Digital Accessibility Initiative (D.A.I.)

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What?

The *Digital Accessibility Movement*

is an initiative to make all online documentation at Marymount Manhattan College fully accessible.

When?

There isn't a set timeline, but the initiative has already begun and the expectation is for this to be proactively happening and to remain on-going.

Who?

All Faculty and eventually all Staff

Why?

Why do we need to create Accessible Documentation?

- In order to provide equal access and equal education opportunities to people with disabilities
  - In a time where the percentage of students with disabilities entering college is climbing, it is crucial for everyone to do their part in creating an inclusive education experience.
- To meet section 508 of the rehabilitation act of 1973 which mandated that "all electronic information technology" be made accessible to people with disabilities.
- All colleges and Universities receive some form of federal funding which mean MMC must comply with federal mandates.
- The results of not complying are huge class action lawsuits where the college would be fined heavily along with other penalties.

How?

Creating Accessible Documents

Changing the accessibility of documents should not effect the flow of your class. The process is virtually seamless.

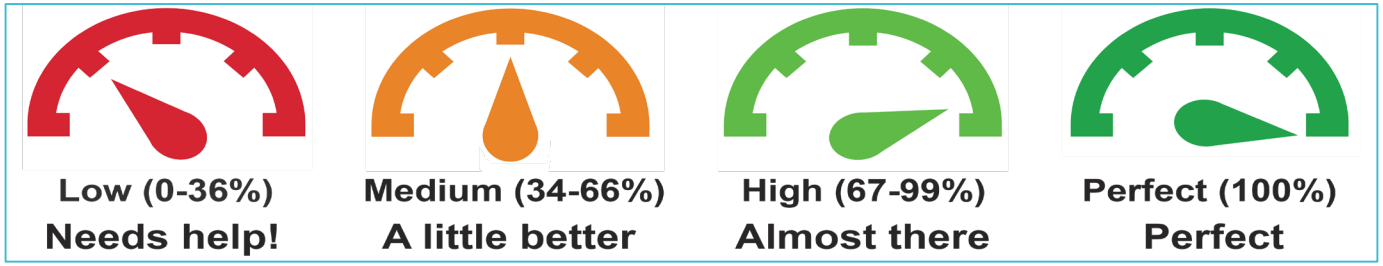
- Review Rating of Documents in Blackboard
- Check Accessibility with Microsoft Word
- Converting documents that are not accessible into an accessible format.
- Contact Resources with questions for assistance

How

Identifying Accessibility Issues

Blackboard Ally

1. Upload Document in Blackboard
2. Wait for document to be scored in Blackboard Ally
3. Look for Blackboard Ally Score to Appear next to uploaded content
4. If document is scored green no change is necessary. If red or orange, click on icon.



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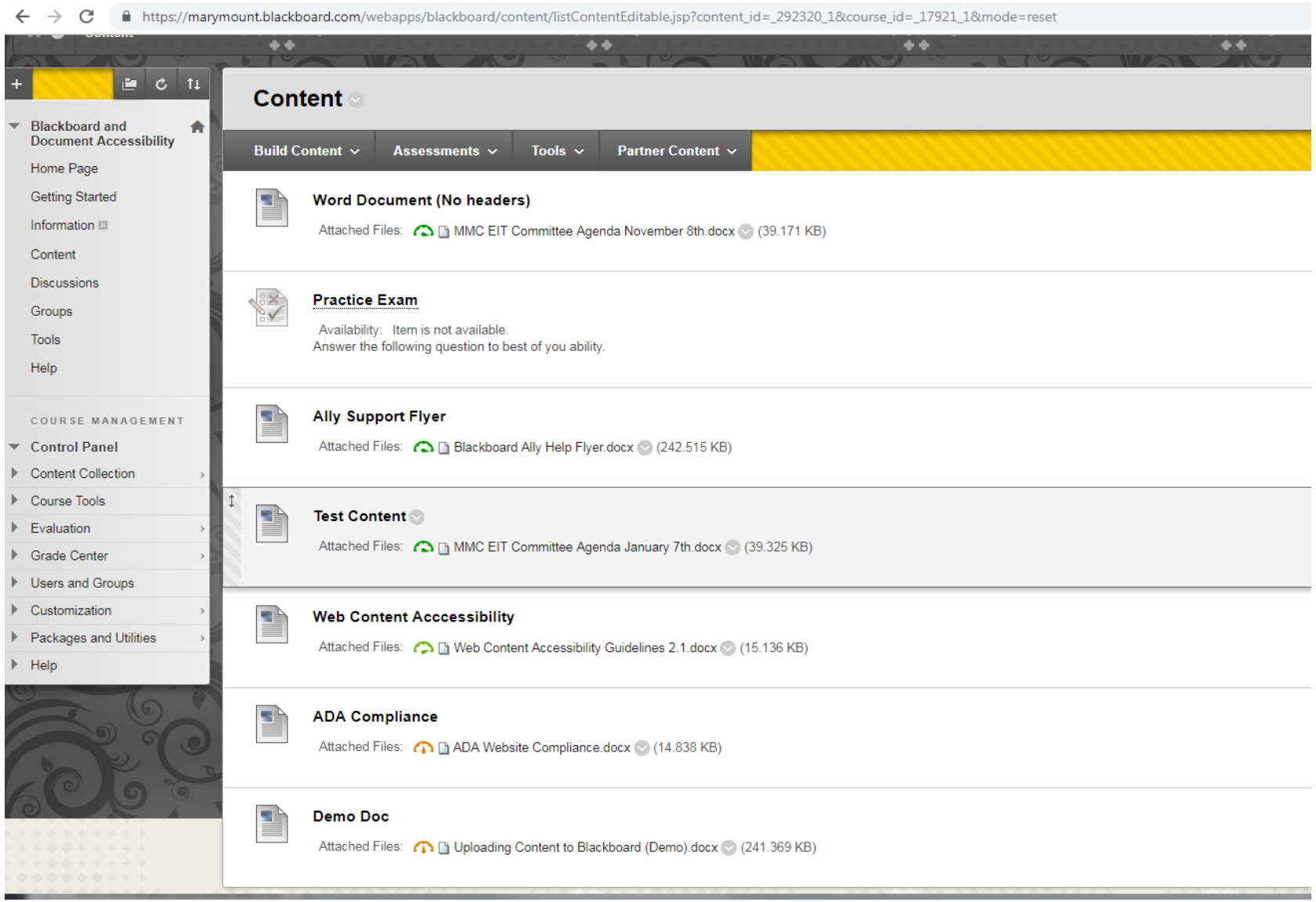

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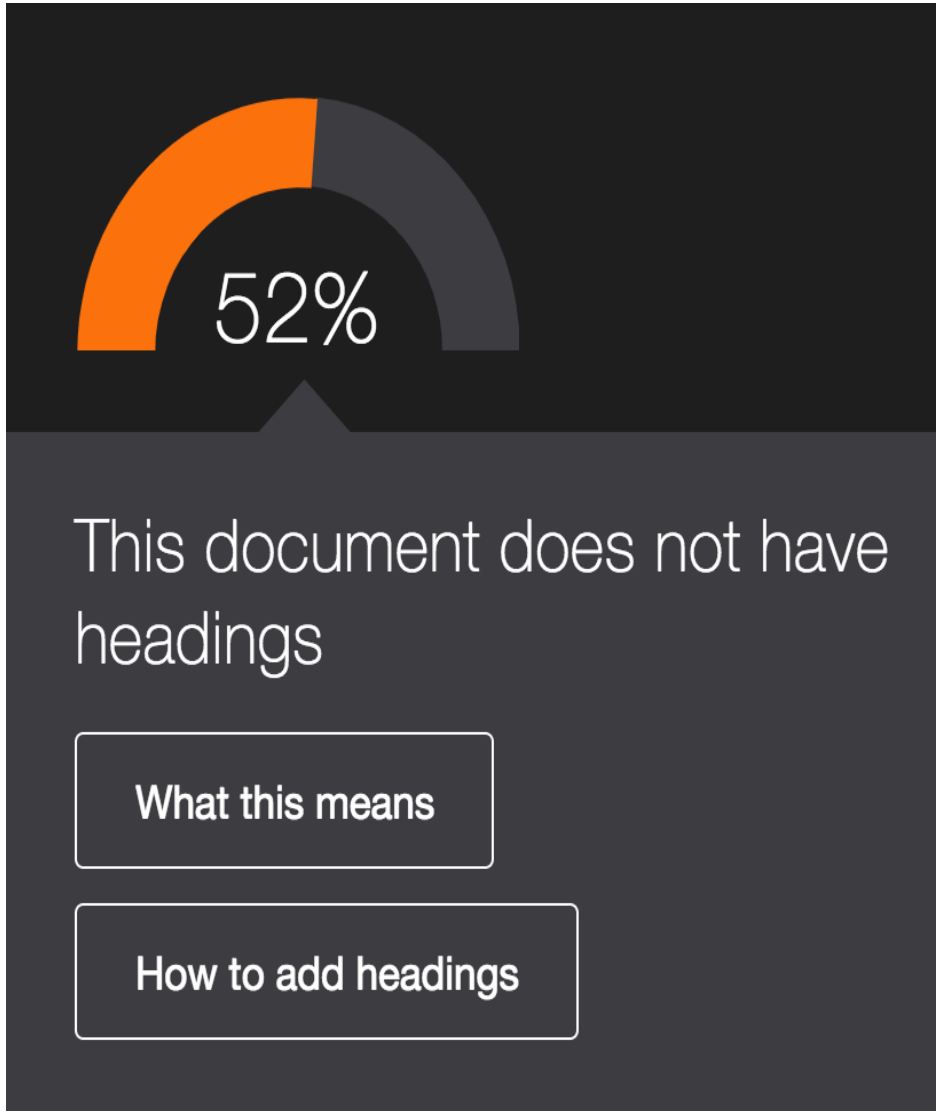
1. Menu on right will appear read what's causing the low score
2. Click on How to fix (Whatever Issue it is)
3. Open a copy of the copy outside of blackboard and make adjustment
4. Upload edited documents into blackboard replacing origin
5. Check score again
6. Repeat if score is still not green



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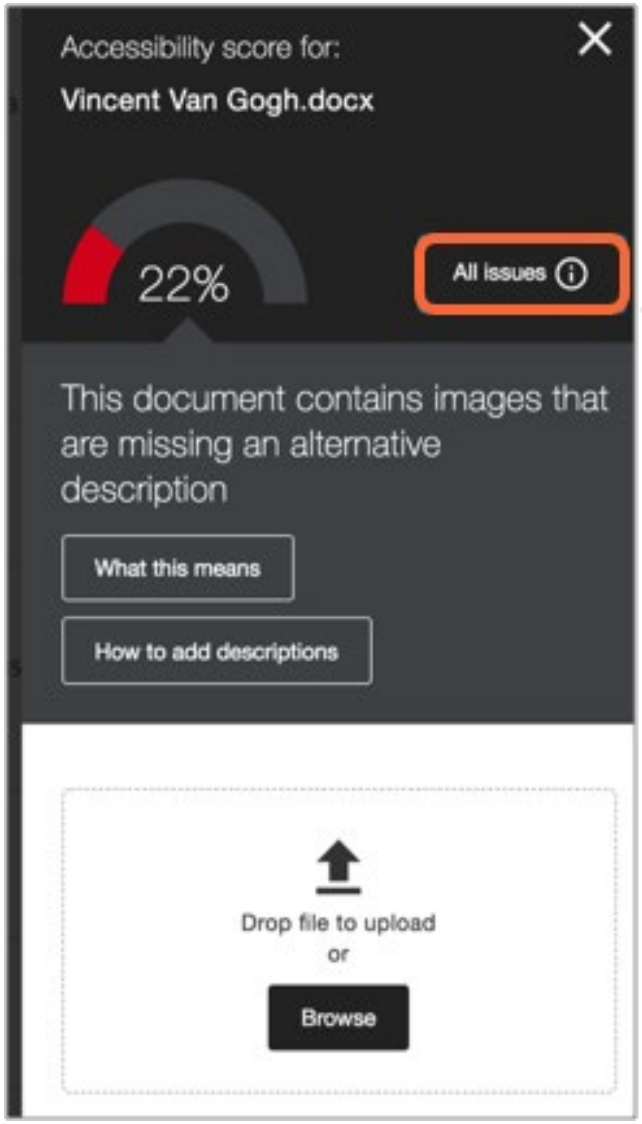

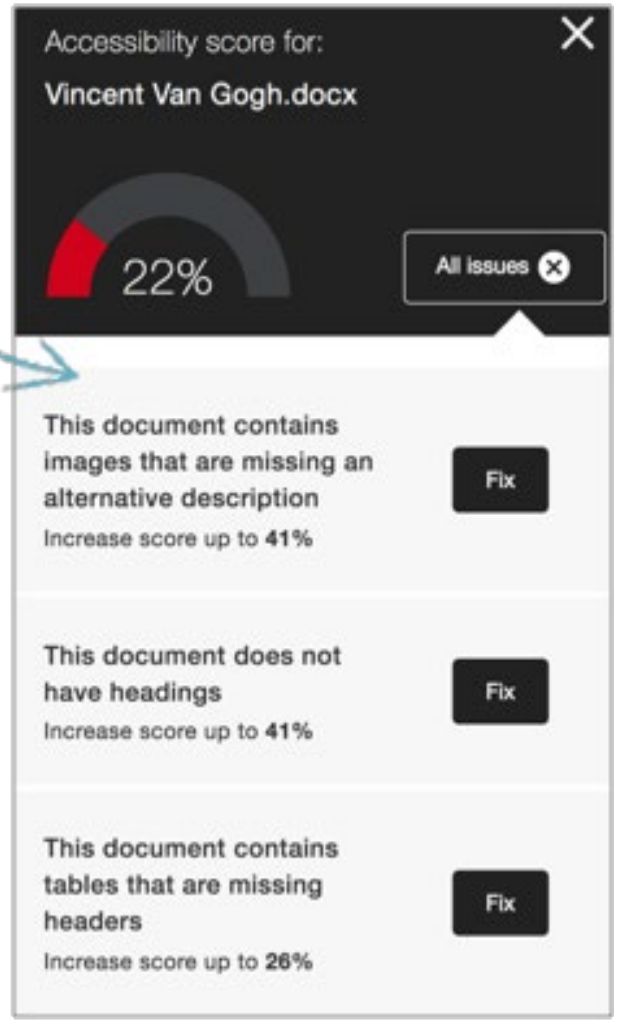

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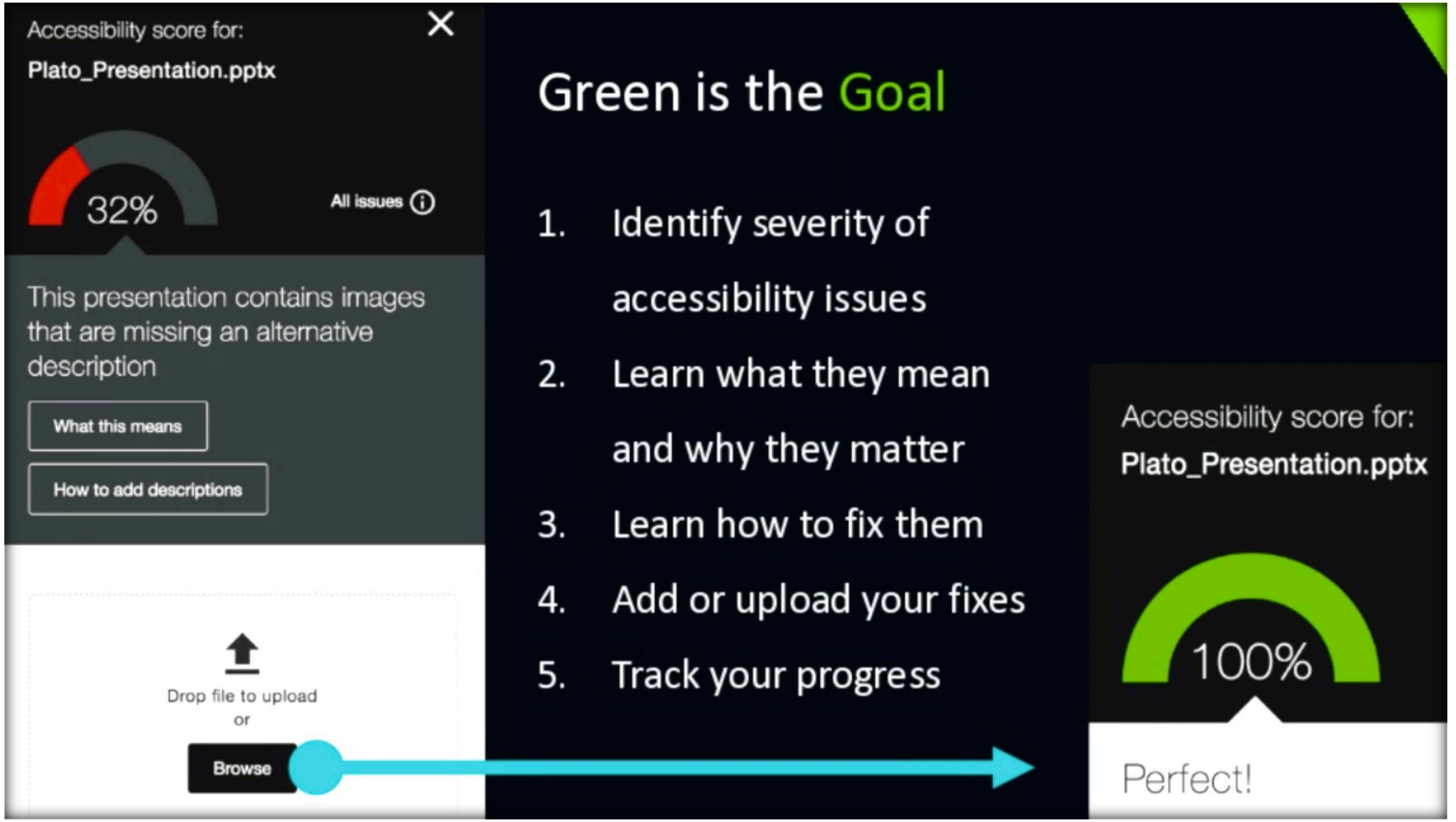

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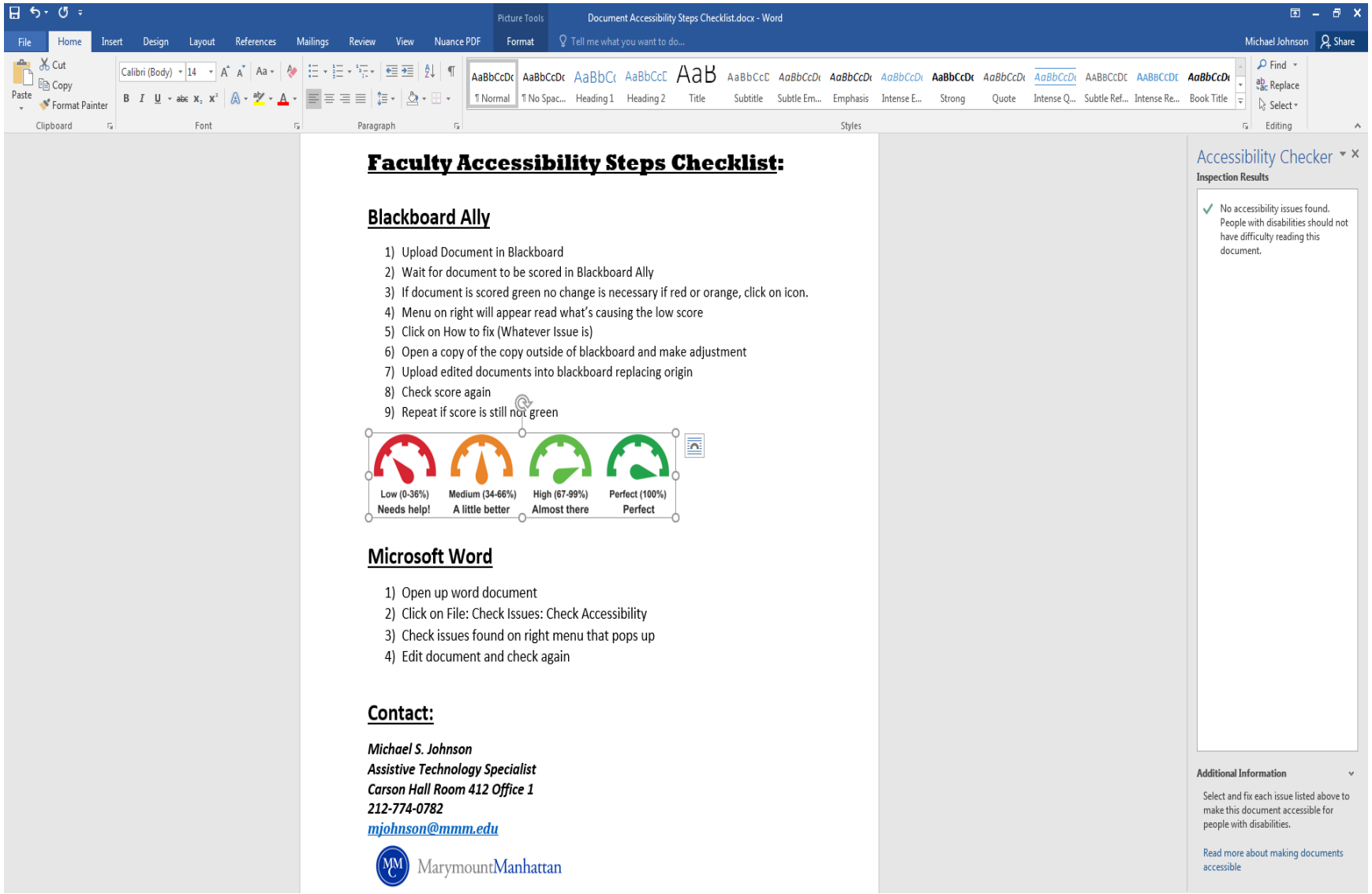

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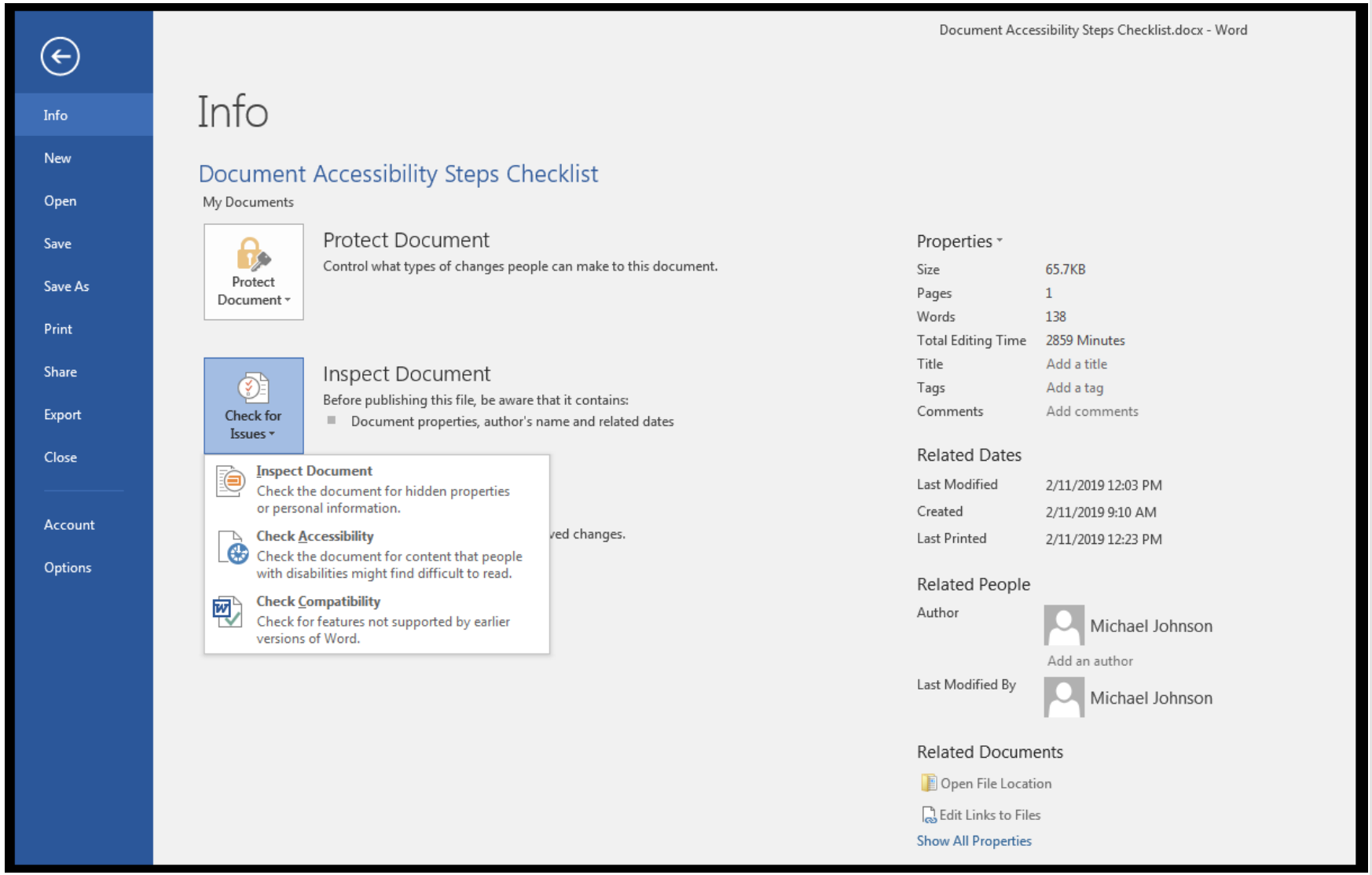

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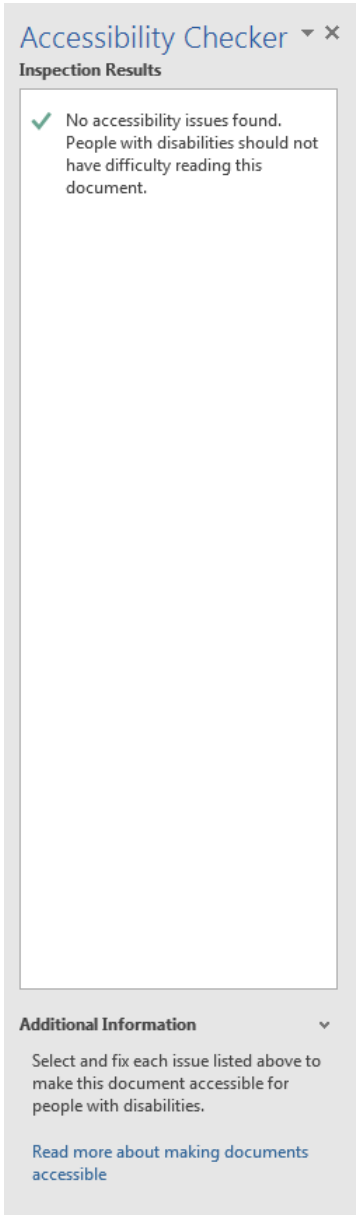

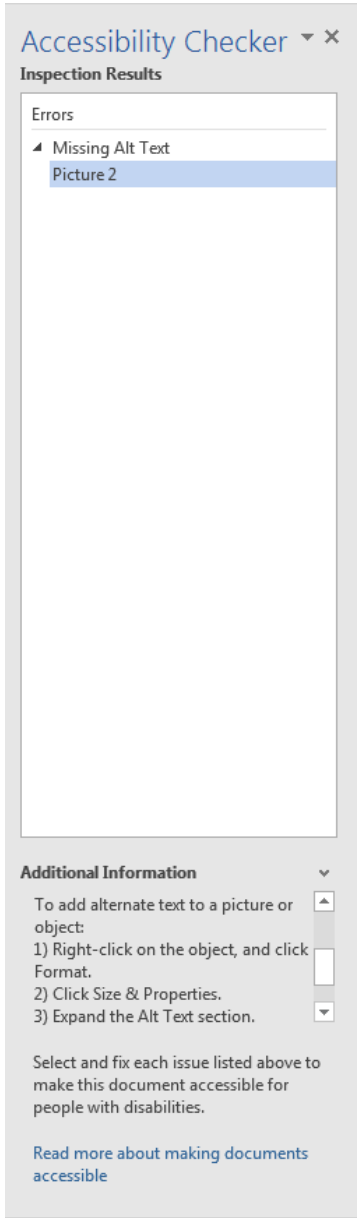

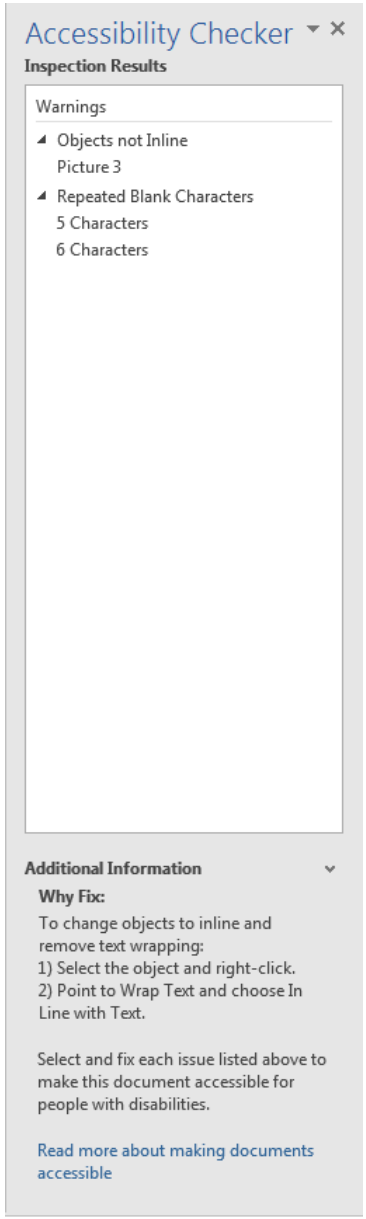

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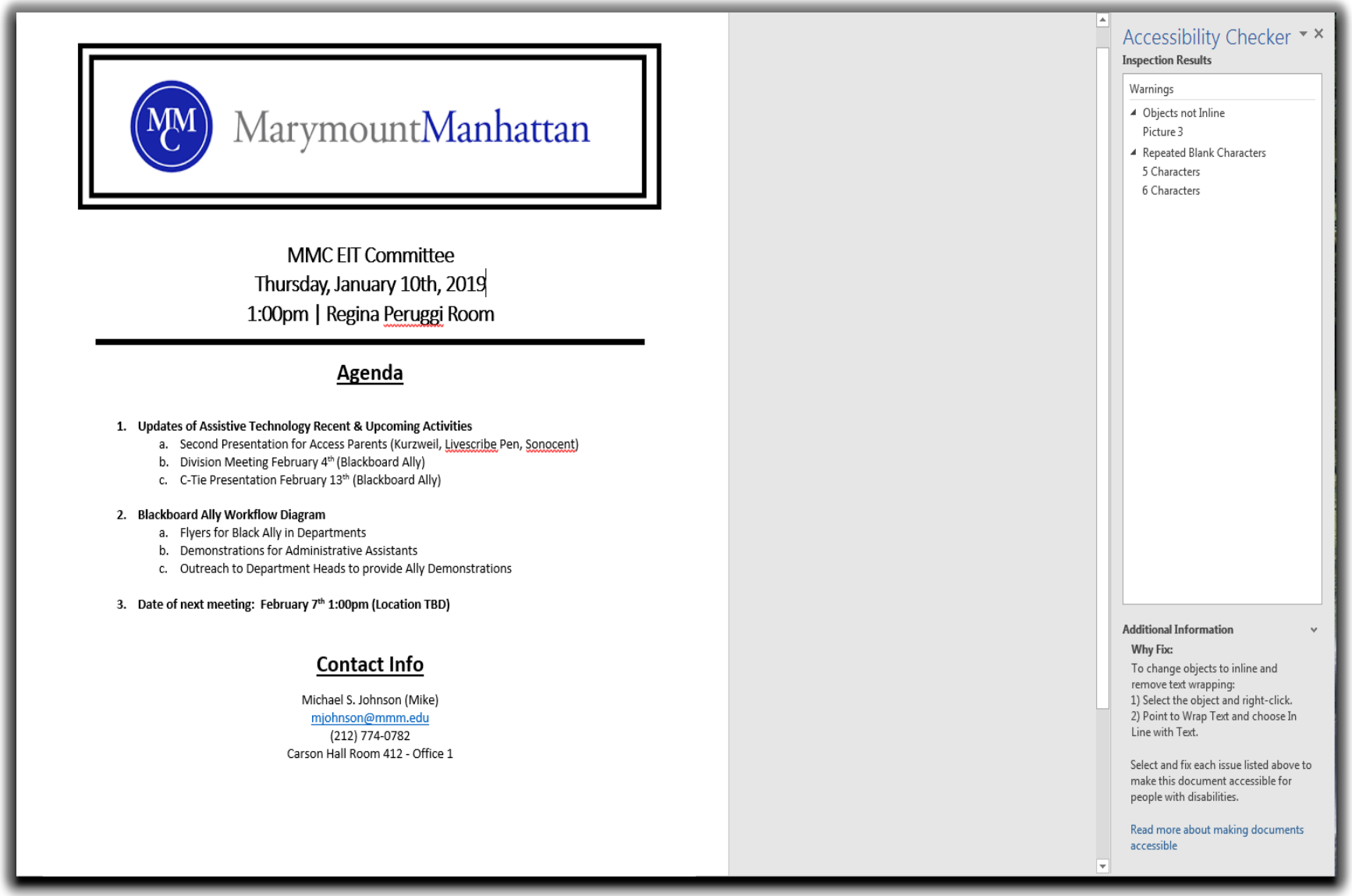

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MMC EIT Committee
Thursday, January 10th, 2019
1:00pm | Regina Peruggi Room

Agenda

1. **Updates of Assistive Technology Recent & Upcoming Activities**
   a. Second Presentation for Access Parents (Kurzweil, Livescribe Pen, Sonocent)
   b. Division Meeting February 4th (Blackboard Ally)
   c. C-Tie Presentation February 13th (Blackboard Ally)

2. **Blackboard Ally Workflow Diagram**
   a. Flyers for Black Ally in Departments
   b. Demonstrations for Administrative Assistants
   c. Outreach to Department Heads to provide Ally Demonstrations

3. **Date of next meeting: February 7th 1:00pm (Location TBD)**

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Accessibility Checker

Inspection Results

Warnings
- Objects not Inline
  - Picture 3
- Repeated Blank Characters
  - 5 Characters
  - 6 Characters

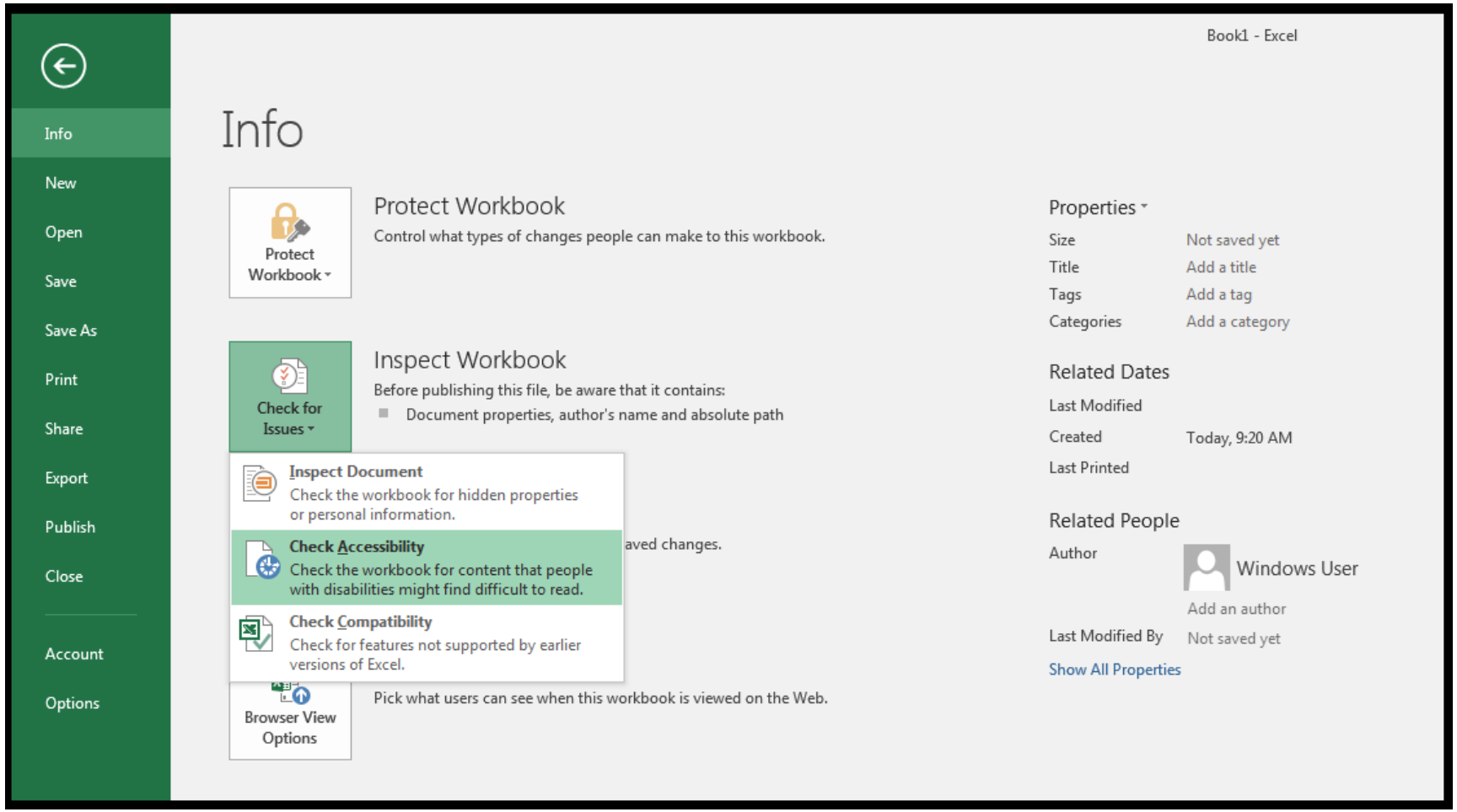
Additional Information

Why Fix:
To change objects to inline and remove text wrapping:
1) Select the object and right-click.
2) Point to Wrap Text and choose In Line with Text.

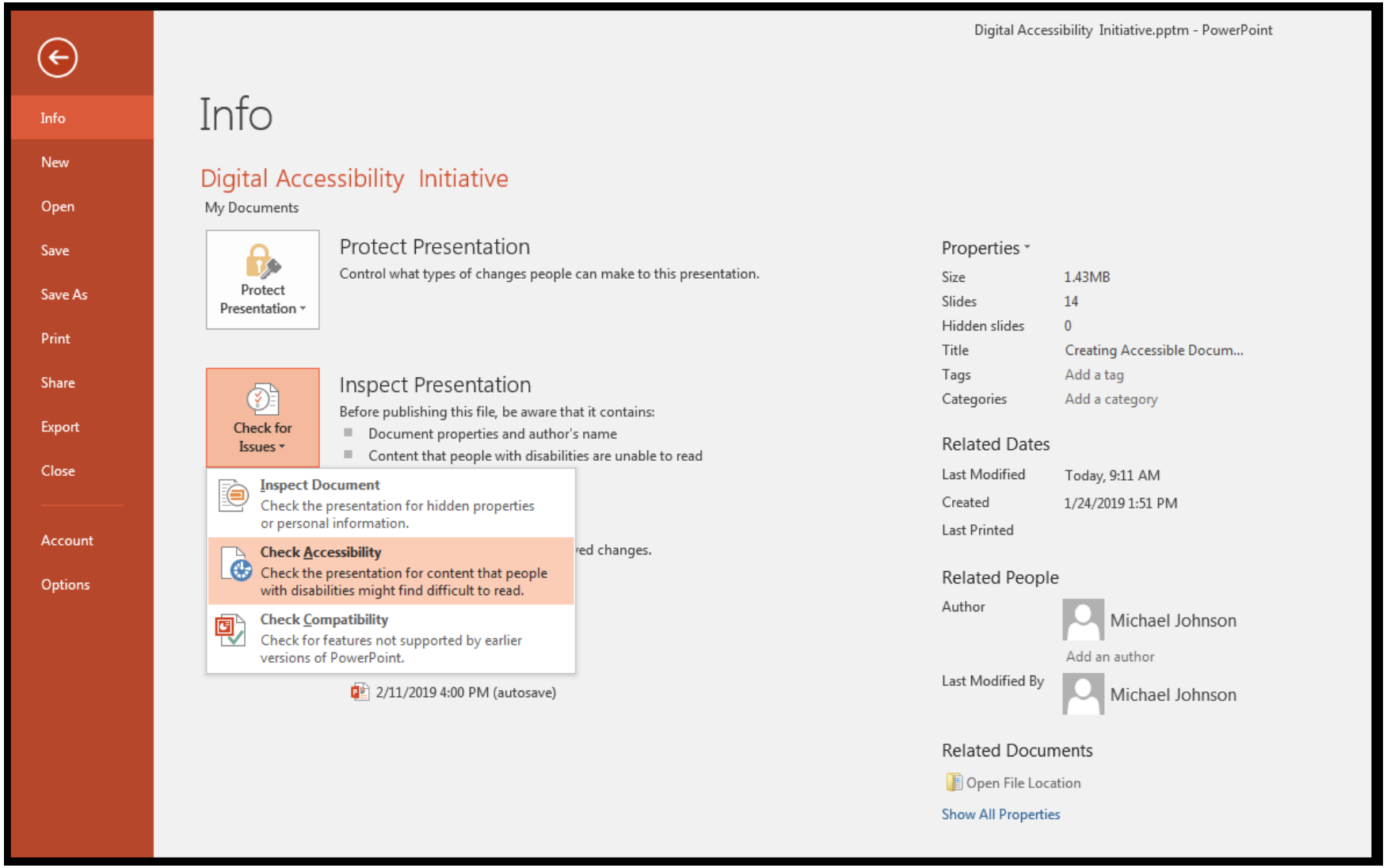
Select and fix each issue listed above to make this document accessible for people with disabilities.

Read more about making documents accessible

Checking Accessibility with Microsoft Excel



Checking Accessibility with Microsoft Powerpoint



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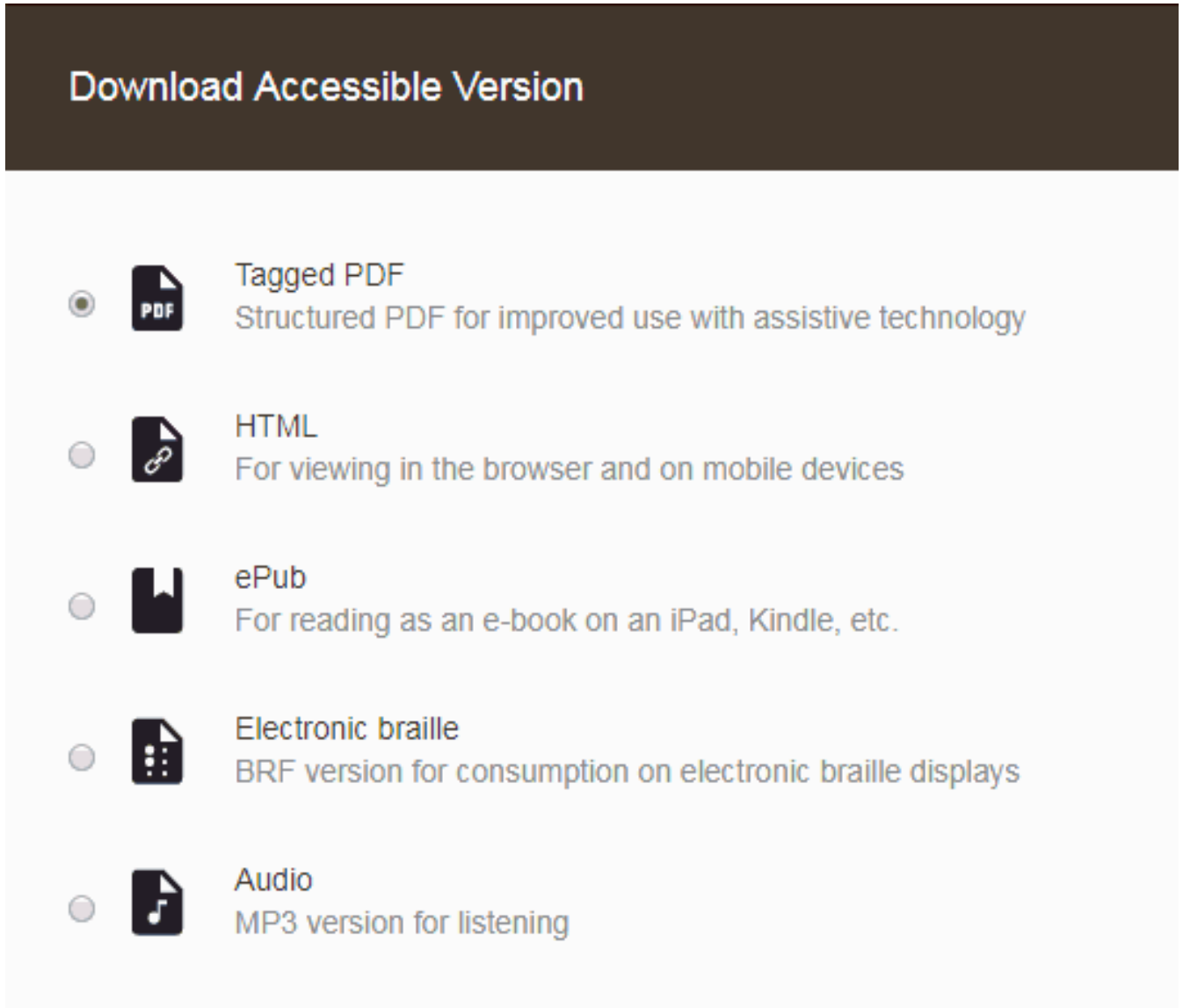
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Resources

College Resources

- Assistive Technology Specialist
- College Library Blackboard References

Video Links

- Making Word Documents Accessible
- What to consider when making Accessible Documents
- Creating Accessible PDF's
- Creating accessible PDF's (Mac Pc)

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