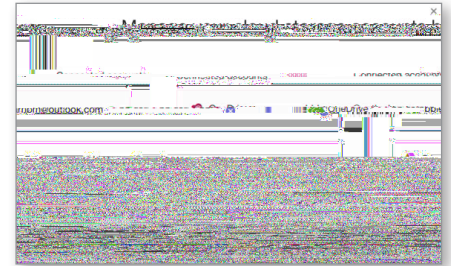# Blackboard Learn™
Q4 2018 Release highlights

9.1 Q4 2018 release

The latest release for Blackboard Learn 9.1 (the Original experience for managed and self-hosted institutions) delivers many new features and enhancements that improve:

Enhanced Learning Experience

Cloud storage integration (Q4 2018*) – Instructors can upload documents from their preferred cloud storage accounts – including OneDrive, Google Drive and Dropbox – directly into their course when authoring content items or creating assignments. Students can do the same when uploading assignments.
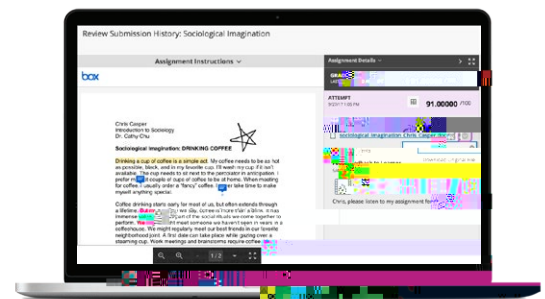

Enhanced accessibility (Q4 2018) - To make it easier for users of assistive technologies to navigate the structure of pages, skip links now work more consistently across Learn tool areas.

Nynorsk language support (Q4 2018) – Support for Nynorsk (written Norwegian) has been added.

Assessment and Grading

Download annotated PDFs (Q4 2018*) – A highly requested feature, instructors and students can now download annotated files for permanent record using in-line grading (aka New Box View). DOC, DOCX, or PDF files with annotations will download as an annotated PDF. Students can download the annotated file after their submission has been graded.

Grading in Blackboard Instructor App (Q4 2018*) Instructors can now grade assignments in the Blackboard Instructor mobile app. They can review assignment submissions and attachments, provide comments

Overview of the Black

Granting grade reconciliation using Delegated
Grading (Q4 2018) – Instructors now have the

User Privacy improvements in accordance with GDPR (Q4 2018) – As a part of our commitment to protect the privacy of users, updates have been made in accordance with changing global data and privacy regulations – including those of the European Union General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). For example, enhancements include:

- Increased visibility of Blackboard's privacy and data use as well as terms of use statements
- The ability for an institution to add their own privacy and data use statement
- An updated end-user acceptance experience with additional data use disclosures when using Blackboard Learn for the first time

New REST APIs and enhancements (Q4 2018) This release includes new REST APIs and enhancements to previously-released web services, including: calendar, content, content file attachments, course grade attempts, course gradebook categories, courses v2 including cross-listing and privacy.

Performance improvements (Q4 2018) – We have made several performance improvements in areas such as content management (Xythos) and the Purge Accumulator. Multiple areas of logging have also been improved to reduce log volumes.