Blackboard Test Tool

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 Course Tools and select Tests, Surveys, and Pools.
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.

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. [Formatting tests to import](#)

3. **Import QTI 2.1 Package**: Question and Test Interoperability (QTI) 2.1 standard supports compatibility between questions and a course. Publishers develop material using QTI. [Import QTI 2.1 Package](#)

4. Respondus Quiz Maker is also an option. [Respondus Quiz Maker training document](#)

**Tests: Build, Import, and Edit**

![Tests: Build, Import, and Edit](image)

1. **Build Tests**: To create a new test, click 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. [Upload test questions](#)

3. **Edit**: You can edit the Test questions after you build or import the test.
Add Questions to Tests

1. **Create Question**: Create test questions. There are several 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. The following describes the three options available for reusing questions:
   a. **Create Question Set**: A Question Set 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 questions are selected randomly from the pool and are 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 questions.
   c. **Find Questions**: Add individual questions by searching for them in 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. [Upload questions]
Deploy Tests in the Course

1. Assessments
2. Tips for the Respondus LockDown Browser Test
   - Be aware of the TIMER. The TIMER continues counting down even when the button is not clicked. If the TIMER runs out, the test is submitted and the final score is recorded.
   - Do NOT press the trash button.
   - Do NOT click the OK button to close the window.
   - Do NOT change your WIFI (wireless). Use a reliable device (i.e. phone or computer).
3. ADD TEST

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

   Create a New Test
   Add an Existing Test

Questions? Contact us at blackboard@ttu.edu or 806-742-5933.
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 test settings will be displayed.