

Tests, Surveys and Pools in Blackboard

What are Tests, Surveys and Pools?

Tests in Blackboard are used to evaluate the progress students are making in a course.

Surveys are used to gather information from students.

Pools are collections and groups of questions that you can include in tests and surveys.

Where is Tests, Surveys and Pools?

- In the control panel click on Course Tools
- Click on Tests, Surveys and Pools

The image shows a screenshot of the Blackboard Course Management interface. On the left is a 'COURSE MANAGEMENT' sidebar with a 'Course Tools' menu. The 'Course Tools' menu is expanded, showing various options. The 'Tests, Surveys, and Pools' option is highlighted with a red box. To the right, a larger window displays the 'Tests, Surveys, and Pools' tool interface. This window has a header 'Tests, Surveys, and Pools' and three sections: 'Tests', 'Surveys', and 'Pools', each with a brief description.

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Tests, Surveys, and Pools

Tests
Tests are sets of questions that are graded to measure student performance. Once a test is created here, it must be deployed within a content folder before students can take the test. Test results are reviewed in the Grade Center. Note that some question types are not automatically graded.

Surveys
Surveys are not graded, and student responses are anonymous. They are useful for gathering data from students that is not used to evaluate student performance. Surveys must be deployed in a content folder for students to respond to the survey.

Pools
Pools are sets of questions that can be added to any Test or Survey. Pools are useful for storing questions and reusing them in more than one Test or Survey.

How are Pools created in Blackboard?

Pools (question database): Pools are an inventory of questions that can be reused throughout the course to create tests. Pool questions can be sorted by question category, question type, topics, levels of difficulty, and keywords.

The screenshot shows the Blackboard 'Pools' interface. On the left is a navigation menu for 'DeBusk, Leslie' with options like 'Course Homepage Placeholder', 'Unit 1', 'Syllabus and Schedule', 'My Grades', 'Assessments', 'Tests', 'Assignments', 'Discussions', 'Blogs', and 'Communication'. The main area is titled 'Pools' and contains a sub-header: 'Pools are sets of questions that can be used in multiple tests or surveys. Pools can be imported from'. Below this are two buttons: 'Build Pool' (marked with a red '1') and 'Import Pool' (marked with a red '2'). A table below shows a single entry: 'Question Pool' with '34' questions. A context menu is open over the 'Question Pool' entry, listing options: 'Edit' (marked with a red '3'), 'Export to Local Computer', 'Export to Content Collection', 'Copy', 'Add Alignments', and 'Add Alignments to Questions' (marked with a red '4').

1. **Build Pool:** From the Build Pool option you can name the pool, enter a description and instructions. Once you click submit you can create questions, find questions and upload questions.
2. **Import Pool:** Import Pool adds an exported Pool to the existing set of Pools. In order for pools to be imported into Blackboard they must be in the proper format.
https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Instructor/Tests_Pools_Surveys/Reuse_Questions/Upload_Questions
3. Respondus Quiz Maker is also an option.

Tests: Build, Import and Edit

1 Tests are a means of assessing student performance. [More Help](#)

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Name ▲	Deployed
Fun Question Type Quiz	Tests
Fun Question Type Quiz Group B	Tests
Skills Assessment Inventory	Course Homepage Placeholder
Test	Tests
Test 1	Tests
Test 21	No
Test the Respondus LockDown Browser	No

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1. **Build Tests:** To create a new test click on Build Test. From here you can add a title, description and instructions, after you click submit you are able to create questions, reuse questions using question sets and random blocks, and search questions.
2. **Import Test:** Import Test allows you to import an exam from a file. In order for tests to be imported into Blackboard they must be in the proper format.

Add Questions to Tests

Test Canvas: Test Canvas: Exam 1

The Test Canvas allows you to add and edit questions, add question sets or random blocks, reorder questions, and review the test. [More Help](#)

Create Question ▼ Reuse Question ▼ Upload Questions Question Settings

1 Description
Instructions
Total Questions 0
Total Points 0

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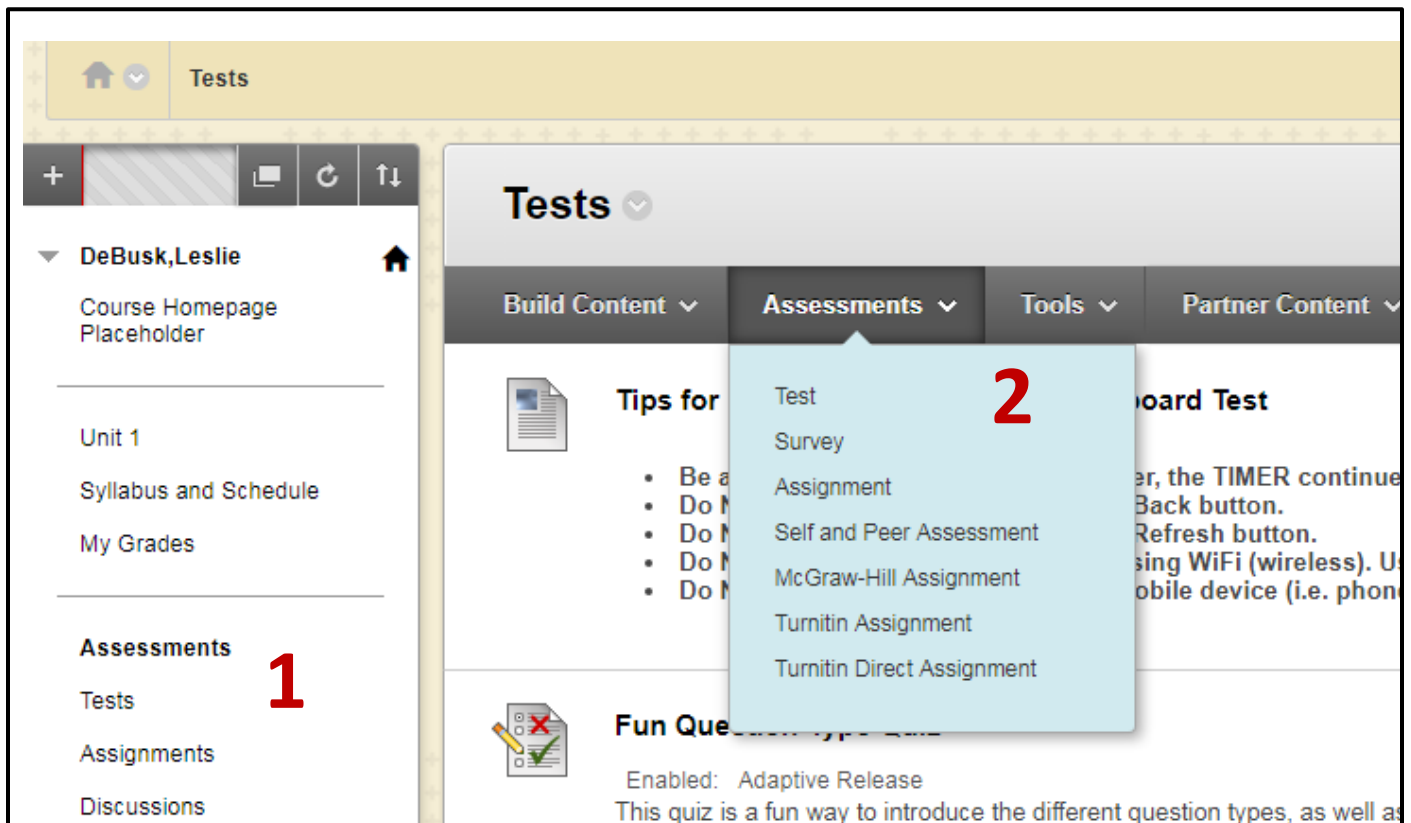
This test has no questions!
Create questions or add questions from other resources.

1. **Create Questions:** Create test questions. There are several types of question types to choose from; including multiple choice, essay, short answer, multiple answer, and matching

2. **Reuse Question:** Use this option to add existing questions to the test. See the following definitions for the three options.
 - a. **Create Question Set:** This is a group of questions that is selected from a question pool. These questions can be individually selected, and the number of questions that are displayed to the student is selected from the total number of selected questions. These question are selected randomly and from the pool and are in a different for every student.
 - b. **Create Random Block:** Questions are randomly retrieved from the selected pool based on the question type and the number of questions available from a pool only. The instructor does not select specific question.
 - c. **Find Questions:** Add individual questions by searching the question pool.

3. **Upload Questions:** Questions can be uploaded, but they must be in a specific format. Once uploaded, questions can be edited and used like questions that have been authored in the system.

Deploy Tests in the Course



1. Add Test

Create a new test or select an existing test to deploy.

Create a New Test

Create

Add an Existing Test

-- Select Test Below --

- Test the Respondus LockDown Browser
- Test 1
- Test 21
- Test Canvas: Exam 1

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1. **Content Area for the Test:** Create a Content Area for the test to be deployed to. Tests can be created and linked in any content folder existing in your course.
2. **Assessments Tab:** The Assessments Tab allows the test to be linked from Tests, Surveys and Pools. The test can also be created from here.
3. **Deploy the Test:** Select a test that has been created in Tests and click submit. Once a test has been deployed, the option to change the tests settings will be displayed.