Anthology Ally

Office Hours

April 2023

Forward-Looking Statement

Statements regarding our product development initiatives, including new products and future product upgrades, updates or enhancements represent our current intentions, but may be modified, delayed or abandoned without prior notice and there is no assurance that such offering, upgrades, updates or functionality will become available unless and until they have been made generally available to our customers.

About Office Hours

- Office hours are facilitated by the Product managers and the wider team.
- Come and listen to the Anthology staff discuss in detail the latest feature releases, product developments and emerging current issues.
- You will have the opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions to the Ally Product Management team and other clients.
- The slide deck and recording will be shared after the meeting.

Agenda for Today (April 10, 2023)

Upcoming / Ongoing events

- FYCD

Q&A with Chris, Ivan, and the Ally team

- Roadmap questions around upcoming features
- General questions and chat

Discussion

- Product sentiment survey results
- Moodle plugin repository migration

Upcoming/Ongoing events

Ally activities

Fix Your Content Day

Anthology Ally

A 24-hour competition committed to creating accessible and more inclusive digital learning content across classrooms and institutions globally for Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD).

Join us on

Are you up for the challenge?

Register Now!

Learn tips and strategies for mobilizing team members with our Communications Pack.

International Ally User Group

April 27th, 2023

07:00 PDT / 10:00 EDT / 15:00 GMT / 16:00 CET / 19:00 GST

Sign up, submit questions in advance, and request a calendar appointment using this form.

https://forms.office.com/e/v0wTMk9AHH

Agenda

As the "International" Ally User Group it's important to consider the global perspective. We are lucky to be joined by panelists from six countries that span across eight time zones.

The roundtable will cover four themes

- Alternative formats and students
- Encouraging staff to create accessible content
- Institutional policy and challenges
- Celebrating success

Accessibility Beyond Borders

Global roundtable discussing the challenges and opportunities of digital accessibility in Higher Education

Sharon Austin

Academic Technology Accessibility Specialist

University of Tampa

Terry Greene

Senior eLearning Designer

Trent University

James Northridge

Inclusive UCC Project Manager

University College Cork

Dr Tharindu Liyanagunawardena

Digital Accessibility Officer

University of Reading

Esin Caglayan, Ph.D.

Director of Teaching and Learning Center

Izmir University of Economics

Sarah Whittaker

Senior Manager Teaching with Technology

United Arab Emirates

Anthology Ally User group

Office Hours Q&A

Roadmap questions, issues, general questions and chat

Question 1

Is there any update around math equations in Microsoft Word being included in the Alternative Format downloads for Ally?

Answer: We have two goals as part of our current roadmap for STEM Content:

- Better detection and handling of images that include STEM content
- Better conversion of math equations within Alternative Formats

A Deeper Look at D2L HTML Guidance

There are 3 levels to D2L HTML content that determine how Ally can best apply guidance:

Brightspace Content Areas and New Experiences

Uploaded HTML vs WYSIWYG
(How Brightspace handles this)

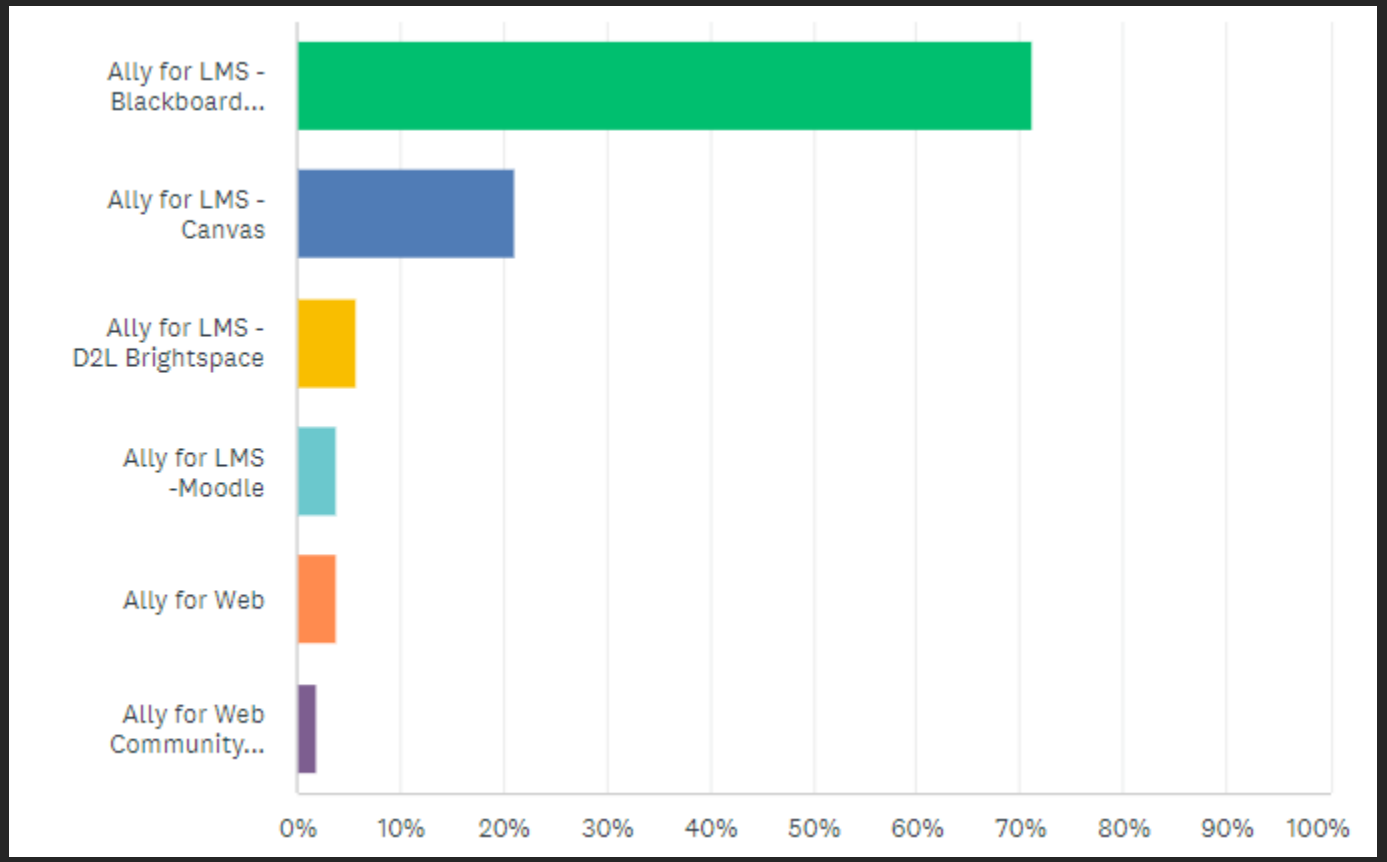
”Guidance Not Yet Available”
missing guidance in Ally

Discussion

Product Sentiment Survey

52 Respondents

267 Open answers



Product Sentiment Survey

Feedback

- How to keep track of roadmap items.
- Avoid losing visibility of what planned items

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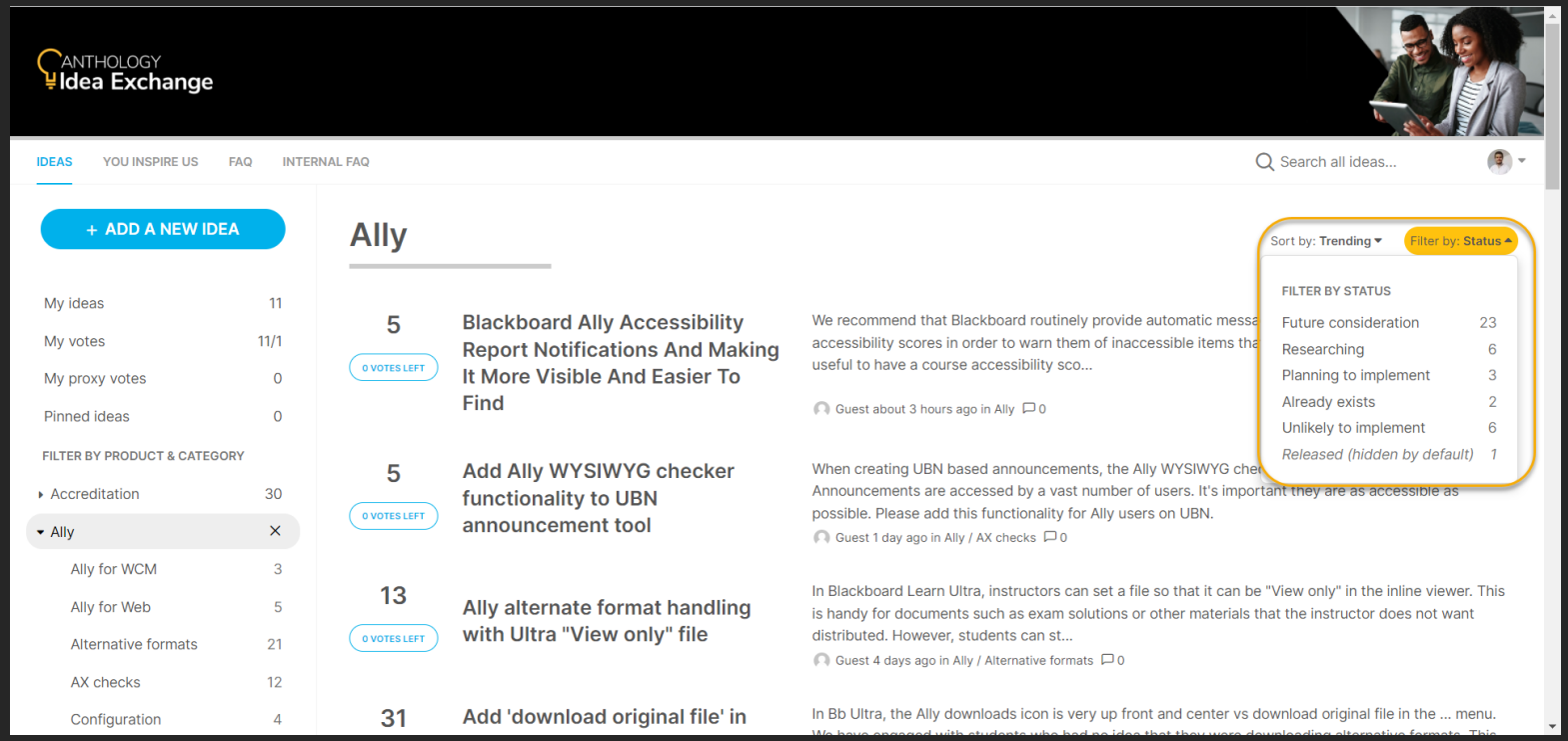
Idea Exchange



Roadmap in the Idea Exchange

- Planning to implement: Items being developed
- Future consideration: Items planned for mid and long terms.
- Researching: Assessing if these items can be part of the roadmap.
- Unlikely to implement: Not planned for research or as part of the roadmap. There is a chance that could be included as long-term items.

Product Sentiment Survey

Feedback

Guidance not available

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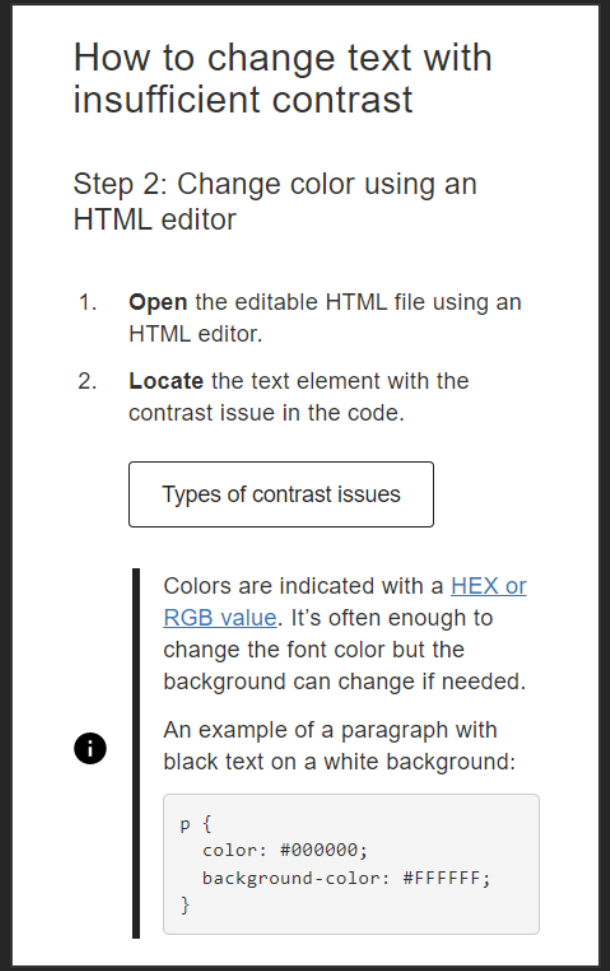
Two additional guidance released in the last month



How to change text with insufficient contrast

Step 2: Change color using an HTML editor

1. **Open** the editable HTML file using an HTML editor.
2. **Locate** the text element with the contrast issue in the code.

Types of contrast issues

Colors are indicated with a HEX or RGB value. It's often enough to change the font color but the background can change if needed.

An example of a paragraph with black text on a white background:

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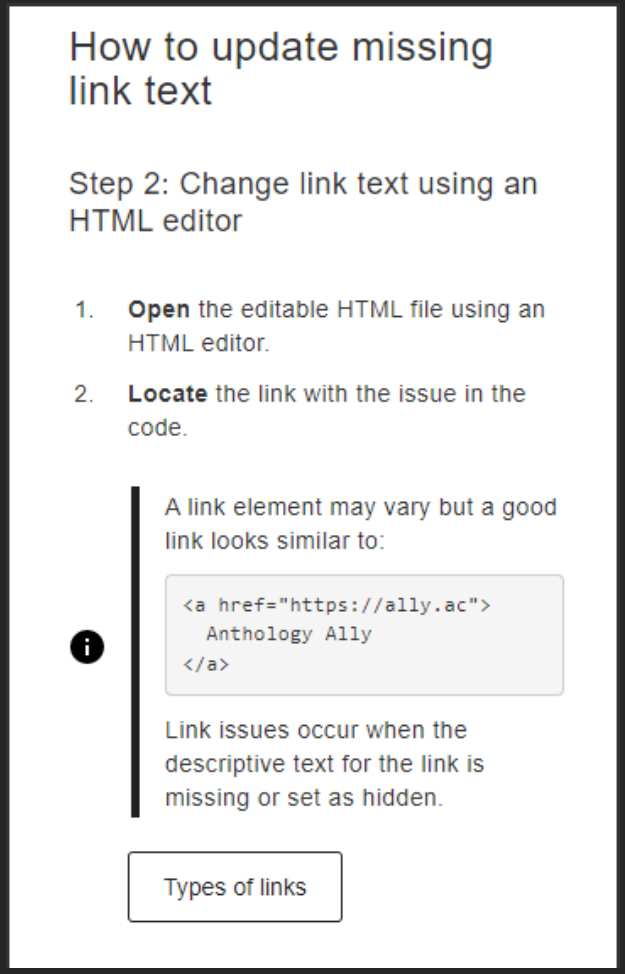
p {
  color: #000000;
  background-color: #FFFFFF;
}
```



How to update missing link text

Step 2: Change link text using an HTML editor

1. **Open** the editable HTML file using an HTML editor.
2. **Locate** the link with the issue in the code.

A link element may vary but a good link looks similar to:

```
<a href="https://ally.ac">
  Anthology Ally
</a>
```

Link issues occur when the descriptive text for the link is missing or set as hidden.

Types of links

Discussion: Moodle plugin repository migration

OpenLMS

- Available via:
  - OpenLMS plugin matrix

Moodle Core

- Available via:
  - Moodle plugins page

URL GitHub repository change

MIGRATION TO BE COMPLETED IN THE UPCOMING WEEKS. We will make announcements on all the Ally channels:

- User Group
- Support platform
- Release notes

Discussion: Moodle plugin repository migration

Current Moodle clients

Existing Ally for Moodle clients are NOT affected by this migration and the current version (v4.0.5) of the Ally plugins will continue working normally as expected.

LibreOffice

Why does Ally consider using an open-source like LibreOffice?

- Balance between stability and functionality
- Ally reports bugs and keeps track of them
- We have plans to update LibreOffice to the most recent still branch

General Questions?

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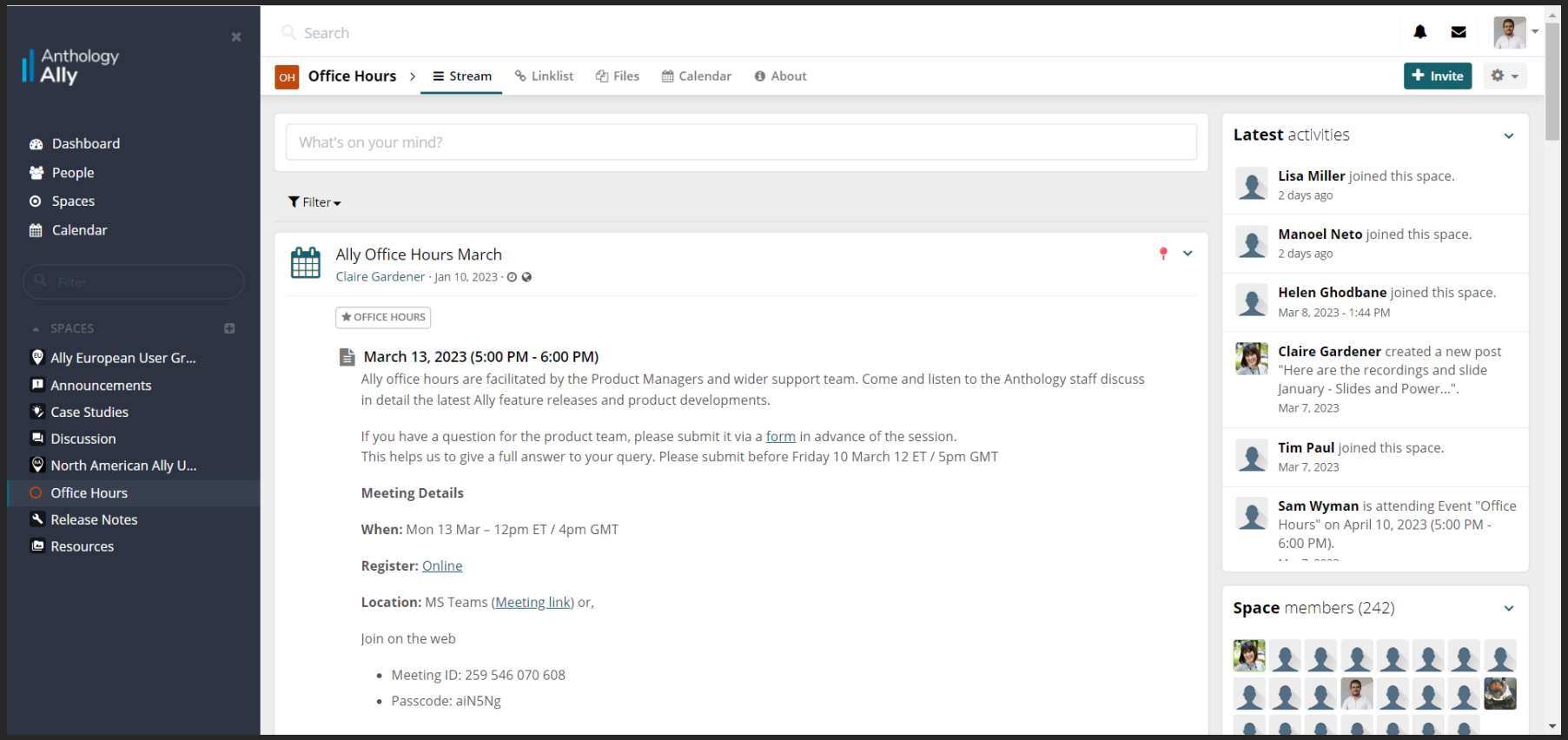

https://usergroup.ally.ac/s/office-hours/

Next Office Hours – **Mon 8 May**

Please submit your questions via Microsoft Form

https://forms.office.com/r/2dLEMaSM3z

Office Hours will be every 2nd Monday of the month.