

# SafeAssign Release Notes for Learn April 2014 & October 2014 - June 16, 2015

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## Release Basics

**Building Block Name:** SafeAssign

**Version:** SafeAssign 4.0.12

**Date Released:** June 17, 2015

**Released by:**

- Download using Software Updates. The SafeAssign building block appears as an update in the Software Updates module within 24 hours.
- [Download the .war file.](#)

To learn more, see [Install and Manage Building Blocks](#).

## Supported Learn Versions

Blackboard Learn 9.1 April 2014 and October 2014 releases only

## Markets and Verticals

SafeAssign is available to all markets and verticals.

## Resolved Issues & Improvements

- Cookies removal

SafeAssign is a cloud-based service offered to Blackboard Learn clients, but is also separate and unique from the Learn instance. Previously, when a user attempted to access certain features of SafeAssign – specifically the Originality Report, DirectSubmit, and some older functions from previous SafeAssign-Blackboard Learn integrations – browser cookies were created to maintain the authenticated session for that user between Learn and SafeAssign. However, modern browsers have started blocking “3<sup>rd</sup>-party cookies” by default. This has caused some users problems when attempting to access the previously mentioned features of SafeAssign, as SafeAssign cookies were seen as “3<sup>rd</sup> party” to the browser; even though SafeAssign is solely owned and operated by Blackboard, the user’s browser could not understand this connection and would block SafeAssign’s authentication cookies.

With this release, Blackboard has removed the need for any “3<sup>rd</sup>-party” cookies to be created or used with the SafeAssign service. Users will not longer potentially see warning messages relating to 3<sup>rd</sup>-party cookies or need to change browser settings to interact with the SafeAssign service.

## Other resolved issues:

- Fixed authorization issues with international (non-English) characters
- Fixed an issue preventing submissions from displaying in the “Needs Grading” section of the Learn Grade Center
- Fixed issues relating to legacy SafeAssignments (downloading submissions, providing feedback, accessing submissions and feedback)
- Fixed an issue preventing access to Originality Reports
- Added more explanation of file size limit for end users when uploading large documents as part of submission
- Fixed an issue causing incorrect display of submissions from disabled users

## Default State

Enabled

## Roles

- Instructors can use SafeAssign to investigate plagiarism potential in assignment submissions.
- If allowed by instructors, students can review their own work for plagiarism potential.

## Managed Hosting Clients

The Blackboard Managed Hosting team will apply this Building Block on hosted Production systems currently using the April 2014 or October 2014 Release during a standard maintenance window. Customers will be contacted in a separate communication with the date and the time scheduled along with the expected impact to the hosted systems. For clients that want the update sooner they may update the Building Block via Software Updates module and create a Support case on Behind the Blackboard to schedule the recommended server restarts (to expedite the scheduling process please include a desired day and time for the restarts to begin).