

Delivering Beyond Accessibility Compliance

D2L Brightspace is the learning platform built by and for people who care deeply about helping all learners reach their potential.

Learning technologies should never limit learning opportunities. For us, accessibility is a strategy to ensure that every learner is set up for success.

- Brightspace is designed to address permanent, temporary and situational constraints to learning. Accessibility is an integral component of our development cycle.
- Our robust support process ensures that your feedback is received, prioritized and acted on. We codesign a learning environment for you and with you.

SUPPORT ALL LEARNERS, INSTRUCTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS

The Brightspace platform is designed with accessibility in mind for learners, instructors and admins with disabilities. Our design and development processes are built on the principles of inclusive design.

- We integrate the latest global accessibility standards into our product process and openly report conformance to the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 Level AAA standards and compliance with regulations such as Section 508 of the U.S. Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
- Our researchers, designers, developers and testers work with a community of users with disabilities to help provide the best user experience for all.

“Because accessibility is a never-ending effort, it must be part of a company’s culture. Accessibility is not just a checklist we run through but a way of approaching our work.”

John Baker, CEO, D2L Corporation

ACCESS THE TOOLS YOU NEED TO SUCCEED

We support you in accessible content creation through accessible content templates, a built-in accessibility checker and an optional content accessibility audit service.

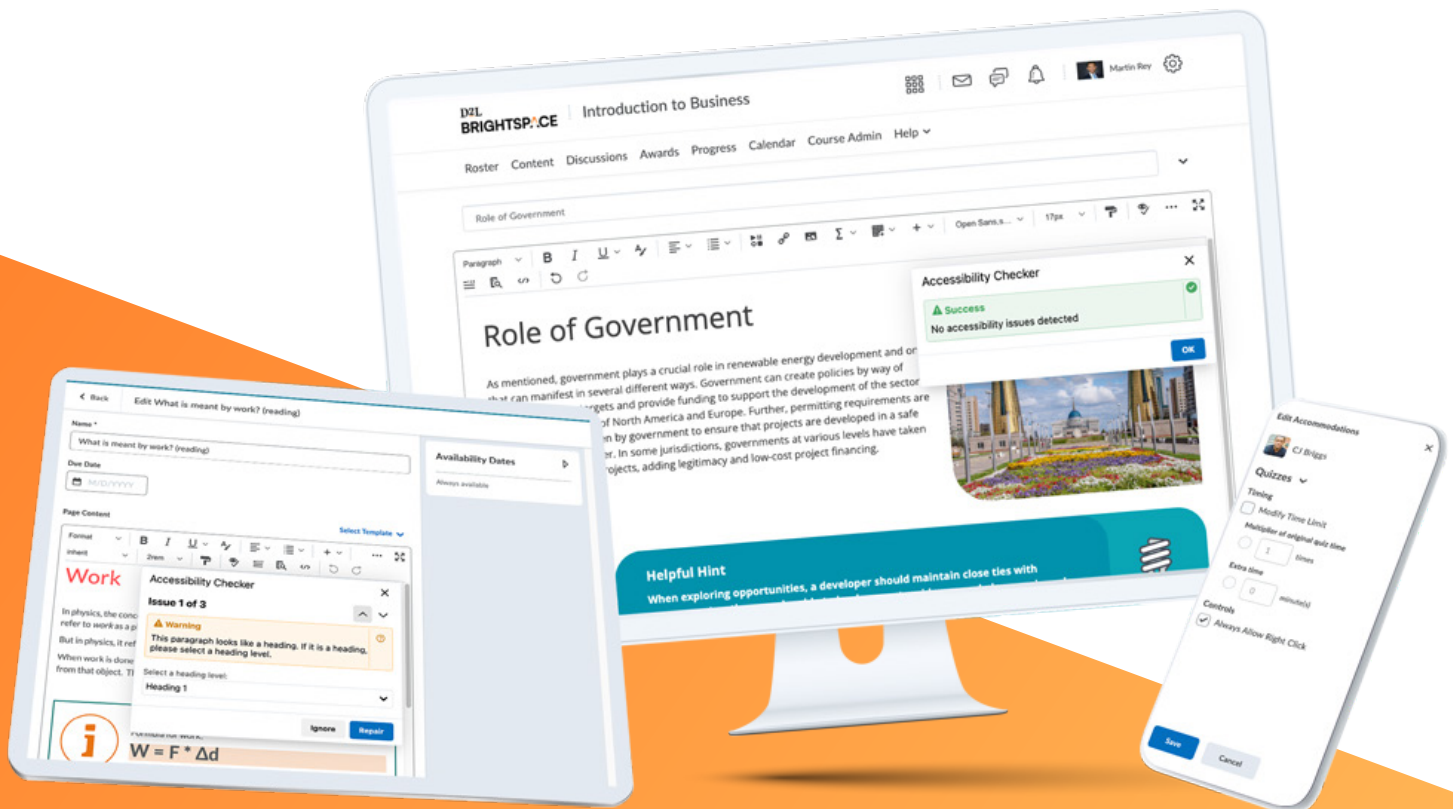
- The accessibility checker built into the HTML editor assists in creating standards-compliant HTML for content, quizzes and discussions.
- We have integrated Blackboard Ally—a third-party content accessibility auditing service—within the Content tool in Brightspace.
- Using Ally, instructors can create accessible content, learners can download content in alternative formats, and instructors and administrators can generate robust reports.

OFFER VARIOUS MODES OF LEARNING

Brightspace supports Universal Design for Learning to help you reach your learners in ways that appeal to them and in modes that align with their cognitive styles.

- Brightspace gives your instructors various methods to provide learning and supports learners with multiple ways to engage with the material and express themselves.
- Inclusion is a part of D2L's organizational culture. We design our products with empathy to empower learners with disabilities to succeed.
- We enable instructors and students to easily create accessible videos using our Video Note tool and video editing features, including auto-generated, editable closed captions. Our accessible video player allows users to download transcripts and captions.

D2L is the only educational technology company that has been a member of the National Federation of the Blind's (NFB) Strategic Nonvisual Accessibility Partnership program since 2016. The NFB provides advisory services where needed through this program and conducts accessibility audits of Brightspace and websites.



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