

Ally Training Resources for Blackboard

The following resources are organized into different training categories and are specific to Ally users who have Blackboard as their LMS.

Training categories:

- **Foundational/Introduction to Ally**
 - **About Ally and Accessibility:** support article that provides a brief overview of why accessibility matters, and what Ally is.
 - **Ally for Blackboard Ultra:** video that provides an overview of Ally for instructors.
 - **How Ally Looks in your Course:** to provide visual awareness of where the different features of Ally are typically located.
- **Alternative Formats**
 - **Choose your own Alternative Format for Blackboard Learn Video:** video that explains how to download alternative formats in Blackboard. Remember that alternative formats are also available to instructors!
 - **Alternative Formats:** link to a support article that includes the video above and a description of the alternative formats feature.
 - **Alternative Formats FAQ:** support article that walks through commonly asked questions referring to alternative formats.
- **Instructor Feedback**
 - **Ally's Accessibility Scores:** support article including information on Ally's accessibility scores, including the types of content Ally checks and the score ranges.
 - **Using Instructor Feedback to check the accessibility of individual files:** support article that provides guidance on how to access the Instructor Feedback panel and use the guidance provided.
 - **PDF Quick fixes:** support article walking through our new PDF quick fixes that address 3 common PDF accessibility issues: scanned PDFs, missing language set, and missing title.
 - **Improving content Accessibility using Ally:** includes best practices for creating accessible content, such as fixing broken links, adding headers to documents, etc.
 - **Instructor FAQs for Ally:** comprehensive FAQ of common questions asked by instructors using Ally.
 - **Using Ally to address WYSIWYG accessibility:** WYSIWYG stands for what you see is what you get and refers to the content built directly into Blackboard using the rich content editor. This comprehensive support page walks through how to do this, including a helpful video and breakdown of WYSIWYG content supported in Blackboard.
- **Course Accessibility Report**
 - **Course Accessibility Report:** support article that describes the Course Accessibility Report, how to find it, and what it entails. The CAR includes 3

guided remediation approaches to help instructors determine a remediation approach.

- **Special Features**

- **AI Alt Text Assistant:** support article that provides information on how to use the AI Alt Text Assistant, which uses AI to generate alternative format suggestions for images that have been uploaded as a standalone image/file (not embedded in anything else), or images that have been embedded in WYSIWYG content.
- [PDF Quick Fixes](#)

- **Communication**

- **Positioning Ally:** this is taken from Ally's Communication and Adoption Toolkit, a collection of resources designed to help administrators and instructors strengthen their adoption of Ally. This page walks through suggestions for how to talk about Ally to different audiences.
- **Faculty Adoption:** also part of the toolkit mentioned above, this has a variety of resources to use in communication with faculty, such as sample syllabus statements, student use cases of alternative formats, community stories and case studies from other Ally institutions.
- **Communication resources:** also included in the toolkit, this section includes messaging templates for instructors, as well as PowerPoint presentations that instructors can use when introducing their students to Ally's alternative formats. Additionally, there are PPTs that administrators can use when they are working with faculty on using Ally.

- **Ally Support & Resources**

- **Ally User Group:** community of global Ally users that meet every 2 months and maintain an online discussion forum. Anyone can join! It is a wonderful and passionate community.
- **Ally Office Hours Registration:** our product and development team host office hours every month. Here they will lead demonstrations of new releases, talk through any roadmap items pertinent, share any new content or resources, and answer questions. Everyone is welcome!
- **Anthology Community:** collaborative platform of global Anthology users that offers discussion forums, blogs, user groups, etc.
- **Member Idea Exchange:** virtual suggestion box! Here you can share your ideas or feature requests for any Anthology product, including Ally.