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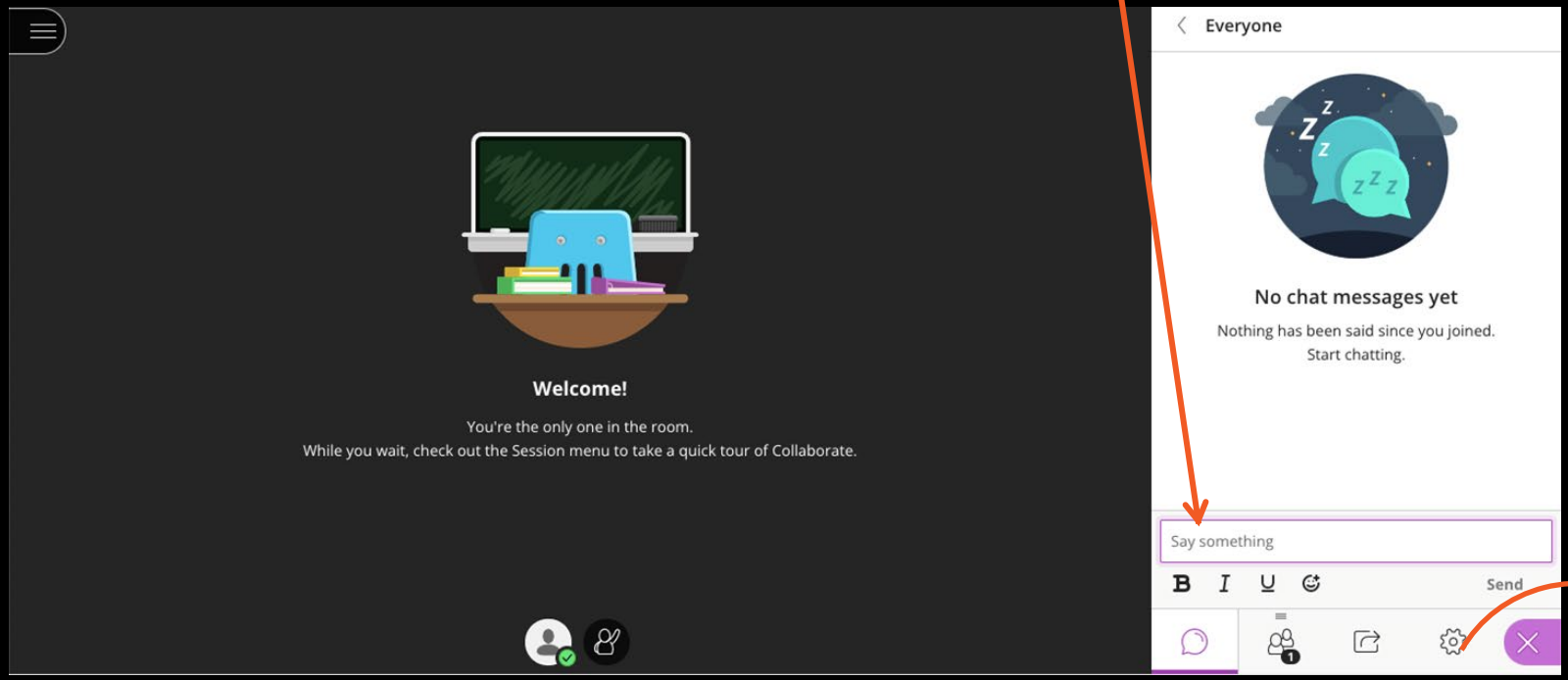

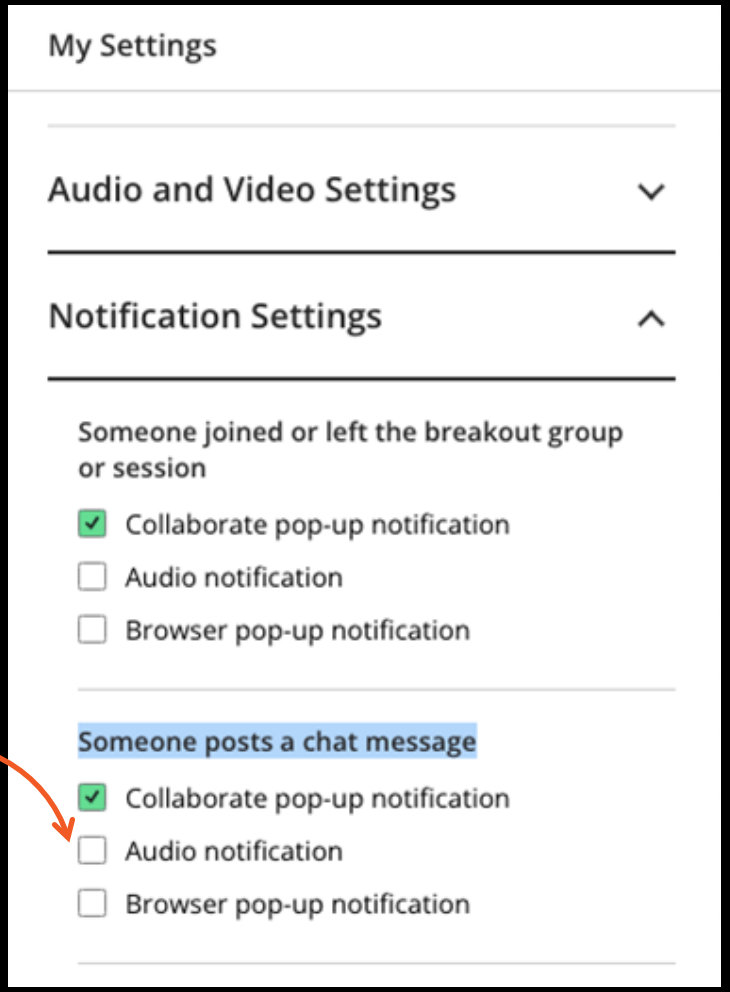

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Q1 Roadmap - 2022

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Meet the Team

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Agenda

- Product Vision
- How Roadmaps Work
- Recently Released
- Coming Up Next
- Work In Progress
- Long-term Highlights

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 customers.

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Making Content More Accessible

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Accessible content is better content

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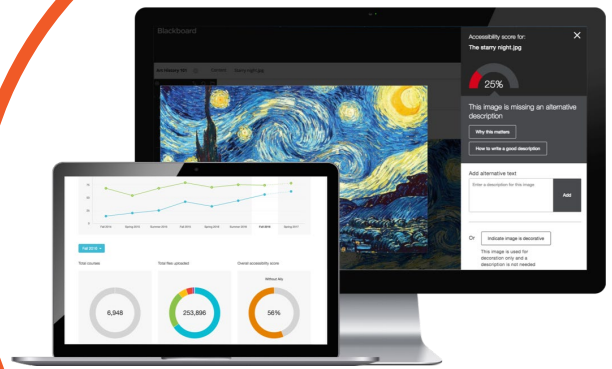
One Consistent Approach



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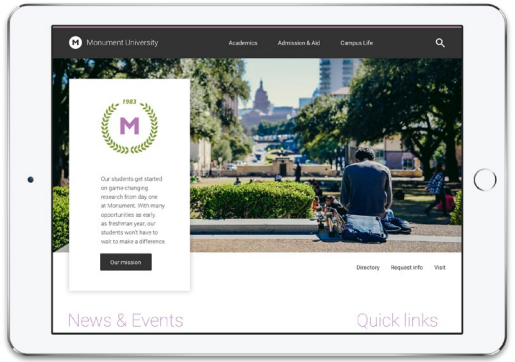
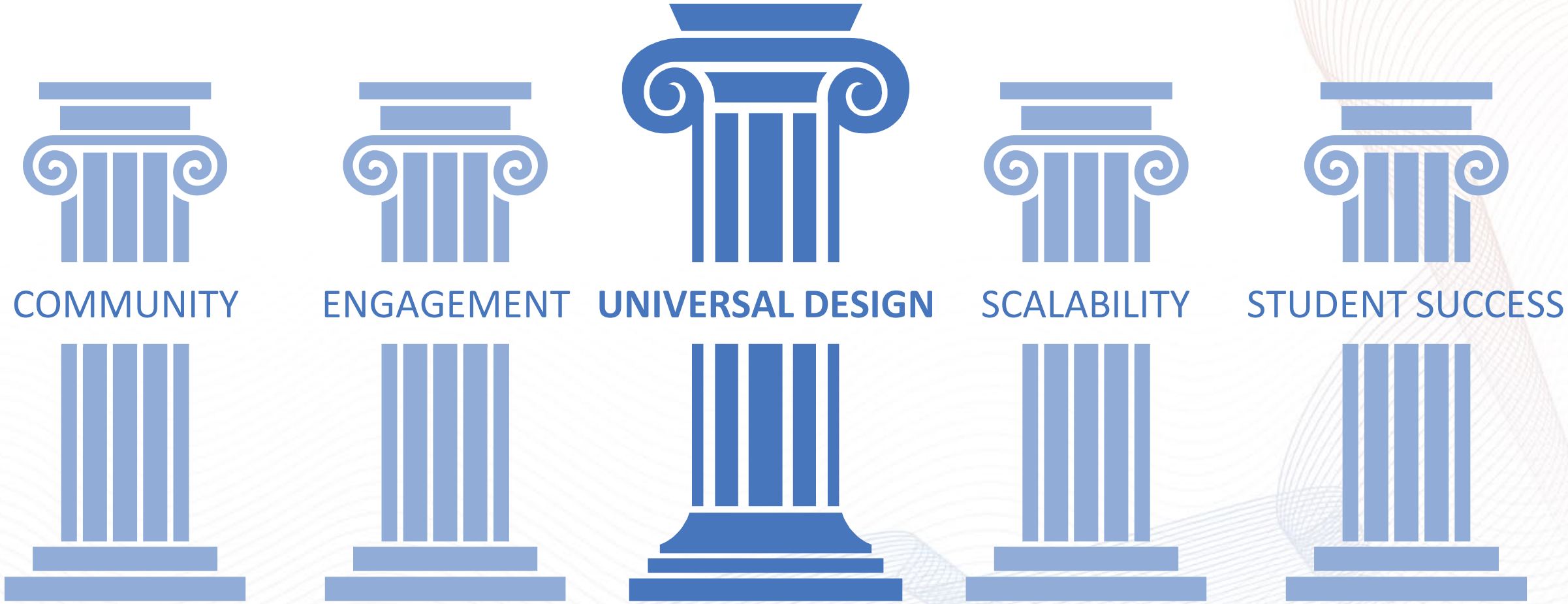


Ally Web / WCM

BLACKBOARD ALLY VISION

Personalized Experiences for Ally Built on Five Key Pillars



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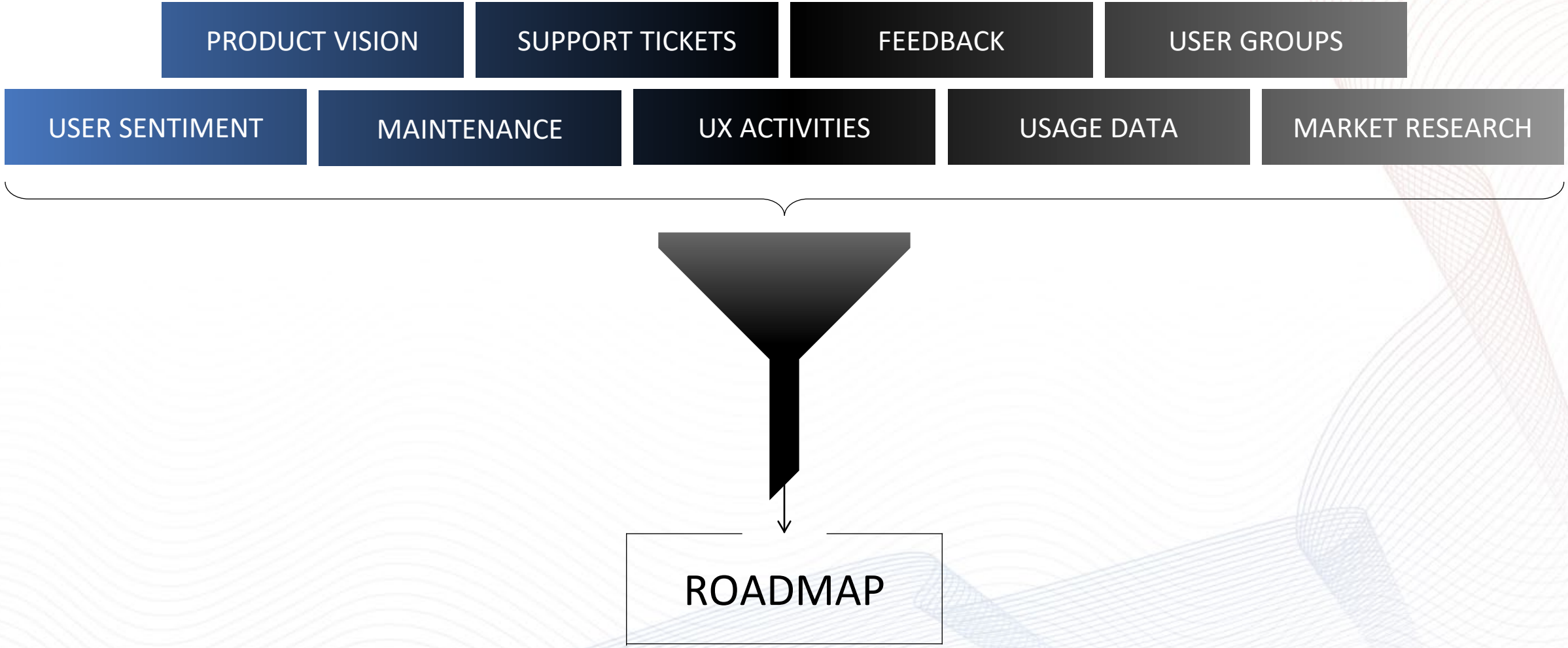
How We Determine The Roadmap?



How Does The Roadmap Work?

Coming Up Next
1 – 3 months

Level of confidence: 95%

- In development or testing
- High confidence on release date

Work in Progress
3 – 6 months

Level of confidence: 60% – 70%

- Strong candidate for development
- Scope defined
- Don’t always know exact release date
- May change based on feedback, market developments, etc.

Long-term Highlights
6+ months

Level of confidence: 30% – 40%

- Themes and areas of functionality that will be prioritized, not always exact features
- No confirmed timeline
- Will likely change based on research, feedback, market developments, etc.

Recently Released

Features and Improvements

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RECENTLY RELEASED

LTI 1.3

- Support for LTI 1.3 to take advantage of recent configuration and security improvements
- Learn, Canvas, and Brightspace

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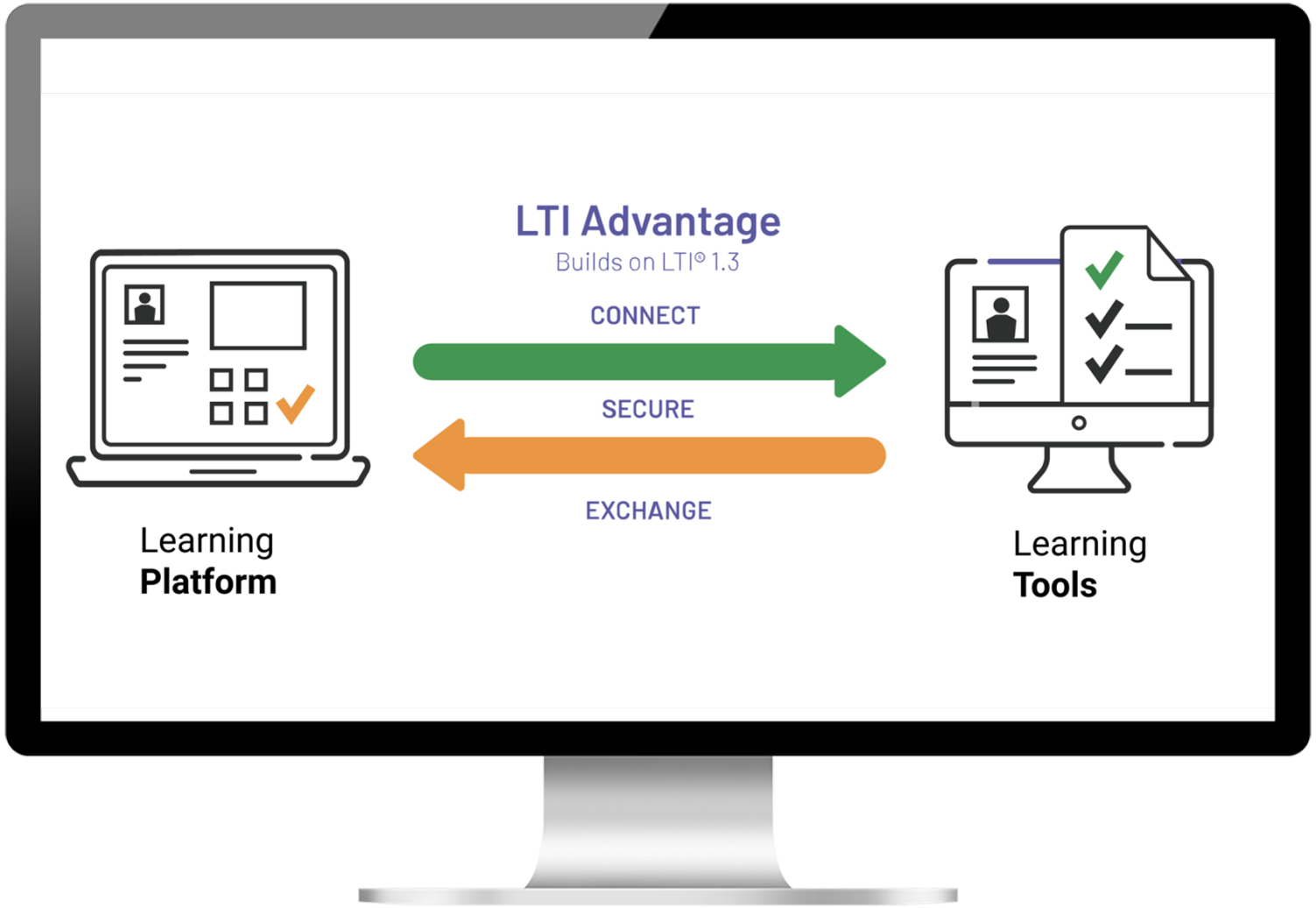

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RECENTLY RELEASED

Developer Keys for Canvas

- Aligning with provider standards (REST API)
- Granular control over permissions
- Simplifies setup process

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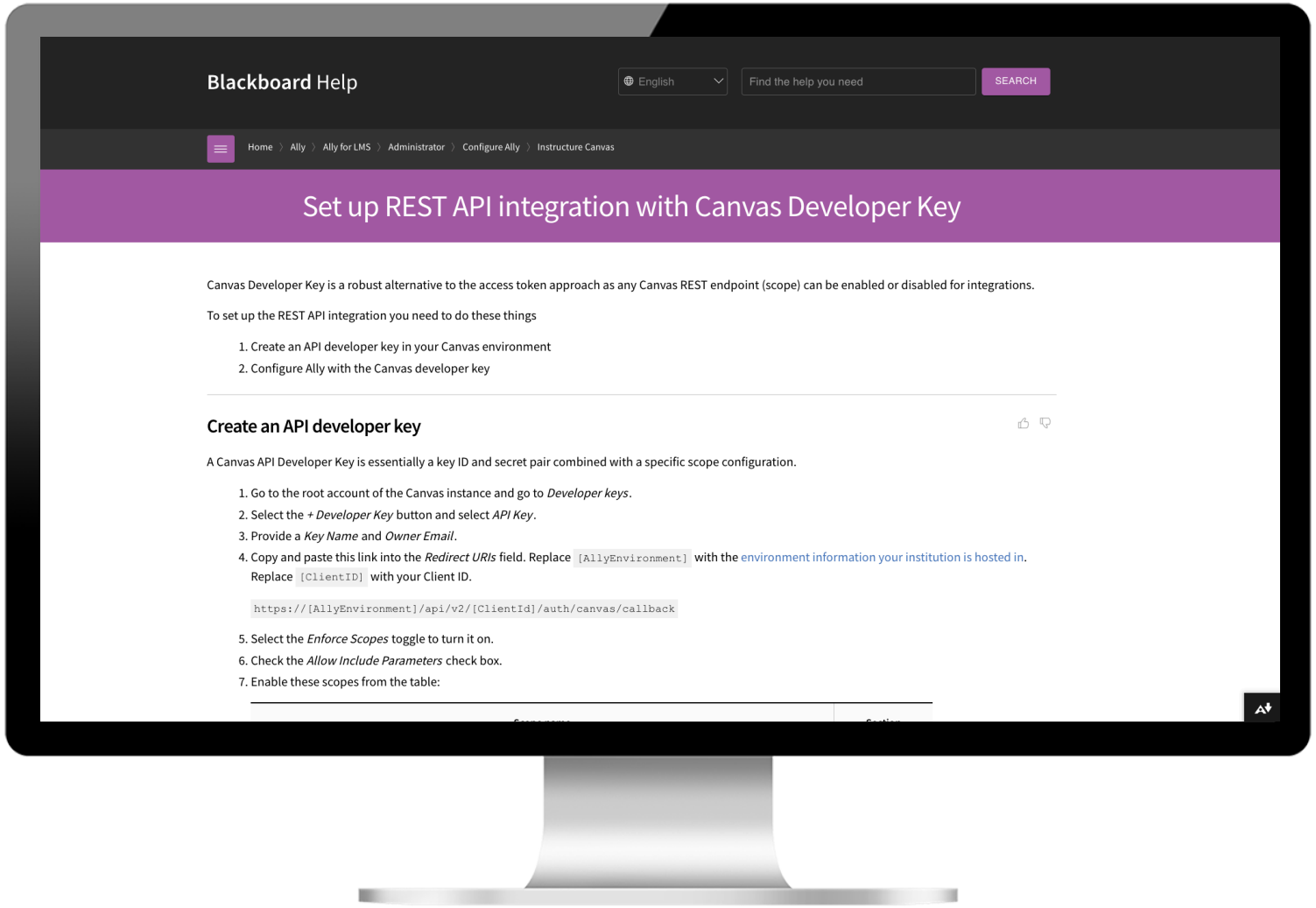

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RECENTLY RELEASED

New Language Support for Alternative Formats

- New translated languages
  - Irish (ga), Marathi (mr), Portuguese (Portugal) (pt-PT), and Punjabi (pa)
- Improved performance and language support for audio
  - English New Zealand / South African / Welsh and Hindi

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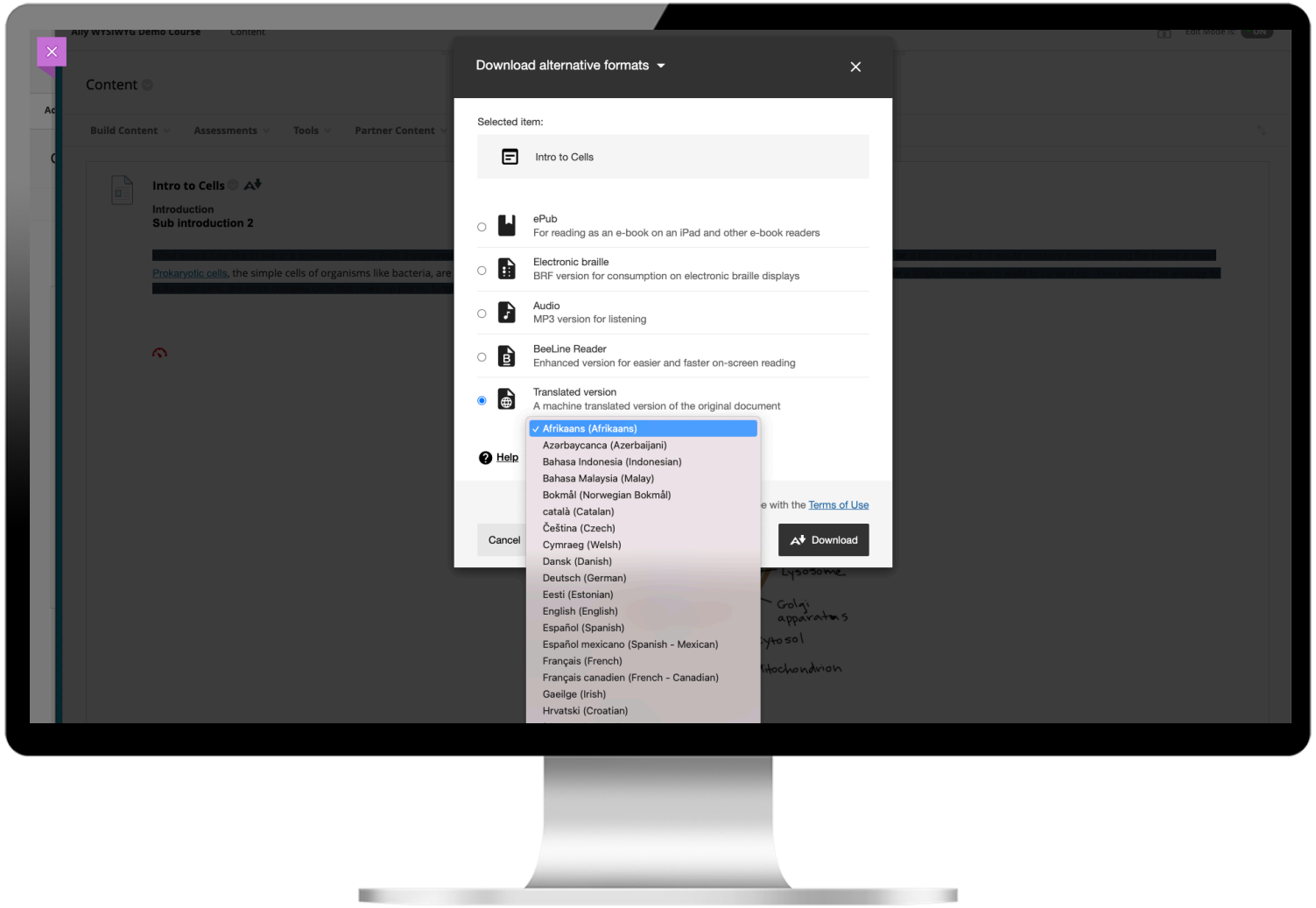

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RECENTLY RELEASED

New Guidance for Documents

- No set language or an incorrectly set language
- Word, Power Point, and PDF documents

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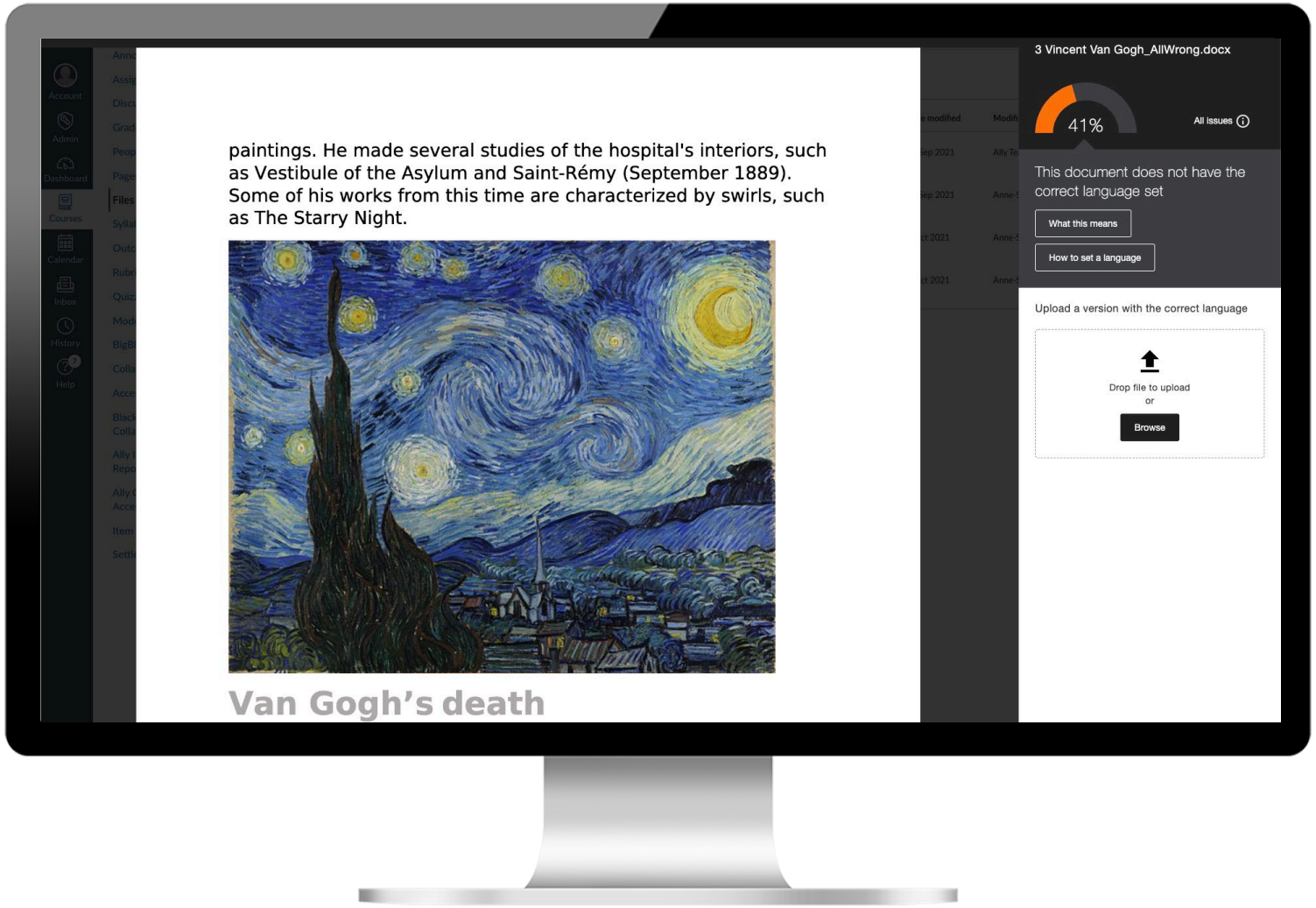

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RECENTLY RELEASED

Institutional Reporting Updates

- Improved readability for the Accessibility Score over time graph
- Improved performance when exporting reports

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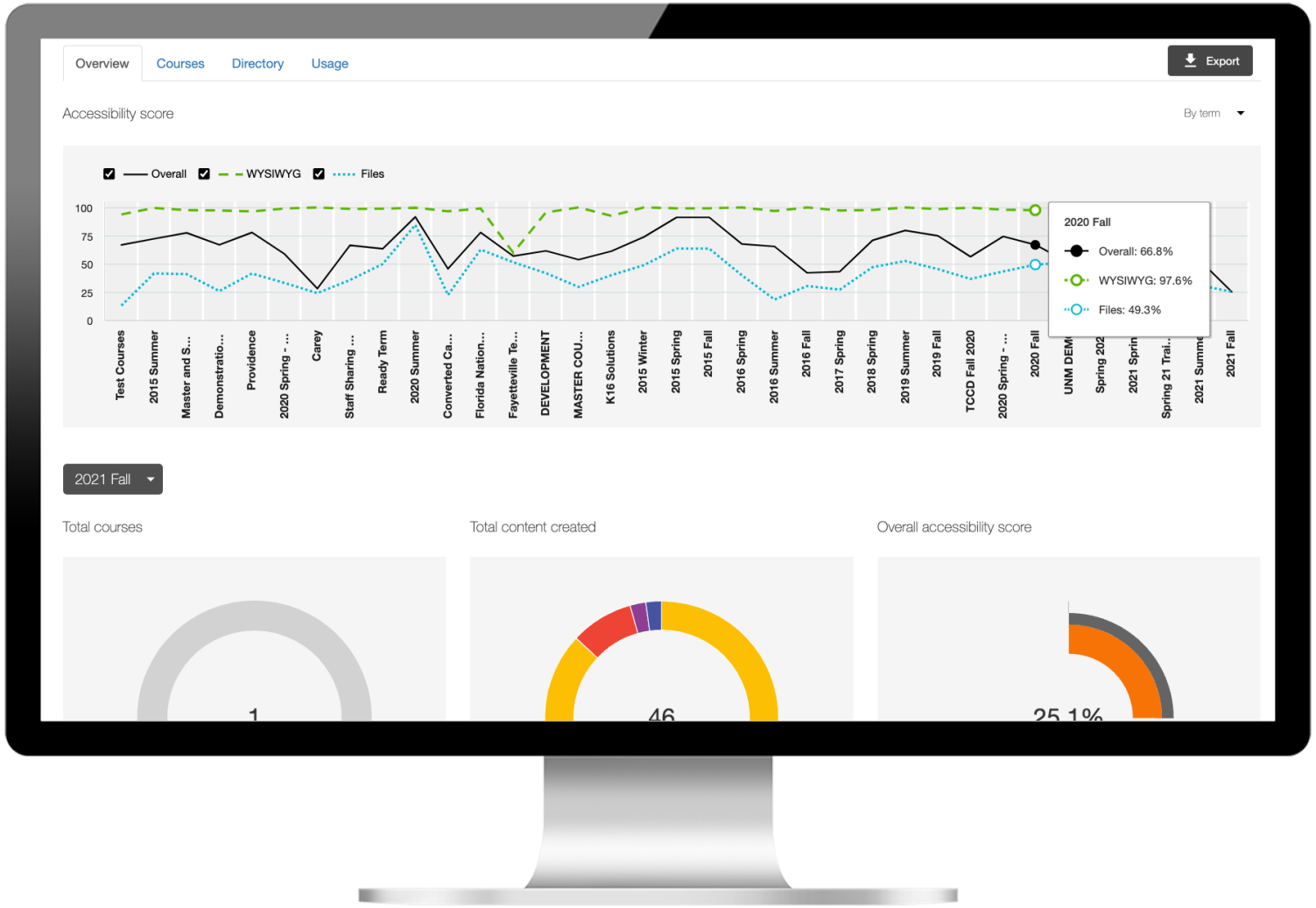

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RECENTLY RELEASED

Instructor Feedback for WYSIWYG content

- Feedback directly embedded in content editor
- Live score when editing
- Highlights within the editor
- Quick fix and Batch remediation
- Option to keep built-in LMS/VLE accessibility checker

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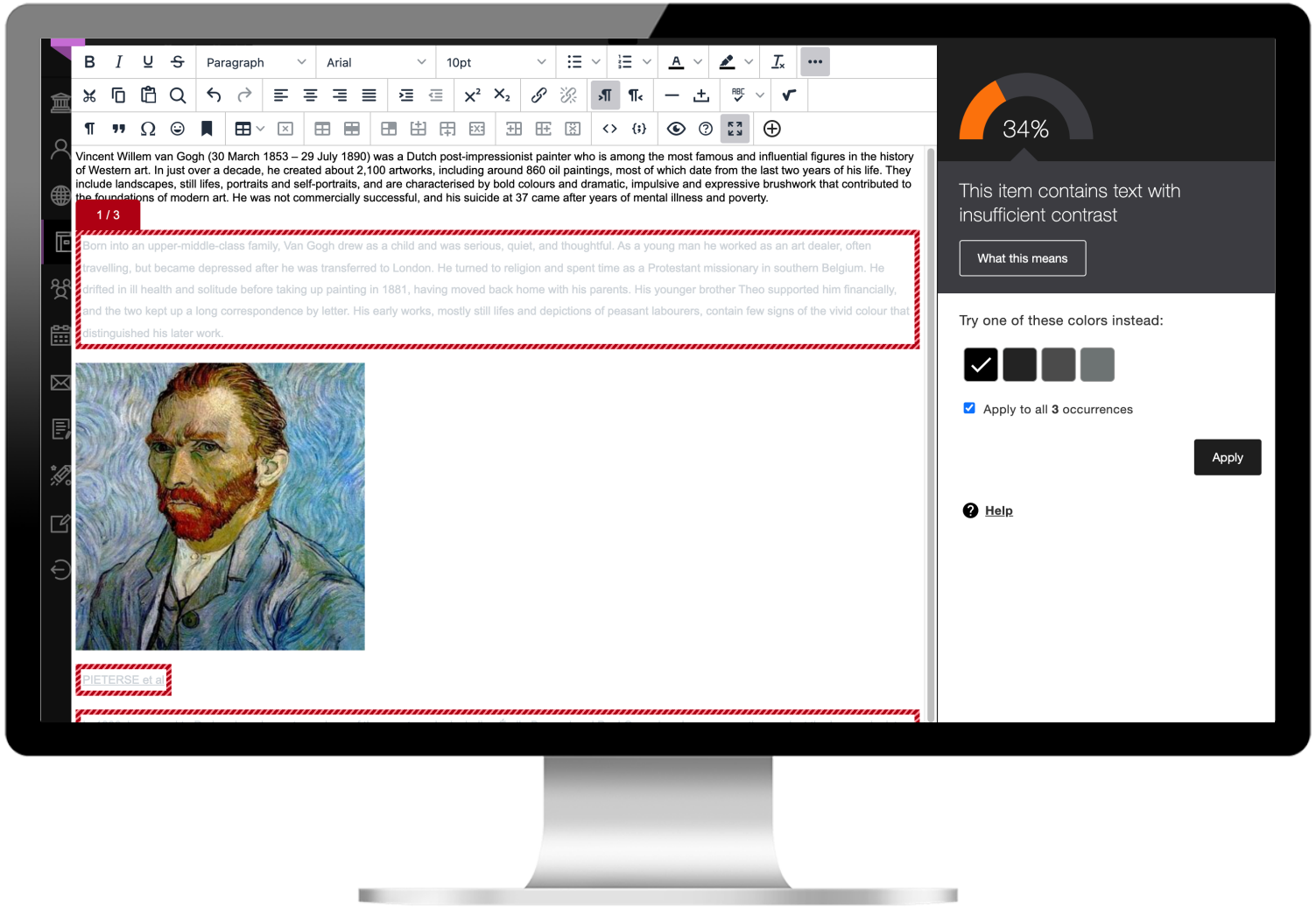

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Demo

- Instructor Feedback for WYSIWYG + Enablement
- Institutional Reporting Visual Improvements

Coming Up Next

1 – 3 Months

1 - 3 MONTHS

Instructor Feedback for WYSIWYG content improvements

- Learn Ultra support
- Score indicator in view mode
- Access through the course accessibility report
- Additional guidance and quick-fixes

IN DEVELOPMENT

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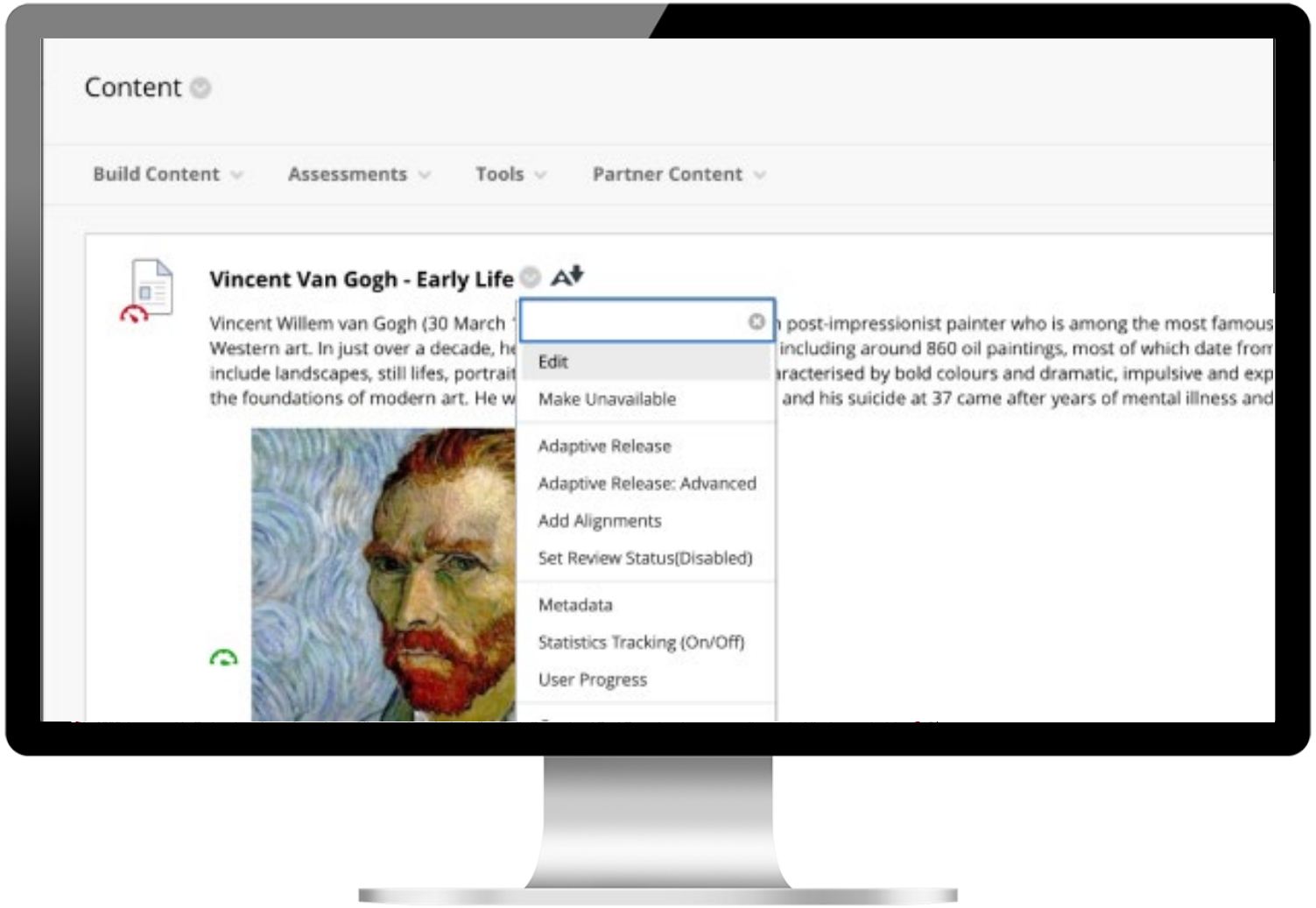

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1 - 3 MONTHS

D2L New Learner Experience

- Extends Ally scanning and scoring of content to new experience
- Alternative formats

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Work In Progress

3 – 6 Months

3 - 6 MONTHS

Instructor Feedback for WYSIWYG content improvements cont.

- Expanded support for D2L tools
- Additional Moodle editor support

LONGER TERM DEVELOPMENT

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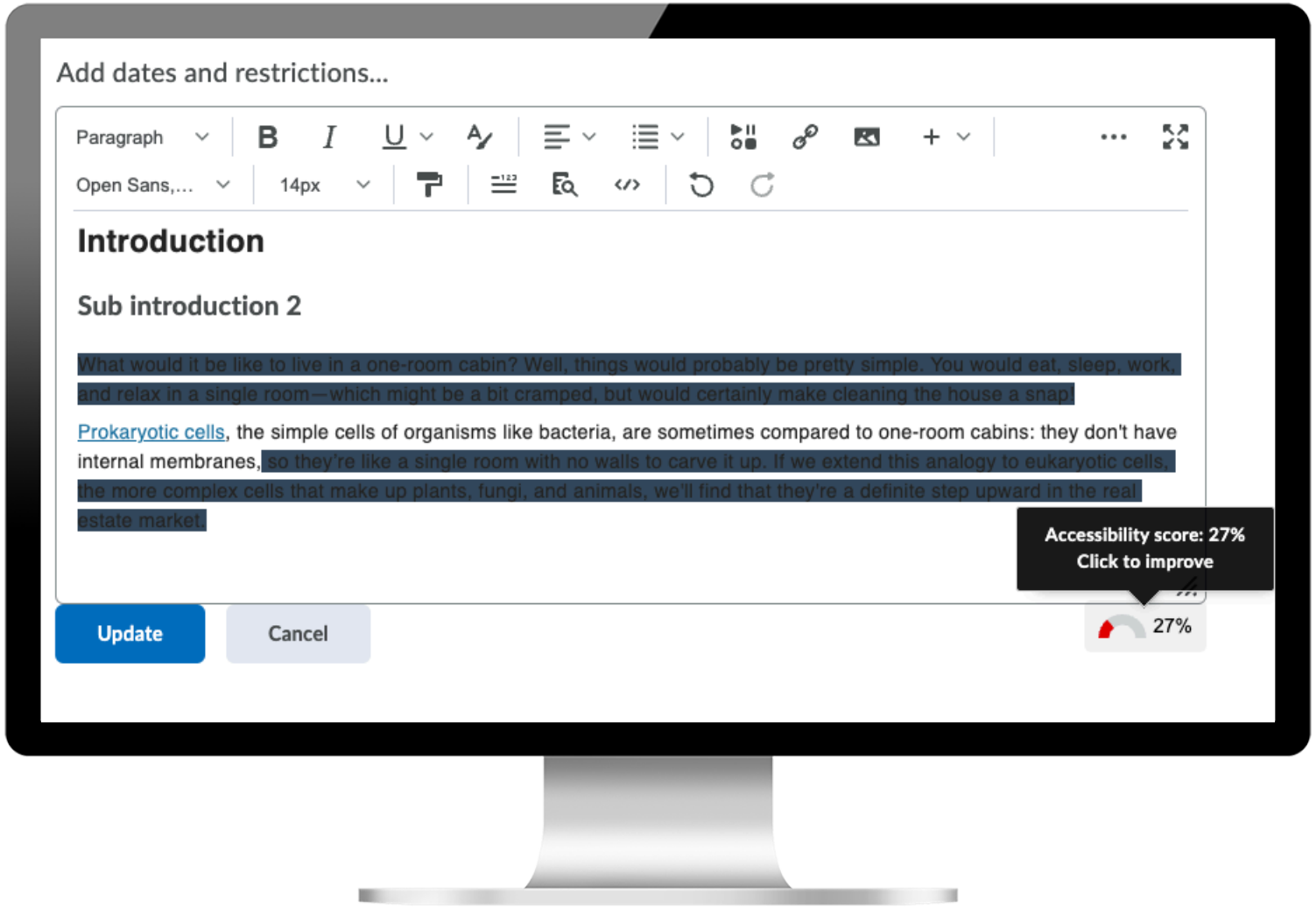

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3 - 6 MONTHS

Video Scoring and Guidance

- Scanning and scoring of video content in the LMS/VLE and 3rd party providers
- Course and institutional reporting enhancements
- Feedback and guidance
- Upload captions to videos

LONGER TERM DEVELOPMENT

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Long-term Highlights

6+ Months

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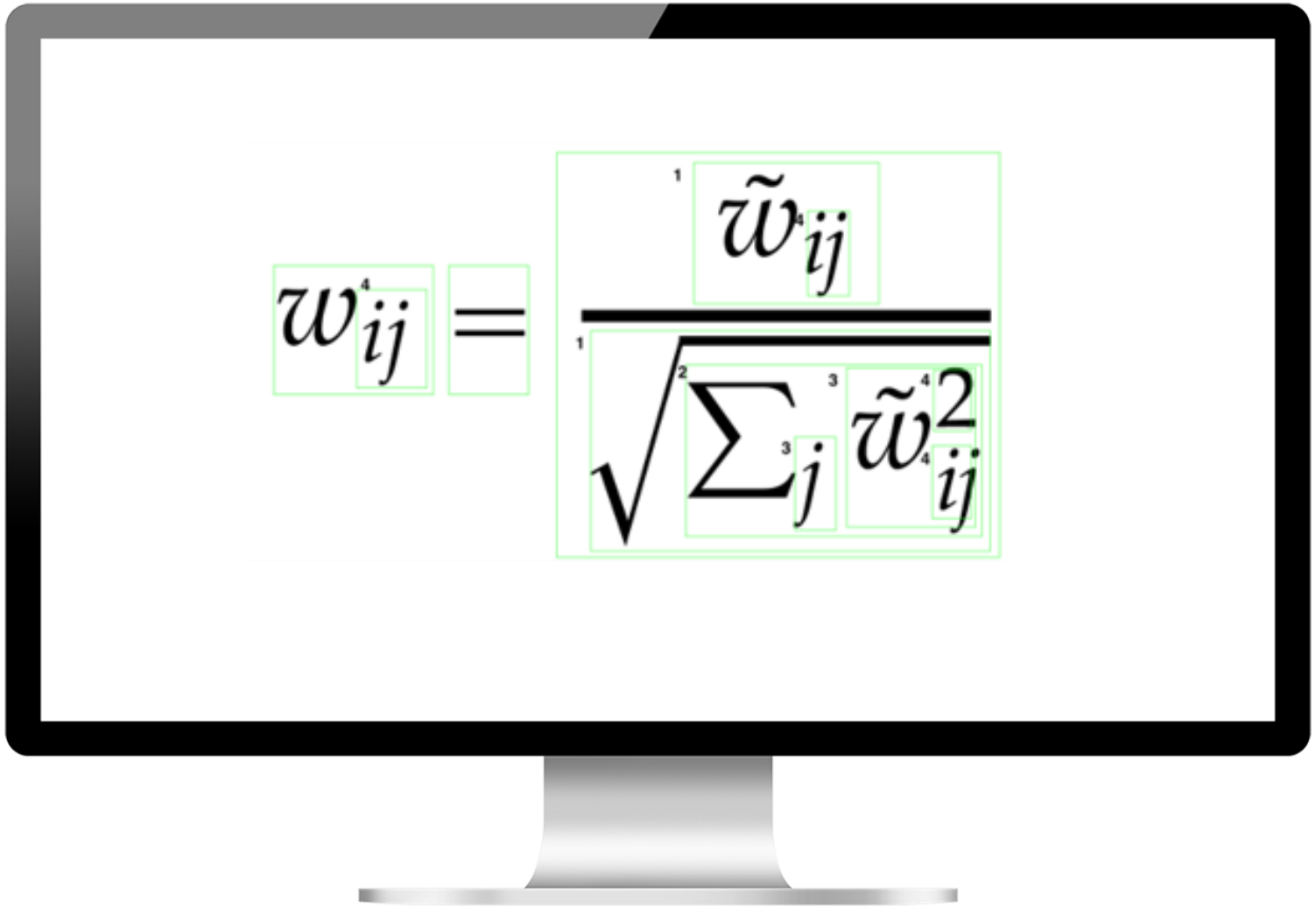
Improved STEM Support – Mathematical Equations

- Scanning and conversion of mathematical equations for:
  - Word / PPT documents
  - WYSIWYG content
  - PDF documents



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6+ MONTHS

WCAG 2.1 Updates

- Extend accessibility checklist with additional WCAG 2.1 checks
- Focus on general readability and mobile-friendliness
  - Orientation (Mobile - AA)
  - Reflow (Mobile - AA)
  - Text Spacing (Low Vision - AA)

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Additional Items

CSV Export Enhancements

- Departmental scores and other applicable data points
- Greater control over data included in the CSV exports

Improved / Automated Fixing

- Improved alt-text management for images in LMS tools
- Automated fixing
  - Document with contrast issues

Domain Scoring (Ally for Web)

- Show accessibility score evolution by (sub)domain
- Additional guidance workflows

Re-Scan On Demand (Ally for WCM)

- Broken link re-scan for WCM in content feedback and institution reports
- Allow for re-scan of domains to be triggered from the accessibility report
- Improved district level reporting

Questions? We have answers!

Announcements

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The Premier EdTech Event

Anthology and Blackboard's combined user conference is now Anthology Together 2022!

July 11 – 14, 2022

Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort

Orlando, FL

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About GAAD and FYCD

Thursday, May 19th, 2022

The purpose of Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD) is to get everyone talking, thinking, and learning about digital (web, software, mobile, etc) access/inclusion and people with different disabilities.

- 11th year of GAAD
- www.globalaccessibilityawarenessday.org

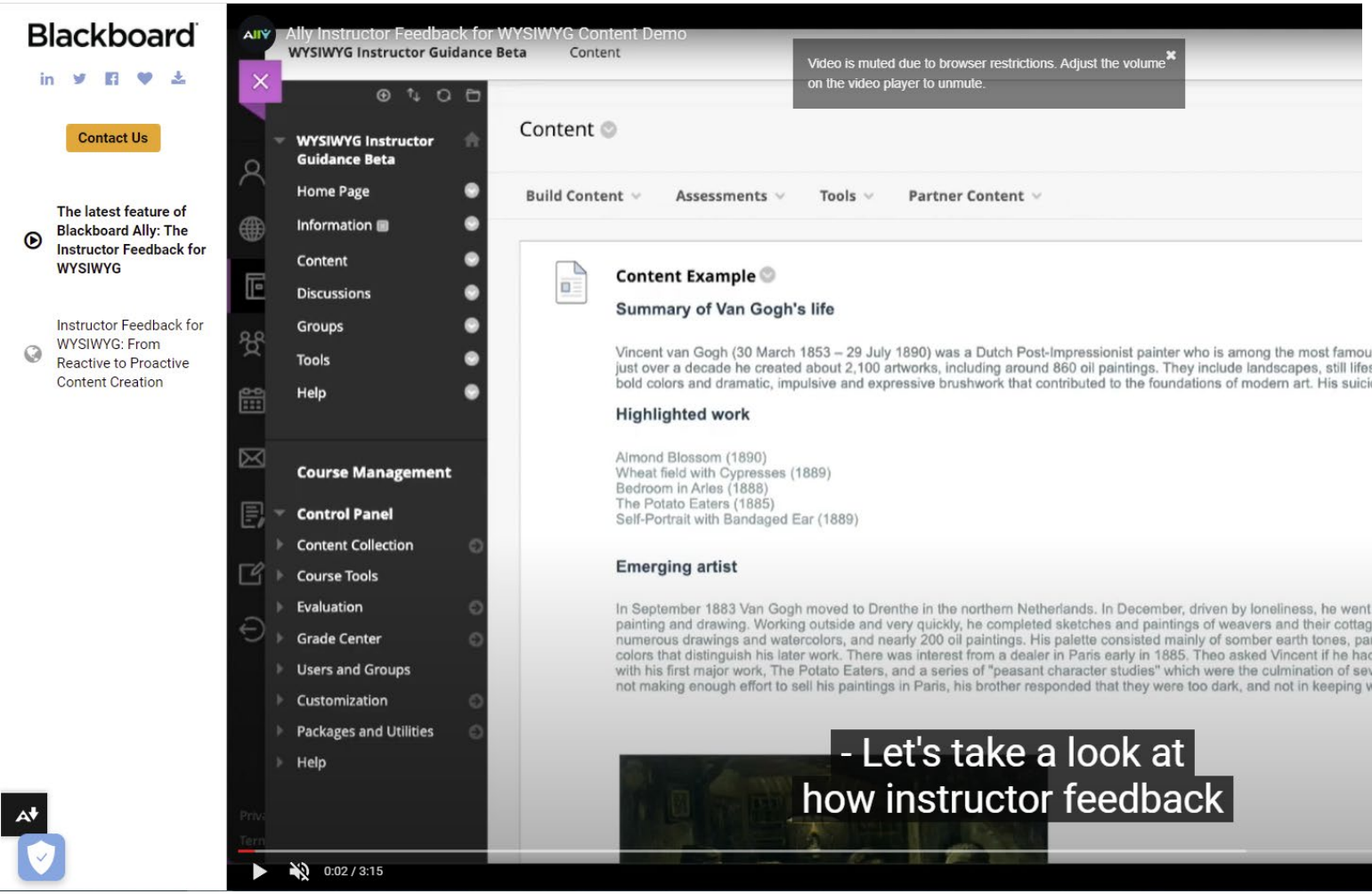
Thursday, May 19th, 2022

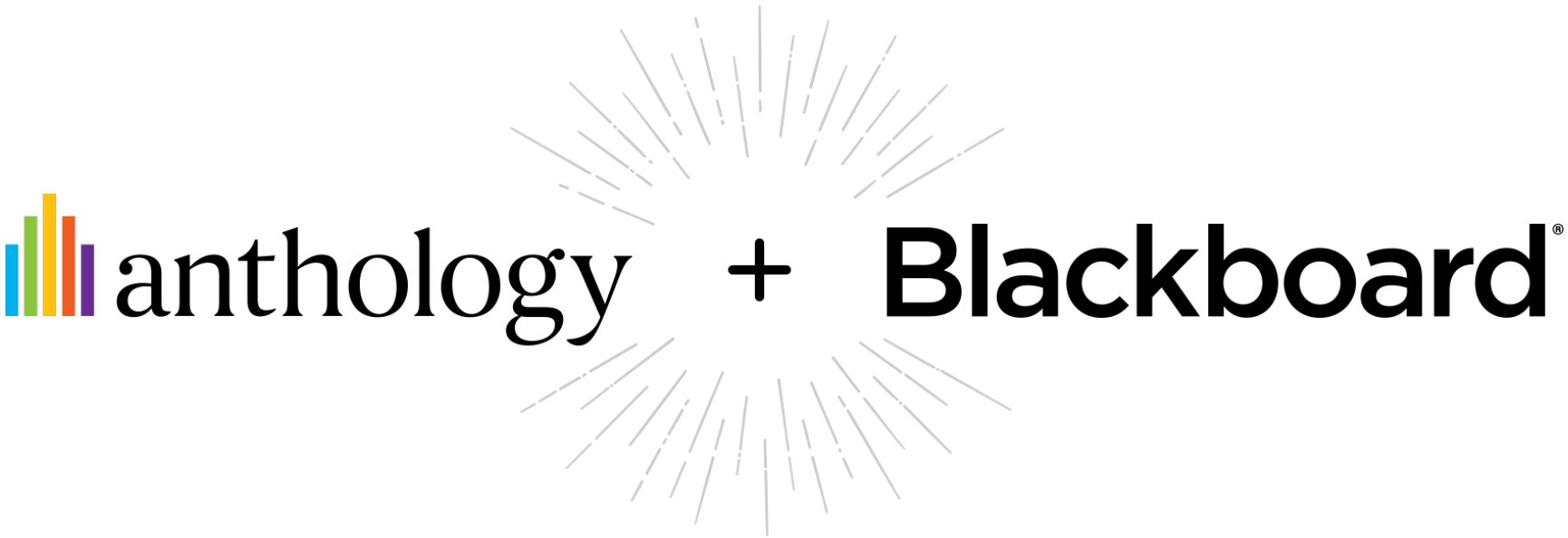
Fix Your Content Day (FCYD) is a 24-hour drive committed to creating accessible and more inclusive digital learning content across classrooms and institutions globally. On Fix Your Content Day we aim to fix as many course files as possible through Blackboard Ally.

- 3rd year of FYCD
- https://go.blackboard.com/fix-your-content-day

The WYSIWYG Feedback Release Announcement

https://www.blackboard.com/discover/feedback-for-wysiwyg

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