



Faster Grading, Safer Data: **How a Top University Transformed** **PDF Submissions with AI-Powered** **Redaction**



CASE STUDY

| Executive Summary

A prestigious university faced growing challenges with assignment submission and student data privacy. While using a learning management system like Canvas, faculty struggled with manual redaction of sensitive information and inconsistent file formatting. Foxit PDF Editor, with its AI-powered Smart Redact tool, helped transform the process. The university achieved faster review times, stronger data protection, and a more consistent academic experience for students and faculty alike.

| About the University

This university is known for academic excellence and its forward-thinking use of educational technology. With thousands of students and faculty members, it places a strong emphasis on privacy, accessibility, and seamless digital learning experiences.

| Manual Redaction and PDF Submission Issues

Despite using modern LMS platforms like Canvas, the university faced consistent issues with PDF assignment submissions. Students submitted files that often required formatting adjustments or manual redaction of personal information. Faculty spent excessive time reviewing documents to ensure privacy standards were met, time that could have been better spent on academic engagement.



| Foxit PDF Editor+ and Smart Redact

Foxit partnered with the university to implement its Smart Redact tool, designed to automatically detect and remove personally identifiable information from PDFs. Faculty could now securely review, edit, and finalize assignments all within the same platform. Integration with Canvas made the transition simple, while tailored training ensured quick adoption.

| Results and Benefits

By implementing Foxit PDF Editor+ and the Smart Redact tool, the university streamlined grading workflows, improved data privacy, and reduced the burden on faculty. Students gained confidence in the security of their submissions, while faculty benefited from faster turnaround times and fewer technical complications. The university saw measurable gains in operational efficiency and compliance with institutional privacy standards.

 **Assignment processing time significantly reduced**

 **Higher student satisfaction with data privacy protections**

 **Faculty freed from time-consuming manual redaction**

 **Fewer IT support requests related to PDF submissions**



"Foxit's Smart Redact tool has been a **game-changer** for us. The efficiency it has brought to our assignment submission process is remarkable. Our faculty now spends less time on administrative tasks and more time focusing on teaching and student engagement. **Not only has the tool saved us time, but it's also given us peace of mind knowing that our students' data is protected.** We're thrilled with the results and look forward to continuing our partnership with Foxit."

University Representative

Smarter Submissions, Protected Privacy

With Foxit PDF Editor and Smart Redact, the university modernized a core academic process while strengthening data security and enhancing the learning experience. Faculty can now manage submissions with ease, and students can trust that their personal data remains protected.

Join leading institutions using Foxit to modernize academic workflows and protect student data—**start your free trial** today.





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