

SafeAssign Learn Release Notes: Apr 2014


Building Block Name: SafeAssign - Bundled in Learn 9.1 April 2014

Latest Version: 4.0.1

Dates Released: April 30, 2014 | May 1, 2014

Minimum Learn Version

Blackboard Learn 9.1 April 2014

 *To learn more about SafeAssign on earlier releases, see the release notes for that release.*

Description

May 1, 2014 - Version 4.0.1

Resolved Issues

- Download All Submissions no longer fails in some cases with the page spinning.
- Administrators can re-register SafeAssign with a new sa.properties file after cloning Learn.

April 30, 2014 - Version 4.0

- For the 4.0 Building Block, the SafeAssignment content type is removed and SafeAssign becomes an optional addition available when creating native Blackboard Learn assignments.
- SafeAssign has been modified to create a submission object for each new submission and subsequently creates individual attachment items within each submission object.
- SafeAssign has been modified to recognize that a submission is originating from the same student and the same assignment as a previous submission, and not check the contents of the student's current attempt against content from previous submissions.
- When a group submits an attempt, SafeAssign captures the groupID from Learn. It treats this submission in the same way it does a submission from an individual. New submissions from the same groupID to the same assignment should not be checked against previous submissions by the same groupID to the same assignment.
- For import/export, SafeAssignments that reside within the previous (source) course are converted to Blackboard Learn assignments with SafeAssign enabled. Any submissions that were made to either

SafeAssignments or regular assignments in the previous course will not be duplicated in the new courses. Additionally, any settings that were defined on SafeAssignments in the previous course will be applied to the newly created Blackboard Learn assignments with SafeAssign enabled in the new courses, such as availability dates, and points possible.

- For exact copy and archive/restore, SafeAssignments that reside within the previous (source) course are not converted to Blackboard Learn assignments with SafeAssign enabled. Any submissions that were made to SafeAssignments in the previous course will be duplicated—for exact course copy, or recreated—for a course archive/restore.
- With the integration between SafeAssign and Blackboard Learn assignments, almost all Learn assignment features are available in tandem with SafeAssign services. The only feature that is not supported by the SafeAssign service at this time is portfolio submissions to Learn assignments.
- Legacy SafeAssignments will not support the anonymous grading feature.
- The SafeAssign originality report has been changed in the following ways:
 - The report has been updated with a new look and feel. The report now displays multiple attachments.
 - The email option has been removed. While viewing the report, you can "print to pdf" either natively or using a plug-in based on the operating system and browser combination that you are using to create an accessible PDF. Then, you can share the PDF in multiple ways, including secure email.
 - Each source now has a color unique to the source. Text matching the source is highlighted in the unique source color. There are a maximum of 30 different colors. This matches the maximum of 30 different sources.
 - By default, all citation source highlighting is on. Instructors can click **Show/Hide All Highlighting** to turn source highlighting off and on for all sources at once.
 - The report layout has been improved for narrow screens. The report information and citations now appear at the top of the submission when instructors reduce the width of the viewing area.
 - Instructors click **Select Sources and Resubmit** to determine which sources they want to include in the next report. By default, all sources are included. Instructors can clear the check box for each source to exclude from the results. This behavior is the reverse of previous releases.
 - The page instructors are redirected to after resubmitting a paper has been updated to be more in line with the styling of the new report.
 - During the redesign of the SafeAssign originality report, it became clear that the mixed script count was potentially showing misleading and confusing information. The mixed script count

identifies the potential of multiple scripts used in an assignment to hide acts of plagiarism. It was discovered that the count was based on the number of words or sentences in the text and was only triggered by Cyrillic. The count should be based on all of the ways multiple scripts can be used to avoid plagiarism detection. Also, the areas where each script was used were not identified in the document and had to be manually located. For these reasons, while the originality report continues to alert you to **any** use of mixed-script characters within individual words anywhere in a submission, the word count will not be available until it can be accurate for all script combinations and all instances can be highlighted in the report.

Known Issues

- The display of the new window the Originality Report loads within does not load fully expanded to include the sources information. Blackboard is currently working on a fix for this issue.
- Blackboard has received feedback that while the old color schemes that associated individual matches with specific sources was outdated, the removal of this color scheme left users unaware of the volume of matches associated with a particular submission. Blackboard is actively investigating this situation.

Default State

Enabled

Disabling or Removing the Building Block

You can rollback to the minimum required building block version – 3.0.8.

SafeAssign Learn assignment integration will not be available.

Roles

- Instructors can no longer create SafeAssignment content items.
- Instructors can select SafeAssign from **Submission Details** on the **Create Assignment** page.

To learn more, see [User Roles and Privileges](#).

Dependencies

These changes require installing the April 2014 release, Blackboard Learn 9.1 April 2014.