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Inline Grading for Assignments

If you have been using the Assignment function to collect your student's file submissions through the Grade Center, you now have a new way of providing feedback using an "inline" grading tool. Instead of requiring the instructor to download student-submitted files to view or edit those submissions, Instructors will now be able to view student-submitted files "inline," i.e. in the web browser, without requiring any plug-ins, applets, or client-side applications. Additionally, annotations tools will be made available as part of the inline viewer, enabling Instructors to provide feedback – comments, highlights, and even drawing/annotation – directly on the inline view of the document (see screenshot below).

The screenshot displays the Blackboard Grade Assignment interface. The main content area shows a document titled "Best Practices for Contents in Bb" with handwritten annotations in orange and blue. A folder icon labeled "Week 1" is highlighted with a red box, and the text "Access Week 1 Lecture and Assignments." is visible below it. The right sidebar contains the "Assignment Details" panel, which includes fields for "GRADE" (set to /50), "ATTEMPT" (5/9/14 4:54 PM), and "SUBMISSION" (Bb Tests BestPractices.docx). Below these are sections for "COMMENTS" and "Grader Feedback" with a character count of 0. The interface also shows user information for "Bb Student (Attempt 1 of 1)" and navigation options like "Jump to" and "Hide User Names".

When an Instructor views a document submitted through an Assignment, that document is converted to a format that is viewable inside the web browser. Supported document types that can be converted are Word (DOC, DOCX), PowerPoint (PPT, PPTX), Excel (XLS, XLSX), and PDF (PDF). The converted document is displayed in a viewer on the Grade Assignment page. Formatting and embedded images of the original document are preserved in the conversion.

If annotations have been made, there is an option to download the copy in the original format or in a PDF version that includes the annotations. This feature is available to students when they view their submission.

The viewer is supported on current versions of Firefox and Chrome.

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