ReadSpeaker
pioneering voice technology

Blackboard Ally and Readspeaker for the LMS

TWO COMPLEMENTARY TOOLS: 'WHERE BLACKBOARD ALLY STOPS, READSPEAKER STARTS'

Blackboard Ally and ReadSpeaker tools work in tandem to make content accessible. Educators use Blackboard Ally to prepare and produce files in an accessible format. These documents are then perfectly adapted to the ReadSpeaker Suite of Learning Tools, which provides speech-enabled reading, writing and studying.

Accessibility initiatives start with BLACKBOARD ALLY and end with READSPEAKER tools.

How do ReadSpeaker and Blackboard Ally complement each other?

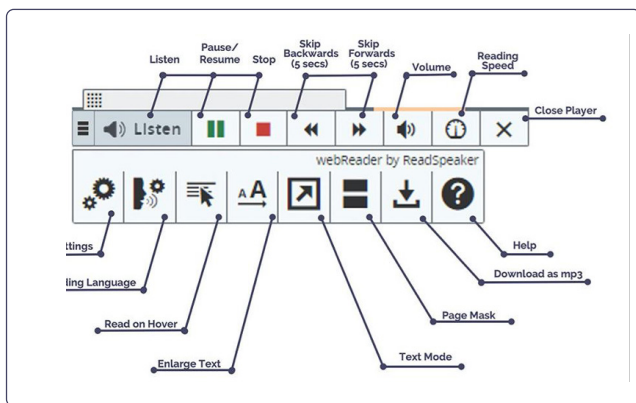| Blackboard Ally	ReadSpeaker for the LMS
Mainly used by **educators** to ensure that content is made accessible.	Mainly used by **students** with learning and cognitive disorders, language challenges or visual problem, and for ALL students who prefer UDL features.
Allows educators to create written materials in accessible format.	Provides highlighting and spoken synchronized reading, making any kind of textual content accessible to students with dyslexia, cognitive issues, struggling readers needing a **bimodal presentation** or students requiring reading aloud on the go. **Supports Universal Design for Learning (UDL).** **Compliance with WCAG 2.2**

www.readspeaker.com/education

Blackboard Ally	ReadSpeaker for the LMS
Audio via download outside the LMS. Various file formats (mp3, Braille, tagged pdf, etc.) **NO bimodal / highlighting synchronization**	**Instant access to real time audio** by simply pressing the listen button, with a bimodal presentation including highlighting synchronization Downloadable **mp3** Accessibility keystrokes **(shift, tab, etc.)**
50 languages	50+ languages, 200+ voices
Limited text customization options	Provides enlarged and customizable text options as well as accessibility tools: • Enlarge Text • Read on Hover • Text Mode • Page Mask • Reading Ruler • Full Document or Text Selected Reading • Custom Dictionaries • Translations • Dictionary • Dictation • Proof-listening • OCR Text in Images • Downloadable Note Highlights • Borders for Color Blind Readers • And More
–	**Instant reading aloud with synchronized** highlighting in all areas within the LMS including quizzes, discussion, assignment tools, personal and course documents. **(.docx, .html, .pdf, .xlsx, .pptx, .txt)**
–	Works with most major **proctoring software and platforms**
–	Reads STEM content and math (MathML/ LaTeX)

Blackboard Ally	ReadSpeaker for the LMS
–	Reads Google docs and Microsoft Word Online
–	Provides reading text in images for scanned pages, photos, etc.
–	Provides students with the ability to organize, highlight and annotate research
–	Adds usability and different ways of learning **for ALL students** (including those learning a second language and language learners)
–	Provides a way for faculty to mark up papers for grading and then upload back into the LMS

The ReadSpeaker Suite of Learning Tools aids students with reading, writing and study skills. **The multiplatform suite allows for flexible ways to meet the needs of a diverse population of individual learners, giving all students an equal opportunity to learn and succeed.**

With cloud-based, dynamically produced speech, course content is instantly speech-enabled as soon as it is uploaded. What is more, the advancing state of the art text-to-speech technologies provide high-quality lifelike voices that are available in real-time streaming, in the LMS and perfectly adapted and designed with ALL learner needs in mind.

Blackboard Ally and ReadSpeaker together help institutions make materials accessible and provide a UDL experience for all learners. Blackboard Ally provides the accessibility options to make the written work accessible while ReadSpeaker makes the written work audible, providing the necessary focus tools, **extending accessibility and usability to ALL students.**

Blackboard Ally and ReadSpeaker together make courses accessible to ALL students.