



# Ally Office Hours

April 14, 2025

## 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. There is no assurance that such offerings, 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.
- Closed captioning is available on today's webinar (via Microsoft Teams).
- Based on Anthology's AI Trustworthy Framework, the use of third-party AI generator software for notetaking or recording of this session requires consent from all webinar attendees and prior approval from Anthology.

# Agenda for Today (April 14, 2025)

- Upcoming / Ongoing events
  - AT25 Registration Reminder
  - Ally International User Group May 29
  - Ally Community Birthday Celebration
- Recent Highlights/Updates
- Roadmap Update
  - March 26<sup>th</sup> Roadmap Recording
  - PDF File Fixing Preview Quick Recap
- Q&A with Chris and the Ally team
  - Roadmap questions around upcoming features
  - General questions and chat

# Upcoming/Ongoing Events



Where education +  
technology meet

# Registration is open!

Early Bird savings available through May 23.

[anthology.com/together](https://anthology.com/together)

Anthology Together  
July 14–16, 2025  
Fontainebleau Las Vegas



# International Ally User Group May 29

All allies  
welcome!



Anthology  
**Ally**  
User group

07:00 PST

10:00 EST

15:00 GMT

16:00 CET

18:00 TRT

19:00 GST

Details on ally  
community  
site:

[https://tinyurl.com/  
AllyEvents](https://tinyurl.com/AllyEvents)





**Happy 8<sup>th</sup> Birthday to  
the Ally Community!**

(April 12, 2017)



# Recent Highlights/Updates

# Recent releases

- Ally 2.13.1 | Release to production: March 27, 2025
  - Math Support for Microsoft Word Documents in Immersive Reader Alt Format
  - Mathjax contextual menu enabled
  - Bug fixes
- Ally 2.13 | Release to production: March 19, 2025
  - Math Support for Microsoft Word Documents in HTML Alt Formats
  - Bug fixes
- Ally 2.12.4 | Release to production: March 5, 2025
  - Alt Formats for D2L New Learner Experience
  - Bug fixes

But wait - there is one  
more surprise...



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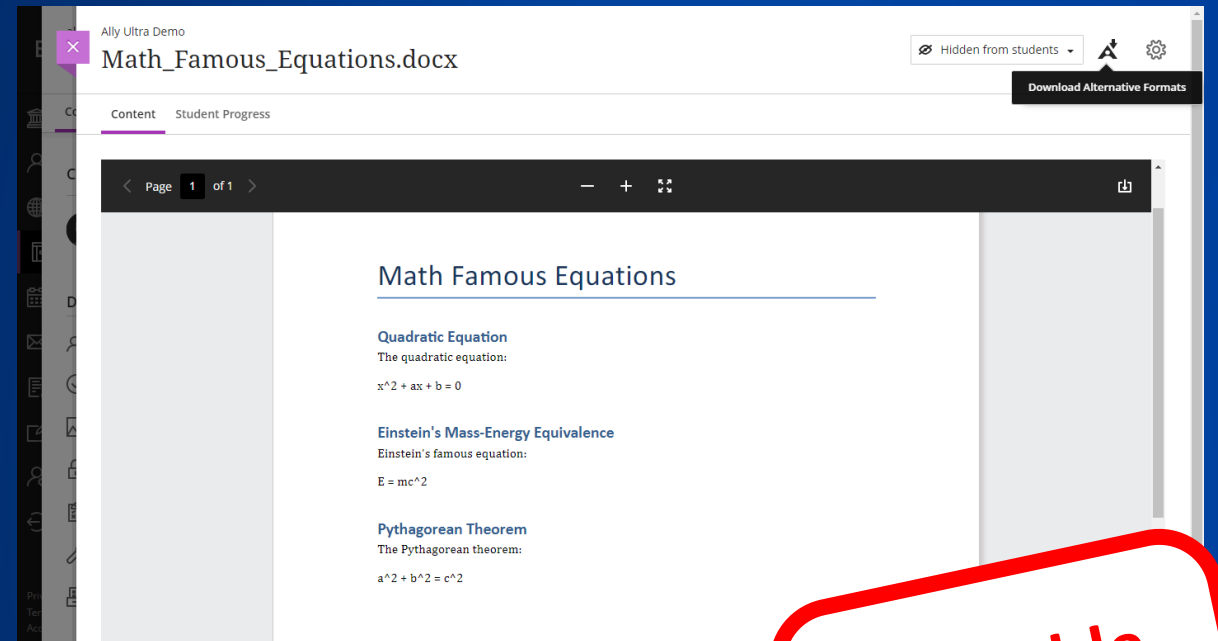


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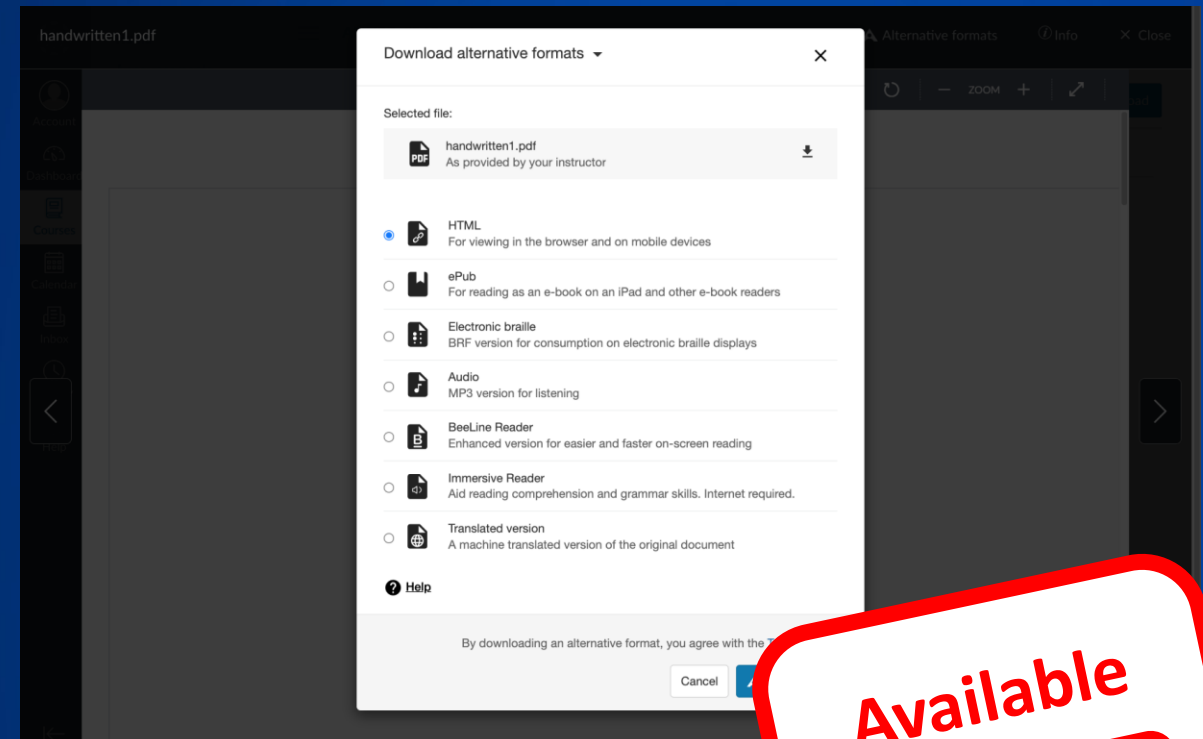


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**Early Release of Handwritten Content Support within Scanned PDFs!**



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# Reminder: Where can I find Release Notes?

1. Ally Help page: [https://help.blackboard.com/Ally/Ally for LMS/Administrator/Release Notes](https://help.blackboard.com/Ally/Ally_for_LMS/Administrator/Release_Notes)
2. Ally User Group: <https://usergroup.ally.ac/s/releases/>
3. Anthology Community: <https://community.anthology.com/groups/discuss/95/186>


# Roadmap Update

March 26<sup>th</sup> Roadmap Recording – Where to find it  
File Fixing Improvements Preview - Recap

# March 26<sup>th</sup> Roadmap Recording

- An On Demand version of the March 26<sup>th</sup> roadmap is available now if you missed it live!
- Find it here:  
<https://www.anthology.com/webinar/ally-roadmap-update-march-2025>

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## Anthology Ally

[On-Demand Webinar](#)

### Ally Roadmap Update – March 2025

In this webinar our Product Management leaders provided an update on the Ally roadmap and gave an exclusive look at the upcoming feature releases and enhancements. Discover the new wave of innovation and see how Ally can help enable your institution with the tools needed to succeed.

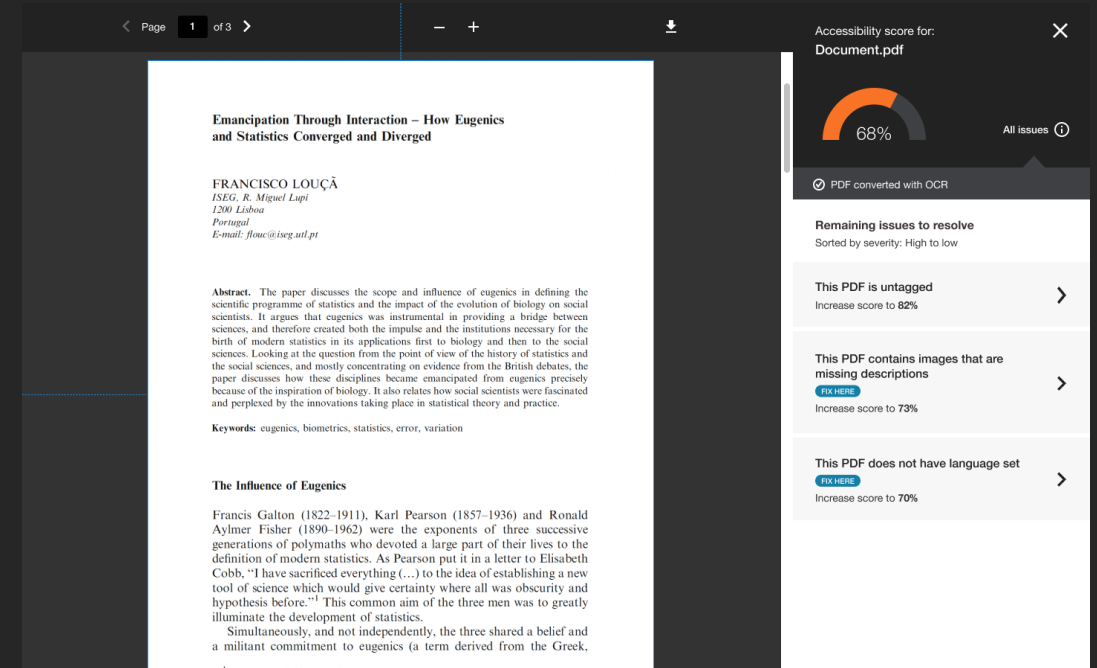
[Watch the Webinar](#)

# PDF Quick Fixes

(Preview sessions March 13 and 20)

Your feedback has helped us identify key areas to focus on, including:

- **OCR Conversion:** While most users find it helpful, some mentioned they need to ensure no content is lost or altered during conversion.
- **Library Reference Scores:** Participants raised concerns about how library references impact scoring, particularly in relation to quick fixes.
- **PDF Tagging:** The tagging process can be challenging for new users. We're conducting research to improve how this is communicated.



*"Loved what we saw and can't wait to actually get to use it!!!"*

*"Everything is looking really exciting. Cannot wait to try the new features!"*

*"This looks great!!!"*



🌟 Thanks for participating! 🌟

- University of Aberdeen
- Abertay University
- CU Denver
- University of East Anglia
- Augusta Technical College
- Concordia Seminary
- UMBC
- Harper College
- Owens Community College
- Bellevue College
- Saint Mary's College

General Questions?

## Next Office Hours – June 9, 2025

Please submit your questions via Microsoft Form

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

Office Hours will be every 2nd Monday of the month  
(with the new every other month schedule).