

Inline Assignment Grading

Inline grading allows instructors to view, comment on, and grade student-submitted assignment files without leaving the Grade Assignment page. There is no need to download the files for all submissions and mark them by hand or in a word processing application.

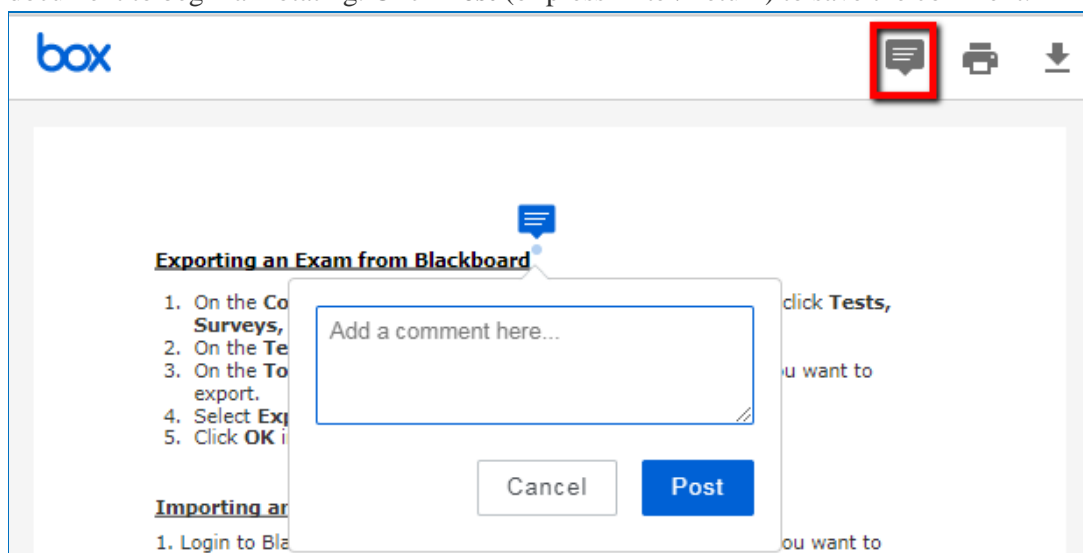
As of January 2018, this feature is made possible through a browser plug-in called the New Box View. Previously, inline grading made use of the Crocodoc Viewer. After Box, Inc., purchased the makers of Crocodoc, it replaced Crocodoc's plug-in with its own.

New Box provides a cleaner, more intuitive interface than its predecessor. It also supports many more types of files than Crocodoc. However, some of Crocodoc's annotation functions are lost in the transition. A complete comparison between the two plug-ins can be found on Blackboard's Help site: begin at https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Instructor/Assignments/Grade_Assignments/Assignment_Inline_Grading

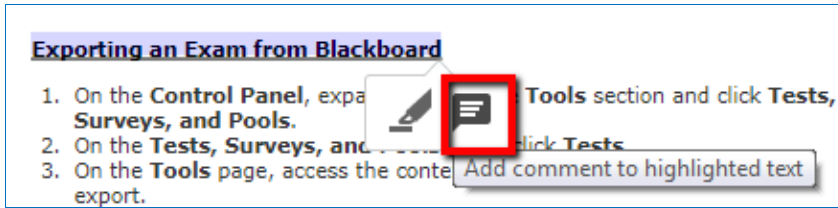
Inline Annotations with New Box View

Files that have been uploaded and converted for display in the inline viewer can be annotated directly within the browser. There are two different methods:

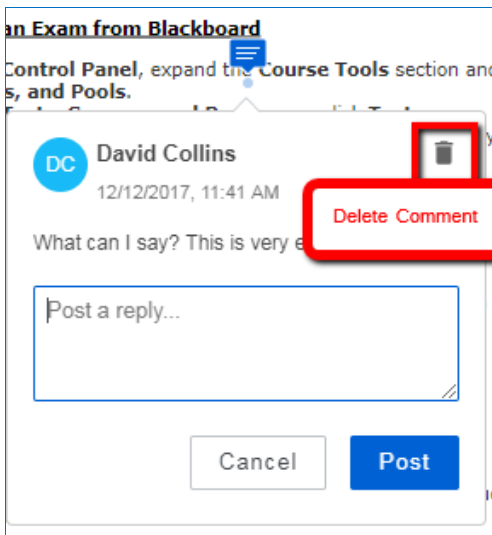
1. Click the Point annotation mode icon on the main toolbar, and then click somewhere within the document to begin annotating. Click **Post** (or press Enter/Return) to save the comment.



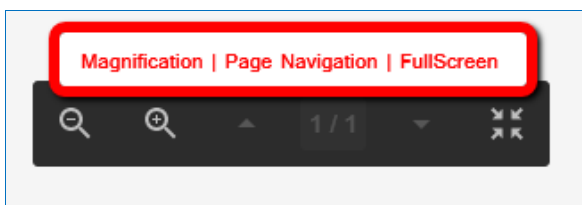
2. Select a portion of the document, and click the **Add Comment** button on the contextual toolbar.



To view any comment already in place, hover over the marker in the document. New Box View does not provide a way to edit an existing annotation, but you can delete and rewrite it. You can also reply to the comment, whether it is posted by you or someone else with grading privileges.



There are also toolbar icons to highlight blocks of text, download the current file, or print the current file. Hovering the mouse over a document displays an additional toolbar below, with icons to zoom out, zoom in, navigate to a different page, or toggle in and out of Full Screen mode.



Full Screen does not make the document fill your entire screen; it merely hides the main toolbar within New Box View. You can hide some elements of the Blackboard interface to give the document more screen space, as noted later in this tutorial.

After you have entered a grade for the assignment, the student can navigate back to the assignment to view any uploaded documents with markups. As of now, however, they cannot download or print a marked-up version of a document.

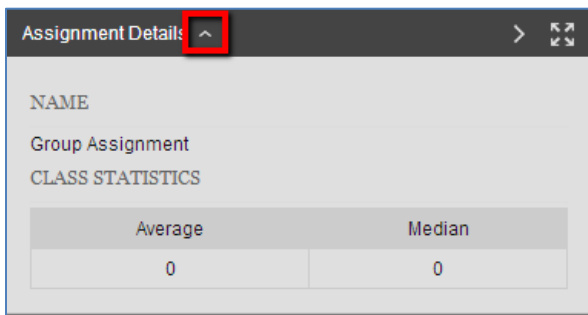
Additional Notes about New Box View

1. **MS Edge:** New Box View is *not yet* compatible with Microsoft's Edge browser.
2. **Third-Party Cookies:** Any browser with third-party Cookies disabled may have difficulty loading New Box View. Different browsers have different ways of allowing third-party Cookies from specific Web domains. Use the **Settings** page in Google Chrome or the **Options** page in Mozilla Firefox. Both Chrome and Firefox allow users to search for specific settings via keywords like "Cookies."
3. **Old Crocodoc Annotations:** Annotations posted via Crocodoc cannot be edited in New Box View. However, New Box View allows you to add annotations to those legacy documents.
4. **60-Minute Timeout:** If you begin annotating a document and do not save your annotations (i.e., enter a grade and navigate to a different attempt or exit inline grading) within 60 minutes, New Box View imposes a timeout and deletes the unsaved annotation. It does produce a five-minute warning message prior to the timeout.

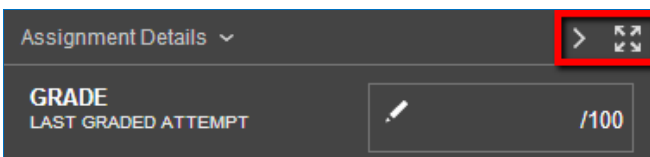
Grading a Submission Inline

From the Inline grading sidebar you can:

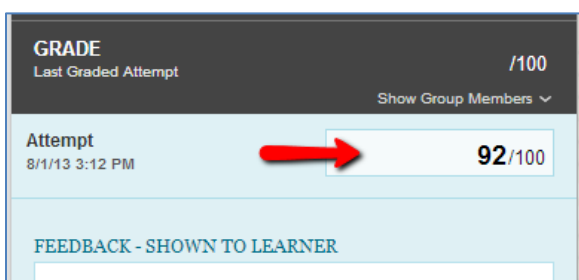
1. Expand assignment details to show the information from the assignment content item.



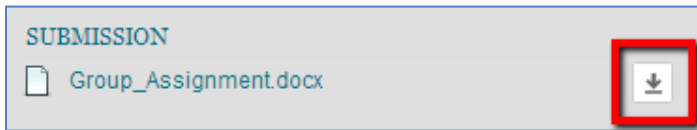
2. Hide or show the sidebar, and expand the grading window to Full Screen.



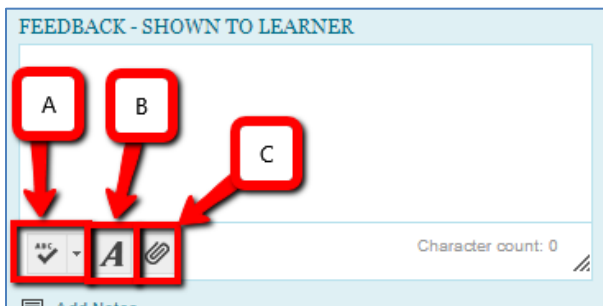
3. Type a grade for the attempt.



- Download the originally submitted file or files. If more than one file was submitted for the attempt, all files are available here.



- Type feedback for the student to see. Files can be attached to the feedback, and the Feedback field can be expanded to take advantage of the full Content Editor capabilities.



- Check spelling in the Feedback box.
 - Expand the Feedback box to a rich text editor.
 - Attach files.
- Optionally, add private grading notes, not visible to the student.

