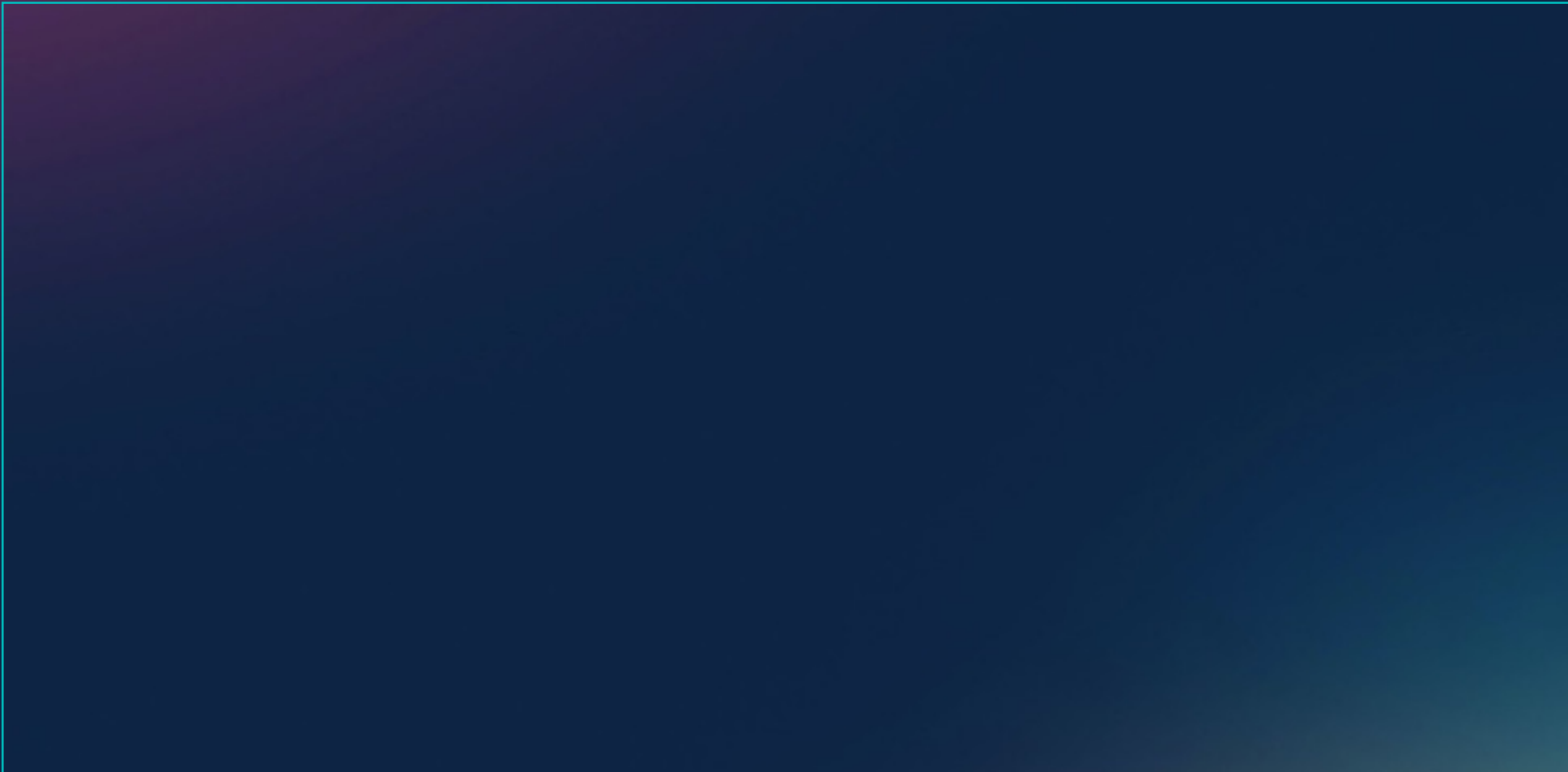


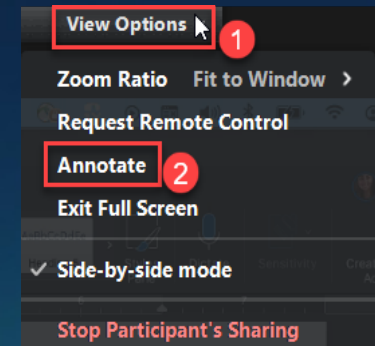
Welcome! While you're waiting, use the Zoom Annotation Toolbar to answer this question:

What does accessibility mean to you?



Open the **Annotation Toolbar**:

1. Select the “More” or “View Options” menu.
2. Click Annotate – a toolbar open on your screen to type, add symbols and shapes.



FIU Course Content Accessibility Initiative

Ally Information Session

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And Accessibility at HWCOC

Overview

- FIU Course Content Accessibility Initiative
- Accessibility Overview
- Demo of Ally in CanvasMed
- What's next?



Introducing the FIU Course Content Accessibility Initiative and Ally

What is the FIU Course Content Accessibility Initiative about?

- **Comply with a Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights Resolution Agreement to improve accessibility (ADA) standards to support all FIU students.**

** Course-related digital material and resources*

- **Timeline: December 2021 for completion**

What's completed?

- ✓ Integration of Ally into CanvasMed
- ✓ Enabled Alternative Format options
- ✓ Link to the Course Content Accessibility Reporting Form added to CanvasMed Help Menu and Medzen
- ✓ Enabled CanvasMed course and institutional access reports
- ✓ Ally support team trained to support remediation

Our Role in Achieving Accessibility for All

- Students
- Faculty and Content Creators
- Instructional Design & Training team
- Administration/Leadership
- All Stakeholders of CanvasMed



What is Ally?

- **Accessibility tool integrated in CanvasMed.**
- **Provides three main functions:**

Alternative Formats

Automatically checks content for accessibility issues and generates a range of alternative formats that students can choose.

Student Feature

Instructor Feedback

Guides faculty and content creators on how to improve the accessibility of their content.

Faculty Feature

Course/Institutional Reports

Provides an accessibility summary and high-level overview and helps prioritize remediation.

Faculty/Administration Feature



POLL

What does Ally do?

- A. Provides alternative formats for students
- B. Provides an accessibility score for content in CanvasMed
- C. It automatically fixes content accessibility issues for you
- D. Provides alternative formats, instructor feedback and course reports on the accessibility of course content



**QUESTIONS?
DROP THEM IN
THE CHAT!**

Accessibility Overview

Accessibility Issues Affect Everyone

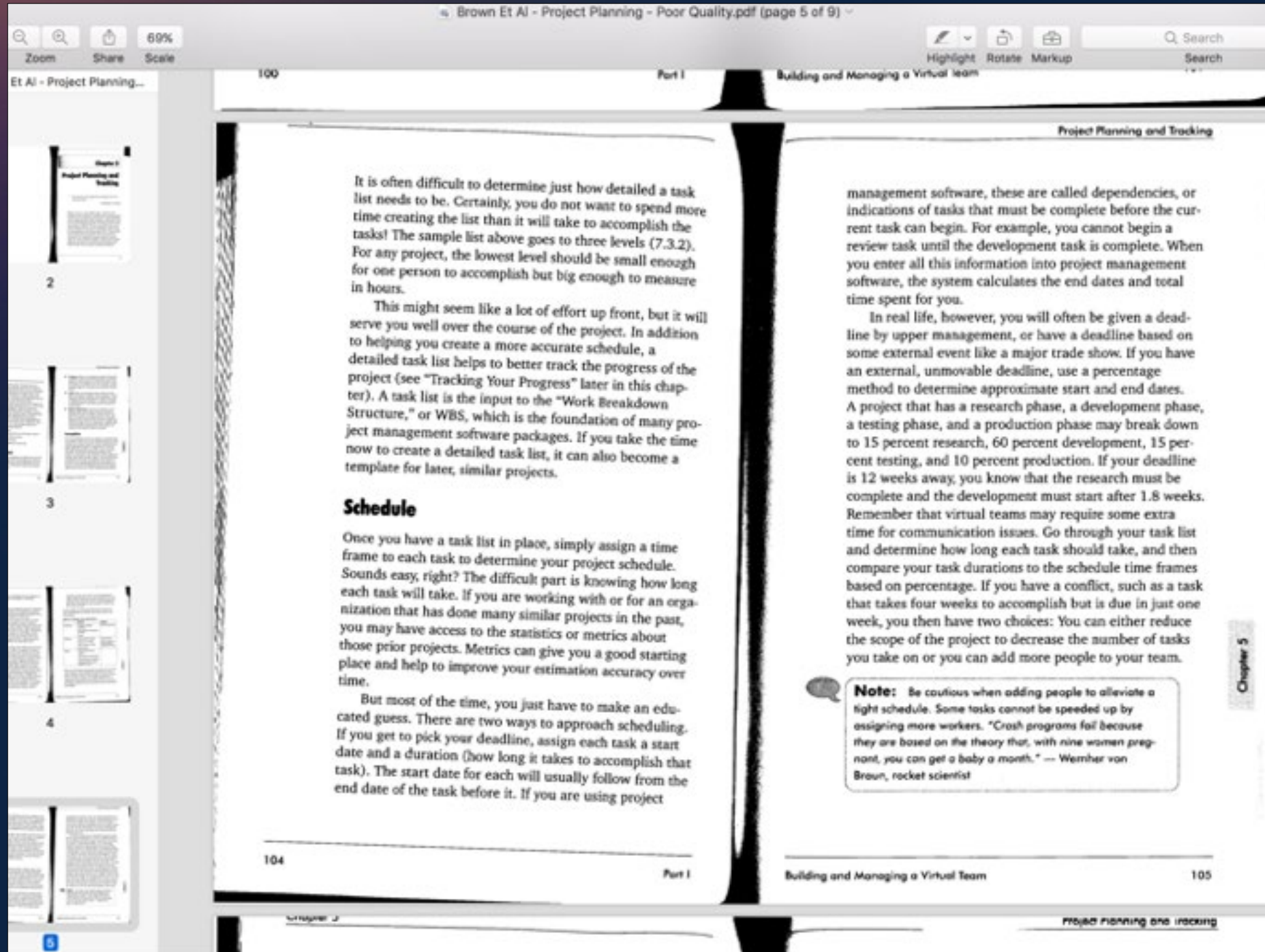
Research supports that accessibility efforts help *all* learners

“The results showed that higher accessibility increased task completion rate, task completion time and satisfaction ratings of **nondisabled** users.”



Accessibility Issues Affect Everyone

What potential issues do you see?



Ally Supports...

Diverse 21st Century Learners



Visible disability



Non-traditional students



International students



Parents



Temporary disability



Mobile



First-generation students



Lifestyle



Invisible disability

Ally Accessibility Checklist

Source link:

https://help.blackboard.com/sites/default/files/documents/2018-08/AccessibilityChecklist_BestPractices.pdf



Use a font size of at least 12px.



Ensure that there is sufficient contrast between text and background. The [Paciello Group Contrast Analyzer](#) is a great tool.



Ensure that proper heading styles are used.



Ensure that a logical heading structure is used.



Ensure that images have an alternative description that can convey the full meaning of the image.



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Ensure that all tables have column headings.



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Alternative Formats


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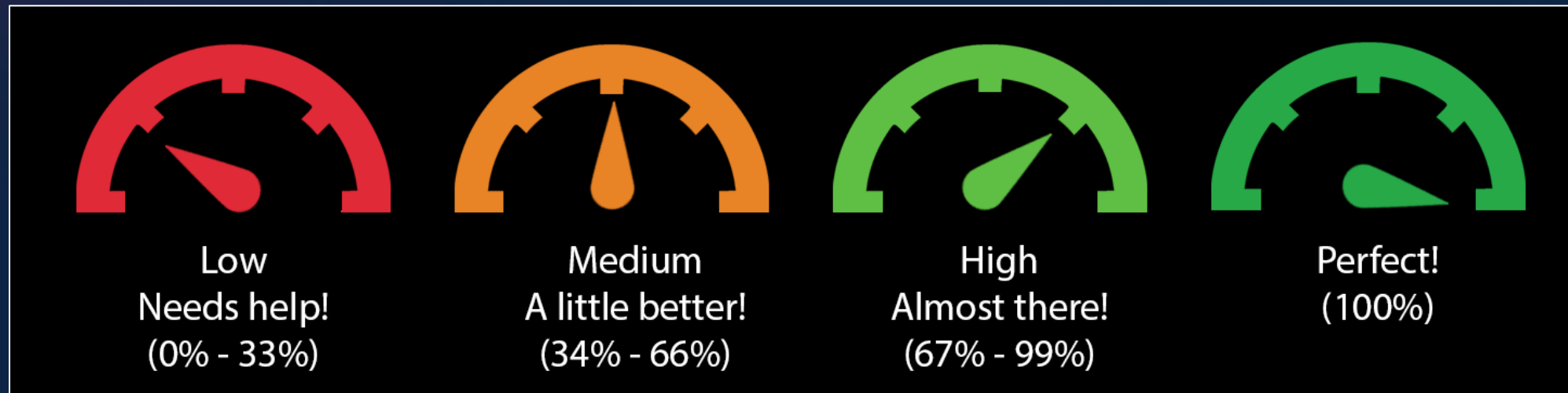
By downloading an alternative format, you agree with the [Terms of Use](#)

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Score Indicator

- Shown at the file and course level
- Scores range from *Low* to *Perfect*.
- Not visible to students



Ally Accessibility Reports

- **Course level accessibility performance**
- **Shows content accessibility performance across all courses over time**
- **Reports on how often students download alternative formats, but does not show student specific performance**

TOP 5

Content Accessibility Issues in CanvasMed

1. Document has contrast issues.
2. Images do not contain a description.
3. Document is missing a title.
4. The document has tables without headers.
5. The document does not have any headings.

Demo of Ally in CanvasMed

What's next?

What's Next, and What You Can Do Right Now!

☐ **Faculty, staff training on Ally**

- ☐ University-wide trainings offered
- ☐ HWCOT IDT led trainings and workshops
- ☐ FIU Fix Your Content Pre-Session – Thurs, May 13th
- ☐ FIU Fix Your Content Day – Thurs, May 20th

☐ **Use the Ally faculty course reporting feature**

- ☐ See course accessibility Ally scores
- ☐ See which files have accessibility issues
- ☐ Use the Ally tool to fix your content

What's Next, and Pending Items

- ☐ **Priorities and action plans for content remediation**
 - ☐ Existing and future content
 - ☐ Determine accessibility goal (e.g., Ally accessibility goal of 85%)
- ☐ **Developing supporting procedures**
 - ☐ Managing student reported accessibility issues
 - ☐ Compliance procedures HWCOM with University

FIU Fix Your Content Day



Global Accessibility Day is on May 20th



Register: **go.fiu.edu/fixyourcontentday**



Fix your content activities: images, documents, etc.



<https://fiuhelp.force.com/canvas/s/article/Ally-Instructor>

Participation and Q&A

