**End of Life Notice for D2L Binder**

Binder end of life will be on May 31, 2019.

Those who are looking to access course materials offline can use the **Brightspace Pulse** app for iOS and Android. And, for those who use Binder today, you will continue to be able to use it, with some differences in functionality.

Read on to learn about import Binder end of life date phases and for the answers to some frequently asked questions.

**Phase 1: Binder Cloud Services Removal (November 1, 2018)**

On November 1, 2018, we will be updating the Binder app so that it no longer relies on D2L cloud services. Removing these cloud services means that D2L will no longer keep a copy of a user’s Binder content and annotations in the cloud (it will remain on your device only). Binder will only be able to annotate PDF documents. And the “Send to Binder” button in the Content tool will be removed.

What should Binder users do prior to November 1?

* Be sure to update the Binder app with the latest release prior to November 1 to avoid any disruption. Many phones and tablets do this automatically.
* If you use the Binder website, be sure to log into the free Binder app for iOS or Android prior to November 1 to sync all changes locally to your device.

How will I get course materials into Binder?
You can still add your Brightspace course materials to Binder from within the Binder app.

Can I still annotate in Binder?
You will be able to annotate PDF documents from Brightspace, as well as PDF documents from other sources (Google Drive, Dropbox), while still being able to view and annotate any existing documents, even offline.

What alternatives are there available to use instead of Binder?
Below are a number of free apps which can be used in combination to achieve the same functionality as that offered by Binder. Do a google.com search for the free apps.

**Free PDF Annotation**
Adobe Acrobat Reader (Android, iOS)
Mendeley (iOS, Android)
Write on PDF (Android)
Files (iOS 11)
PDF Expert (iOS)
Notability (iOS)
LiquidText (iOS)

**Free PDF Conversion**
PDF Converter (Android)
Chrome “Export to PDF” (Android)
Safari “Export to PDF” (iOS)
PDF Expert (iOS)
To PDF (iOS)

**Free Cloud Storage**
Dropbox
Google Drive
OneDrive
iCloud

**Phase 2: Binder End of Life (May 31, 2019)**
On May 31, 2019 Binder will no longer be supported by D2L, will no longer work with Brightspace, and will be removed from the Apple and Google app stores.

Will I still be able to use Binder after May 31?
Binder will remain installed on existing devices, but you will not be able to reinstall the application from the app stores, and there will be no further updates.  Furthermore, it should be expected that over time parts of Binder will stop working as the Android and iOS operating systems that Binder depend on are updated and changed.

Does D2L have an alternative for accessing course materials offline?
Yes, the **Brightspace Pulse** app is freely available on iOS and Android platforms and allows you to view and access course materials offline.