

Inline Grading with New Box View

Blackboard's current service for the implementation of inline grading is through the Crocodoc API, and Box Inc. has decided to discontinue it. The end-of-life date for the Crocodoc API is January 15, 2018.

As a result, we've updated our inline grading capability to leverage the New Box View API. New Box View offers several improvements over Crocodoc, including improved rendering fidelity and expanded support for new file types. Inline grading will continue to work in your courses after January 15th, 2018.

Supported Learn versions

Your institution will need to upgrade their Learn instances to a version that supports the New Box View API: Blackboard Learn 9.1 Q2 2016, CU6; Q4 2016, CU4; Q2 2017, CU4; and Q4 2017

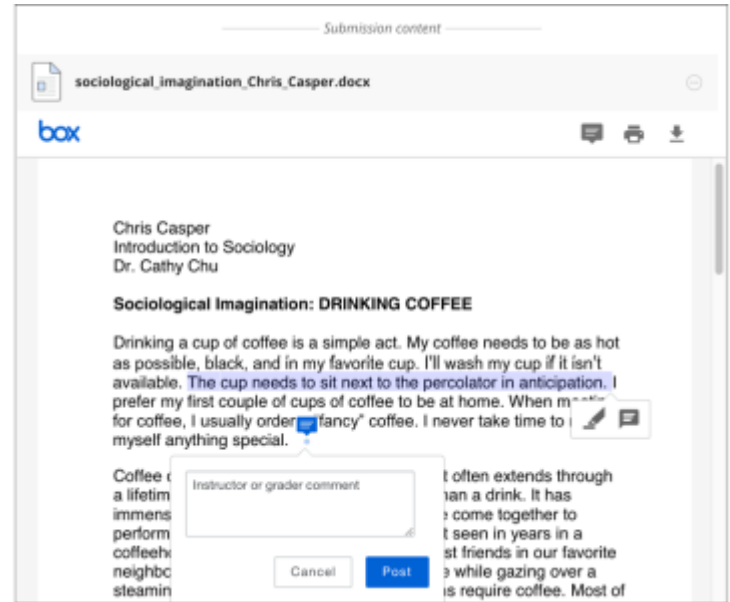
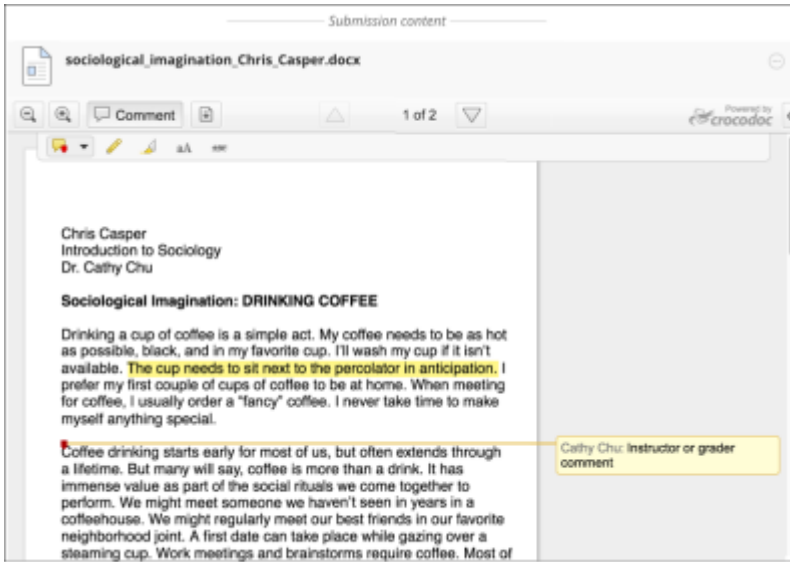
The change is delivered in a Cumulative Update for all above releases except Q4 2017. After the upgrade is complete, no other action is required.

What differences can we expect between Crocodoc and New Box View?

Functions and Details	Crocodoc	New Box View
File types for annotations	PDF, PPT, PPTX, XLS, XLSX, DOC, and DOCX	Over 100 different file types (see Box website for details)
Videos and images displayed	No	Yes
Course Areas	Original assignments, Ultra assignments, and in Ultra tests' additional submission area	Original assignments, Ultra assignments, and in Ultra tests' additional submission area
Annotation types	Text- and point-based comments, highlighting, and drawing	Point-based comments and highlighting
Download	Users download a copy of a student file with the option to download in the original format or in a PDF version that includes the annotations	Users can download a copy of a student file, but annotations won't appear
Print function	No	Yes
Students	Can't add annotations to documents	Can't add annotations to documents

How will New Box View look when I grade?

You shouldn't expect significant changes in the way you grade and operate in your course. See the images and table below for more details.



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