How do I fix “alternative text should not be the image filename” error using the Accessibility Checker (UDOIT)?

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An image has been uploaded and embedded in your course content without editing the alt text. Most often, this is achieved through the Insert Content tabbed panel in the right sidebar, which does not yet provide a place where you can edit the alt text. However, it is also possible to do this from the Embed Image Button in the Rich Content Editor toolbar. When an image that has been uploaded to Canvas and embedded in the course content, Canvas automatically puts the filename as your alt text because filenames are better than no alt text at all.

The Accessibility Checker (UDOIT) can tell that an alt text has a filename because of the .png, .jpg, .gif, etc. that appears at the end of the alt text.

1. View the image that needs alt text by selecting “view the source of this issue.”

2. Click the U FIX IT! Button.

3. You will be provided with a new alt text field where you can enter an up to 100-characters long description. If the image does not add to the content or portray important information, you may mark the image as decorative.
4. Once your description is written, click the **Submit** button and the Accessibility Checker (UDOIT) will apply the changes.

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