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ACCESSIBILITY IN YOUR ONLINE COURSES

A Proactive Approach for Enabling Connection
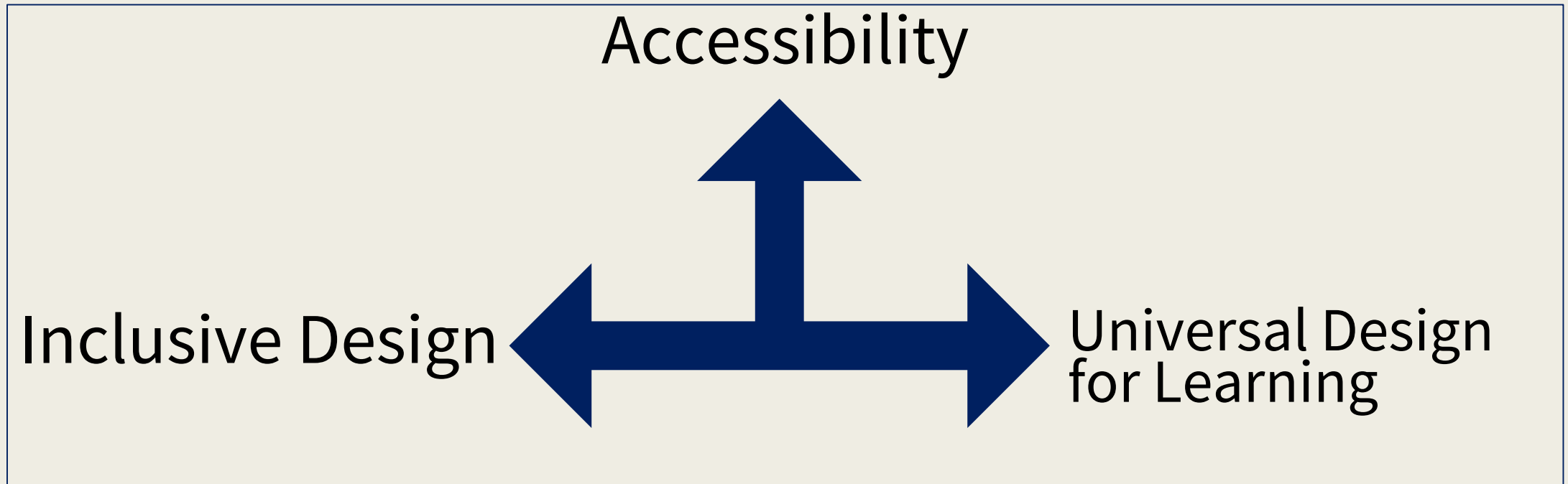
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Agenda
40 minutes plus 10

- Accessible Course Materials
  - *Key Terms*
  - *Why*
  - *Universal Design for Learning*
  - *What*
- Tools:
  - *Tools available to us*
  - *Additional tools*

Key Terms

Accessibility

Inclusive Design ← → Universal Design for Learning

Why Accessibility?

- Inclusivity

- Avoid Reactive Accessibility (Accommodating)
  - *When we only accommodate it's like constantly building individual ladders to climb over the wall*

- Students never should have to disclose

- Practice Proactive Inclusion

Universal Design for Learning (UDL)

- A teaching and learning framework

- Diverse learners

- Improves and optimizes teaching and learning for all

- How accessible content fosters UDL

  - *Makes learning effective and usable for all*
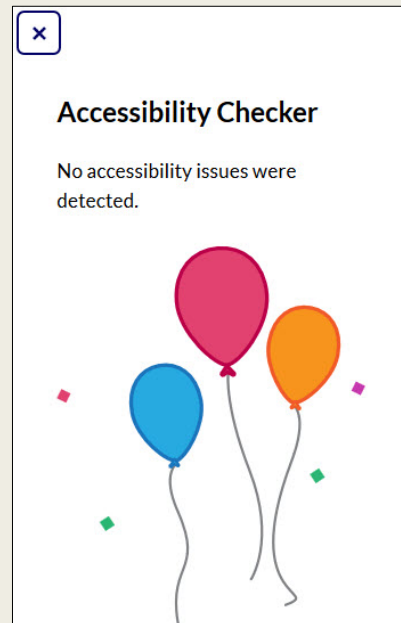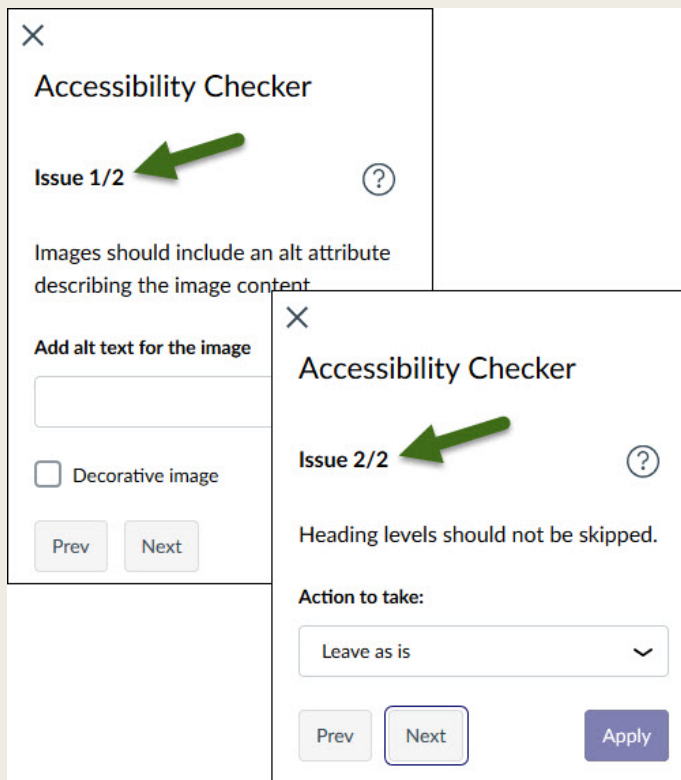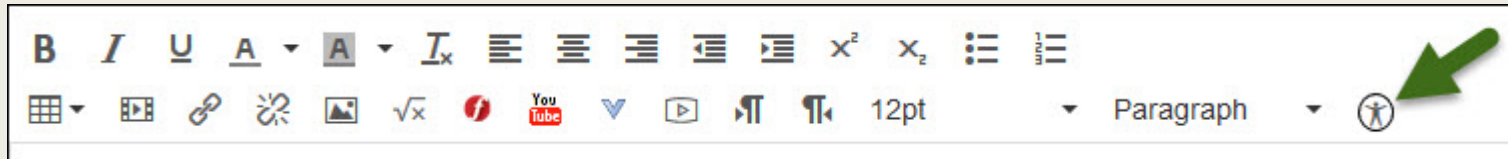
What Needs to Be Accessible

- Everything on the Internet

- Across the board, we can make content more accessible through consistent use of:
  - *a logical heading structure,*
  - *providing meaningful alt text,*
  - *properly labeling links,*
  - *captioning videos, and*
  - *adapting our writing style to reach the widest audience possible.*

Tools

- Canvas **Check Accessibility** in the Rich Content Editor

- MS Office **Accessibility Checker**

- PDF (Adobe Acrobat) **Accessibility Checker**

- **Grackle** for Google Docs

- Blackboard **Ally**
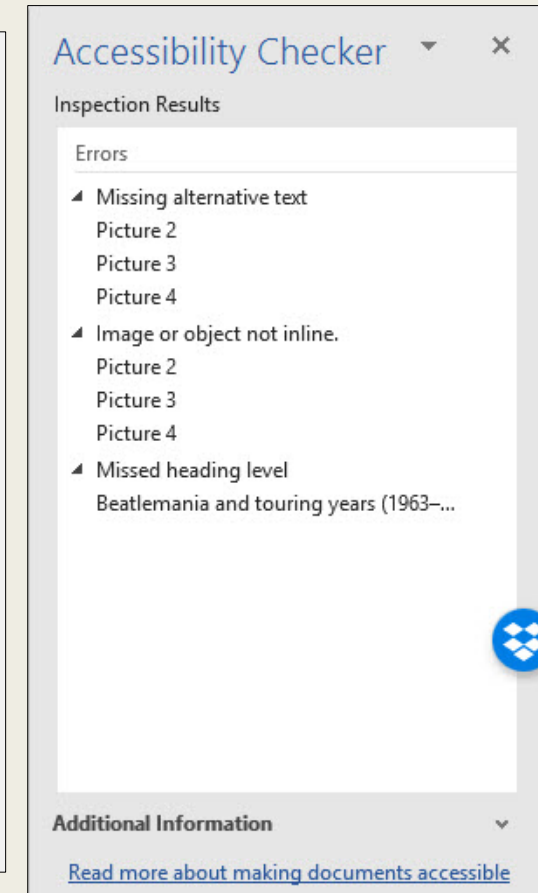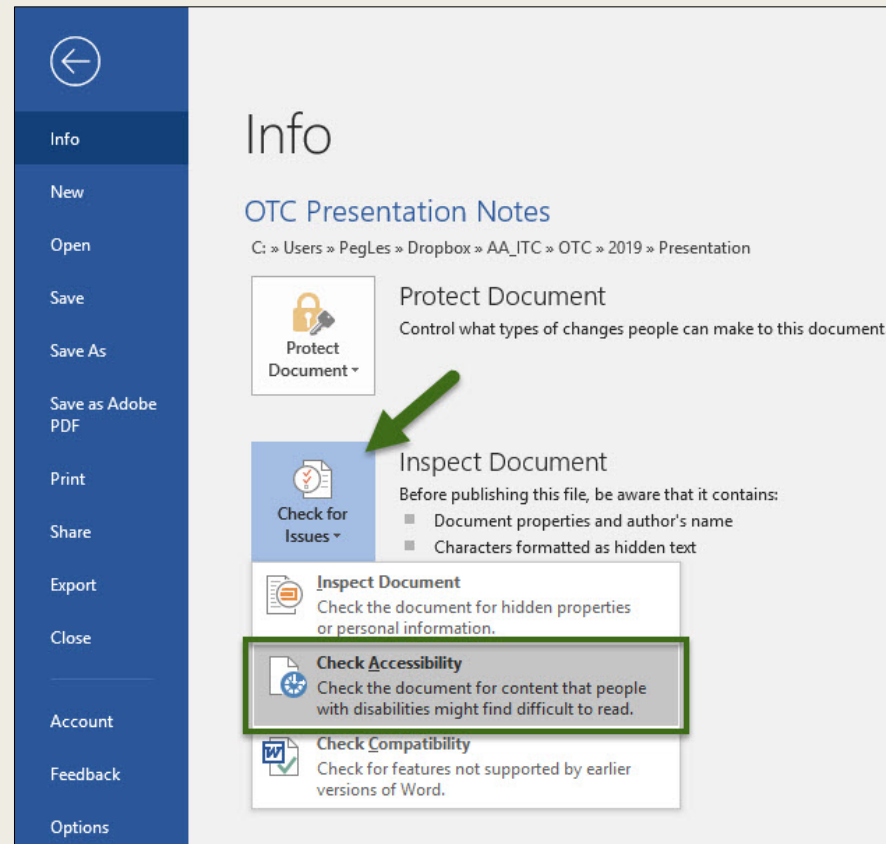
Canvas Check Accessibility

- Located in the Rich Content Editor
  - *Checks common accessibility errors*
  - *Verifies numerous accessibility standards*
    - Headings
    - Lists
    - Links
    - Tables
    - Color Contrast
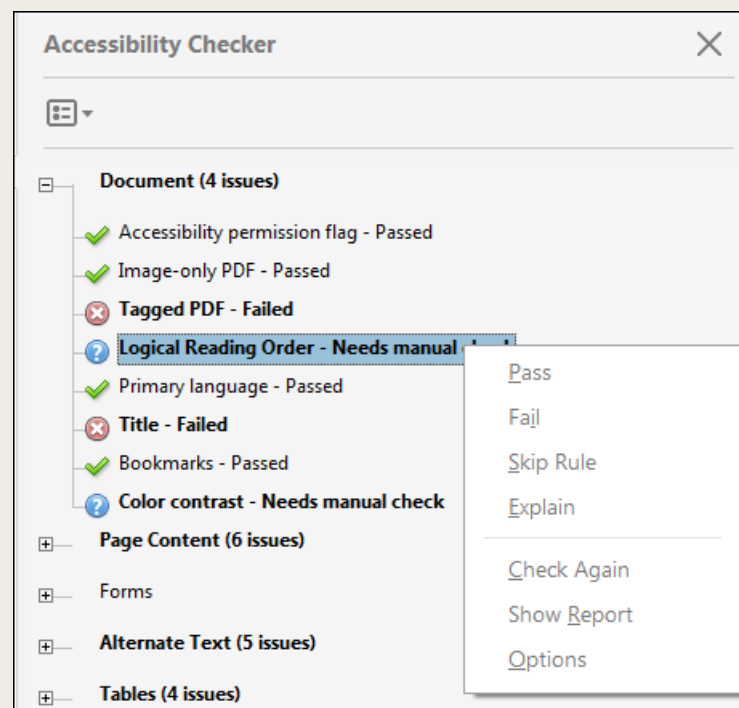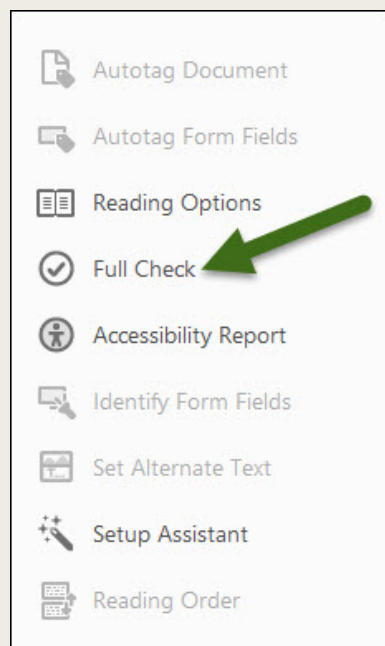
MS Office Accessibility Checker

- MS Office is free for students and instructors:

  [Get Office 365 for Free](#)

- Use the Accessibility Checker to find potential problems

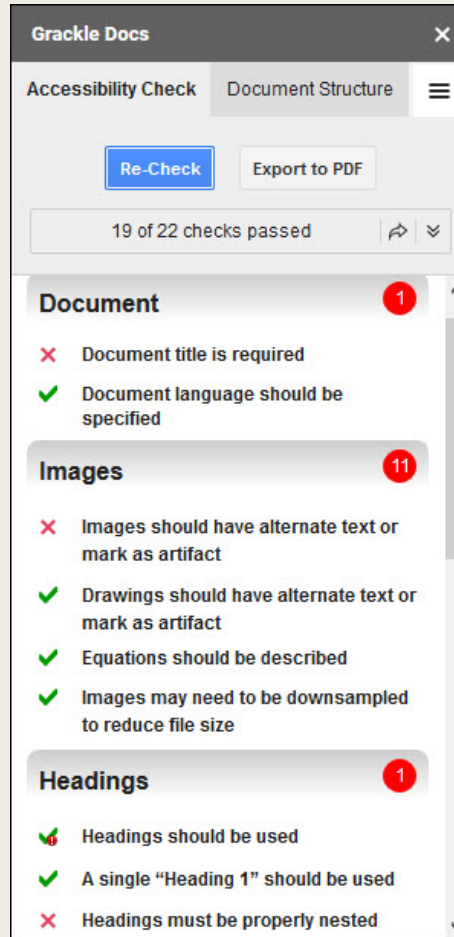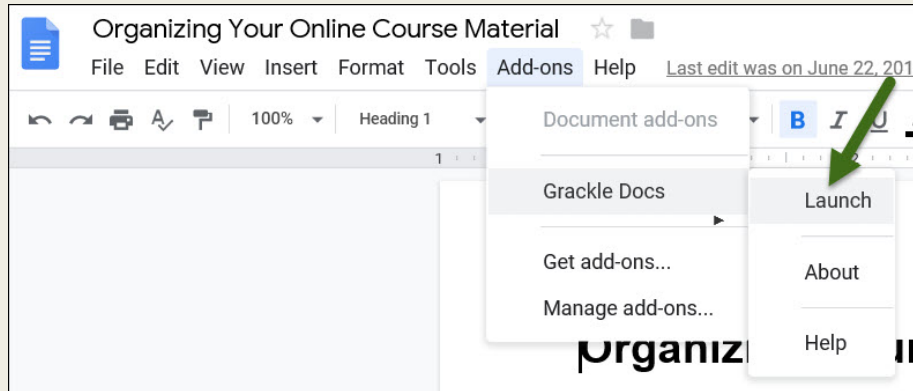- Lists errors and warnings

- Drawbacks

Adobe Acrobat Accessibility Checker

- Use Adobe Acrobat Pro

- Great for checking the accessibility status

- More complex to repair PDFs

Grackle for Google Docs

- ■ Free to individuals through Add-ons

- ■ Makes output from Google documents accessible

- ■ Generates and entirely accessible PDF for exporting

Highly Recommended

Accessibility Self-Pace Micro Courses from @ONE:

- [Canvas Accessibility Course](#)

- [Microsoft Word Accessibility](#)

- [PowerPoint Accessibility](#)

- [PDF Accessibility](#)

- [Video Captioning](#)

Blackboard Ally

- For Students
  - *Creates alternative formats*
- For Faculty
  - *Assesses images and documents*
  - *Gives them an accessibility score*

Blackboard

Ally

Accessible content
is better content

Questions?

How to Get the Most Out of Accessibility Checkers:

bit.ly/access-checkers

THANK YOU!