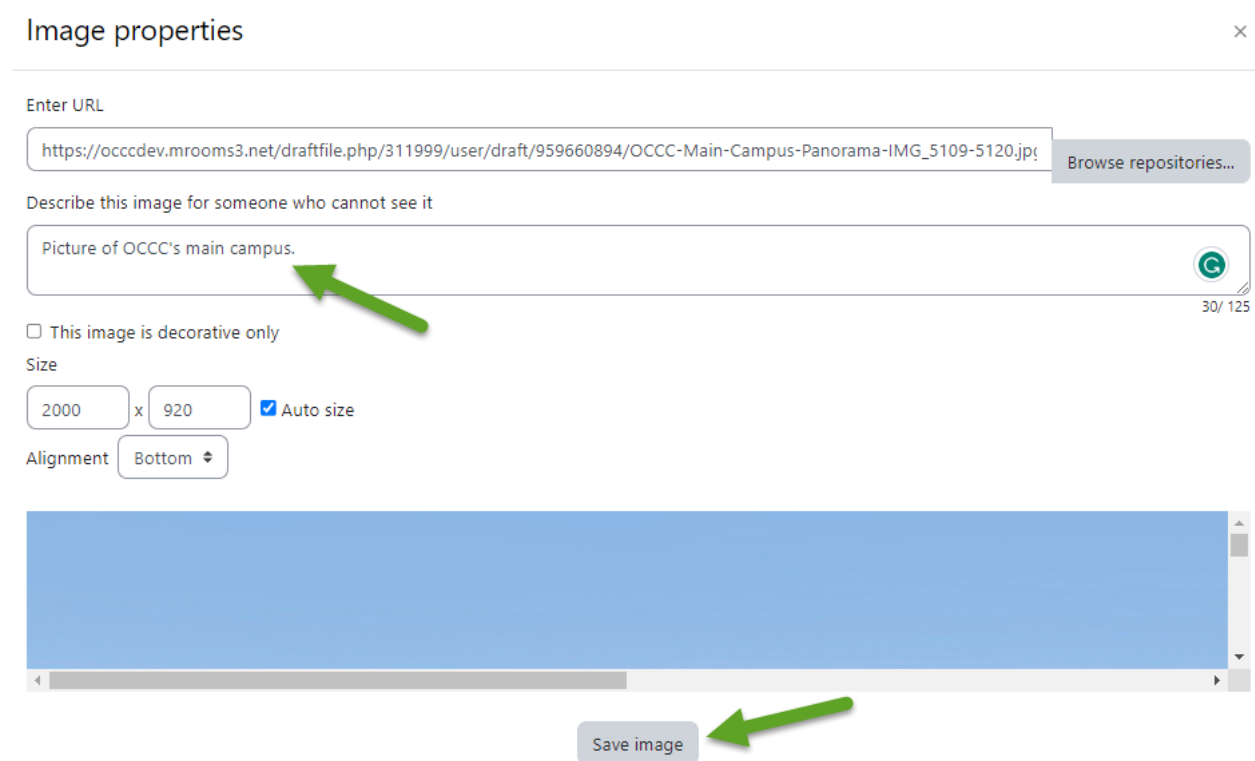


Adding Alt Text to Images in Moodle to Make Them Accessible

Our accessibility tip this time is Adding Alt Text to images. Alt text or Alternative Text is a text description added to a digital image that describes the image and adds context for those using screen readers to access your content. It will also display in place of the image should it not load correctly and can be helpful in other situations as well.

When adding an image, enter your Alt Text in the field labeled **Describe this image for someone who cannot see it** and click **Save**.



The screenshot shows the 'Image properties' dialog box in Moodle. At the top, there is a close button (X) and the title 'Image properties'. Below the title is a section for 'Enter URL' with a text input field containing a long URL and a 'Browse repositories...' button. Underneath is a section for 'Describe this image for someone who cannot see it' with a text input field containing the text 'Picture of OCCC's main campus.' A green arrow points to this field. Below the description field is a checkbox labeled 'This image is decorative only' which is unchecked. The 'Size' section has two input fields for width (2000) and height (920), and a checked 'Auto size' checkbox. The 'Alignment' section has a dropdown menu set to 'Bottom'. At the bottom of the dialog is a 'Save image' button, with a green arrow pointing to it. A large blue rectangular area is visible in the background of the dialog, representing the image being added.

Enter your alt text in the add image description field. And click add.

When adding Alt text, be sure to describe the relevant content of the image in a specific and succinct manner. This may change depending on the context of why the image is being used. For example:

- Good Alt Text for this image might differ if I'm using it to show off my fishing skills such as, "Picture of OCCC's main Campus".

Or, to discuss the virtues of a specific brand of area of the campus, the Alt text might be: "In the far right area of the image, there is a picture of the OCCC Visual and Performing Arts Center."

If an image is purely decorative and does not convey relevant information, check the box labeled "This image is decorative only" or "indicate the image is decorative" in Ally.

This will cause screen readers to skip the image.

More information about alt text and other accessibility issues can be found on the webAIM site webaim.org and you can always contact either the:

- Center for Learning and Teaching: CLT@occc.edu or 405-682-7838
- Student Accessibility and Support: sas@occc.edu or 405-682-7520.