

Assessments in Blackboard

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Disclaimer

- Demonstration (not training)
- Other methods possible
- Your goals may differ

Three Discrete Steps

- 1. Create quiz
- 2. Make quiz available
- 3. Get the results

Just-in-Time Teaching

- Give pre-class assignment/activity
- Analyze results
- Adjust instructional plan
- Teach

Motivation

- Points = importance
- Quote from student work

Pedagogy

- Spread learning over time
- Activities cause learning
- Build on student understanding
- Correct misunderstandings
- Monitor learning

Blackboard's weaknesses

- Time demand on you
 - learn to use system
 - enter items
 - create tests
- Dependence on technology

Blackboard's advantages

- Out of class activity
- Self-scoring
- Quick analysis
- You control settings
 - availability window
 - time limit
 - retake
 - feedback

Demonstration



1. Create Quiz

- Control Panel >
- Test Manager >
- Add Test >
 - Name, Description, Instructions
- Add Question (repeatedly)

Question Types/Choices

- Multiple choice
- True/False
- Multiple answer
- Ordering
- Matching
- Fill in the blank
- Essay
- *Random Block*
- *From a Question Pool or Assessment*
- *Upload Questions*

Item Details

- Question text
- Point value
- Answer text
- Correct answer
- Feedback if response is correct
- Feedback if response is incorrect

Advanced Capabilities

- Test Creation Settings button
 - Feedback for individual answers
 - Images, files and URLs with questions
 - Images, files and URLs with answers
 - Categories and keywords to questions
 - Default point value

Multiple Choice Issue

- ISSUE:
 - Choices are not labeled, so "Both (a) and (b)" won't work.
 - In results only response given and correct response are shown, so, again "Both (a) and (b)" won't work.
- SOLUTIONS:
 - Include all text in each answer, or
 - Use multiple answer question type.

2. Make Quiz Available

- Go to the content area where you want to place the link to the test
- Edit View (or get there from the Control Panel)
- Add Test, select the test, Submit, OK
- Modify the test options

Test Options

- Name
- Description
- External Window?
- Link visible?
- Multiple attempts?
- Force Completion?
- Time limit?
- Display after...
- Display until...
- Password
- Feedback
 - Score
 - + Item correctness
 - + Correct items
 - + Feedback
- Presentation
 - All at Once
 - One at a Time
 - Backtracking?
 - Randomize order?

Typos/Mistakes

- Shouldn't be corrected after students start taking the test
- Avoid problem by proofreading carefully

3. Get the Results

- Control Panel
- Gradebook Views
- View Grades by Item
- *Your quiz*
- Assessment Attempt Details (item analysis)
or
- Item Grade List (individual scores)

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