ally.ac)
- Wave 4: US (prod.ally.ac)

In addition to the instructor improvements noted above, Administrators will see the following differences in the Ally reports:

- All HTML files and existing WYSIWYG content will be referred to as “HTML Fragment” in the Institutional Report. This change will also be reflected in CSV exports and the Ally API for reporting tools.
- The score for each file may change depending on the accessibility issues flagged by Ally after content is reprocessed. This is because of the different checks Ally applies for WYSIWYG content vs HTML content.

Image 2: Ally Institutional Report Total content created chart for administrators



*NOTE: File rescoring will only affect HTML files. Other file types like Word, PowerPoint, PDF, images, or LibreOffice are not affected and their score will remain the same.*

### Other Improvements:

With this update, “language not set” and “missing title” will no longer be flagged as issues in the HTML content in Brightspace to help minimize frustration for instructors that cannot edit these attributes in the content interface.

Additional release notes are on the Anthology Ally for [LMS](#) help sites.

Problemas recientes

Número de artículo	Componente	Paquetes de servicio	Descripción	Versión de la solución de destino	Parche disponible
<a href="#">000060009</a>	Blackboard Learn MH, Blackboard Learn SaaS, Blackboard Learn Software	Anthology Ally, SaaS, Older_Release	When a user adds a PowerPoint presentation in a content item, it gives it a low score and advises the user to add headings. It is actually the &#39;Slide Titles&#39; that are required. As soon as the titles are added, the score is raised and that &#39;heading&#39; issue Ally reports is alleviated.	Future Reference	No

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