SafeAssign Release Notes: Dec 2013

Release Information

Launch Date: December 11, 2013

Building Block Version: SafeAssign 3.0.6 - Download the .war file.

Supported Platforms: All Blackboard Learn 9.1 Service Packs (SPs)

Requirements and Dependencies

Mandatory Upgrade

This update resolves several issues and includes security enhancements to endpoints used by the SafeAssign Building Block. To accommodate these security improvements, version 3.0.6 of the SafeAssign Building Block will be **mandatory**.

As a result of the necessary changes to the service, older versions of the SafeAssign Building Block (prior to version 3.0) will no longer be able to communicate with the SafeAssign service. You must upgrade your SafeAssign Building Block to the latest 3.0 version by **January 31, 2014** to maintain SafeAssign functionality.

If you do not upgrade to the latest 3.0 SafeAssign Building Block by January 31, 2014, the SafeAssign service will display the following error message to all users when attempting to access the service: "This version of SafeAssign is out of date. Please contact your system administrator."

Update IP Address

The IP address for safeassign.blackboard.com is changing on January 31, 2014. If your institution explicitly opens outgoing HTTP traffic to safeassign.blackboard.com by IP address, you will need to update your configuration to use the following IP address before January 31, 2014:

URL: safeassign.blackboard.com

IP Address: 69.196.253.30

Port: TCP 80 and 443

Resolved Issues

The SafeAssign 3.0 Building Block update contains no functional or workflow changes, and you are not required to make any changes other than upgrading your SafeAssign Building Block.

- Users can now download all submissions in SafeAssign in Chrome when SSL is enabled system-wide without seeing mixed content warnings.

- Occurrences of duplicate SafeAssignments or courses causing errors when accessing the SafeAssignment should no longer occur. Duplicates that may have already been created will still need to be addressed on a case-by-case basis.