

SafeAssign Release Notes for Learn April 2014 & October 2014 - April 27, 2015

Release Basics

Building Block Name: SafeAssign

Version: SafeAssign 4.0.10

Date Released: April 27, 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 “3rd-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 “3rd 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.

To mitigate these issues, Blackboard has begun removing the need for the use of additional cookies when interacting with SafeAssign; for now, SafeAssign cookies will still be necessary in some interfaces, and Blackboard Learn may still create session cookies once the user is authenticated through Learn.

Once the removal of cookies from the SafeAssign service is complete, users will not need to change specific browser settings relating to cookies to interact with SafeAssign. We will provide an update when the final changes to remove cookies from the service are complete.

- DirectSubmit

We've improved the DirectSubmit interface to have a more modern look and feel.

No new features have been added, but the experience for users should be more intuitive and easier to use.

Other resolved issues:

- Fixed an issue that caused an error when an Assignment with SafeAssign enabled is deleted
- Fixed an issue preventing submissions from displaying in the SafeAssign Course Tools section

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).