

Blackboard Assessments

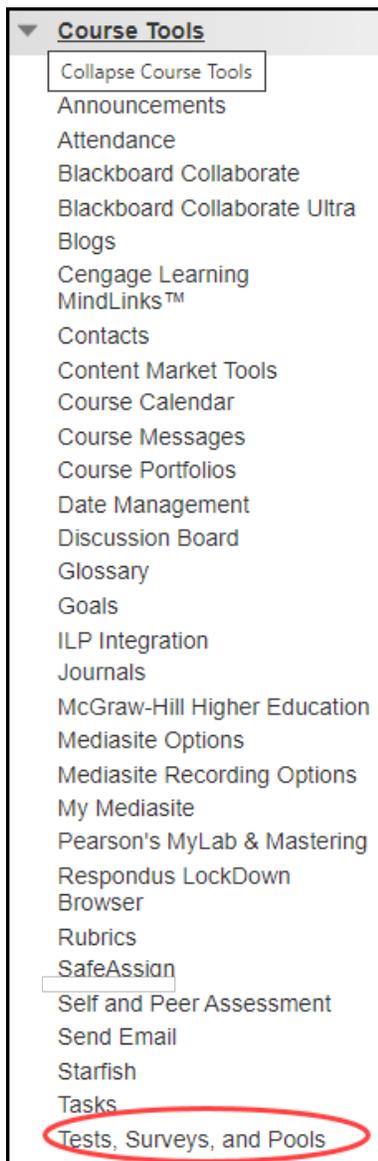
Tests, Surveys, and Pools in Blackboard

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.



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

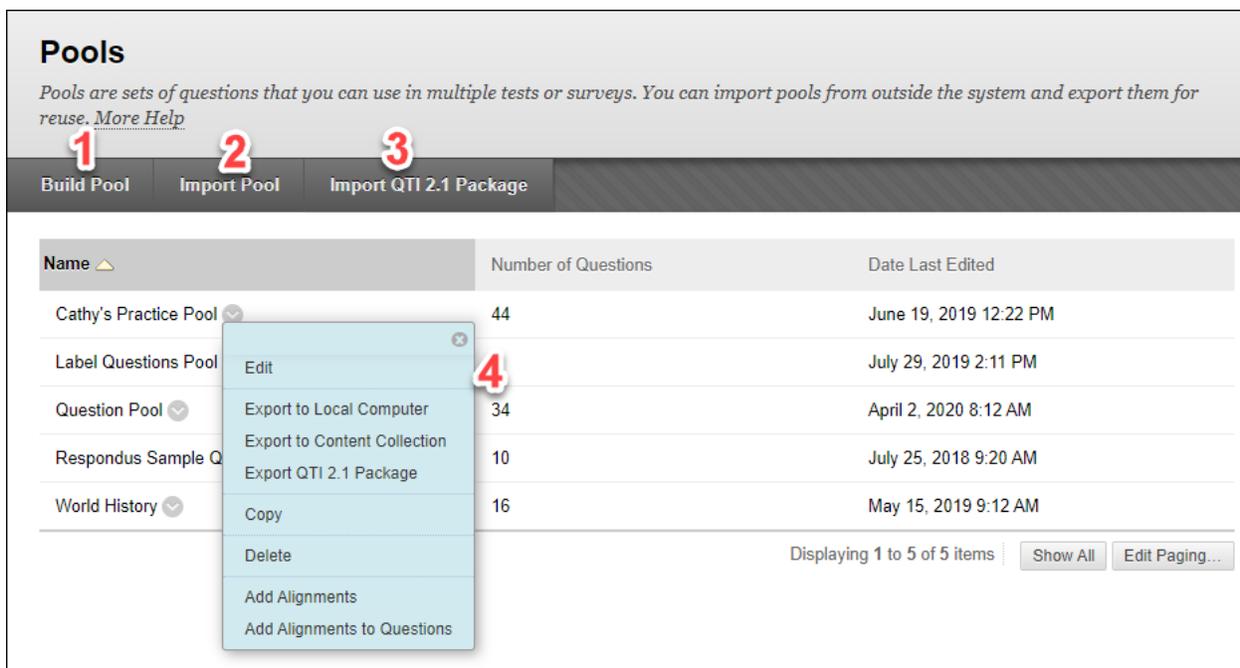
Surveys are not graded, and student responses are anonymous. They are useful for gathering data from students that is not used to evaluate student performance. Surveys must be deployed in a content folder for students to respond to the survey.

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.



Pools

Pools are sets of questions that you can use in multiple tests or surveys. You can import pools from outside the system and export them for reuse. [More Help](#)

1 Build Pool 2 Import Pool 3 Import QTI 2.1 Package

| Name ▲ | Number of Questions | Date Last Edited |
|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Cathy's Practice Pool | 44 | June 19, 2019 12:22 PM |
| Label Questions Pool | 34 | July 29, 2019 2:11 PM |
| Question Pool | 10 | April 2, 2020 8:12 AM |
| Respondus Sample Q | 16 | July 25, 2018 9:20 AM |
| World History | | May 15, 2019 9:12 AM |

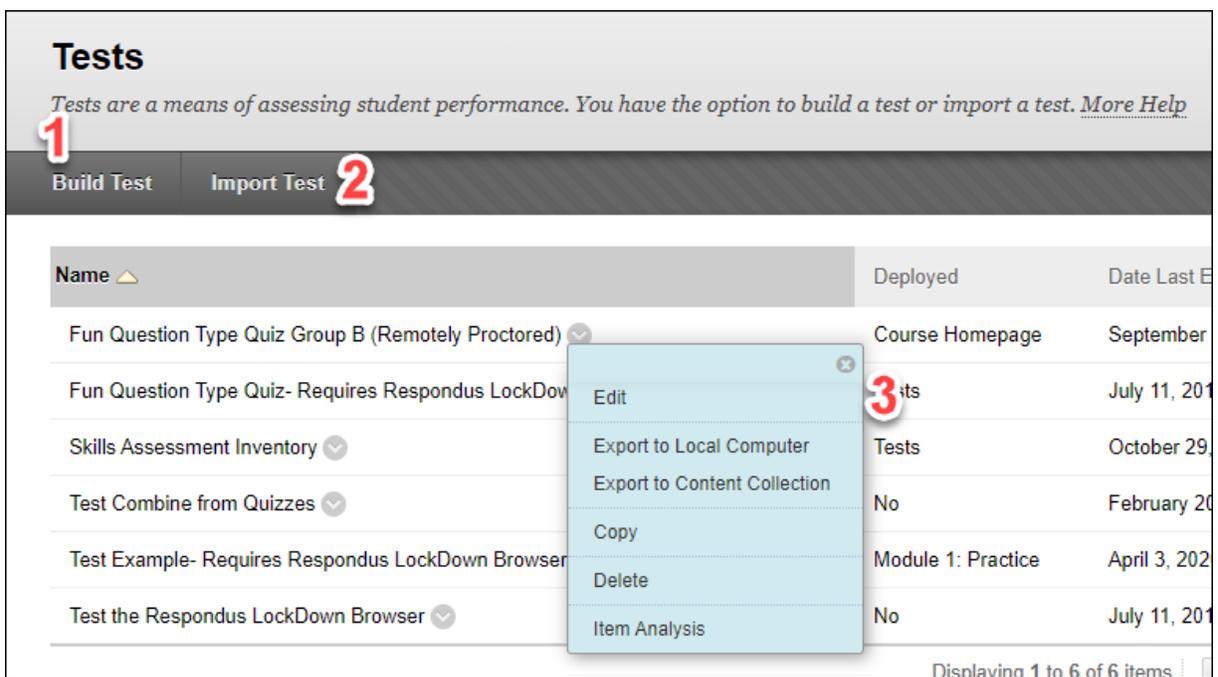
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1. **Build Pool:** From the Build Pool option, you can name the pool, enter a description and instructions. Once you click Submit, you can create questions, find questions, and upload questions.

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

Tests are a means of assessing student performance. You have the option to build a test or import a test. [More Help](#)

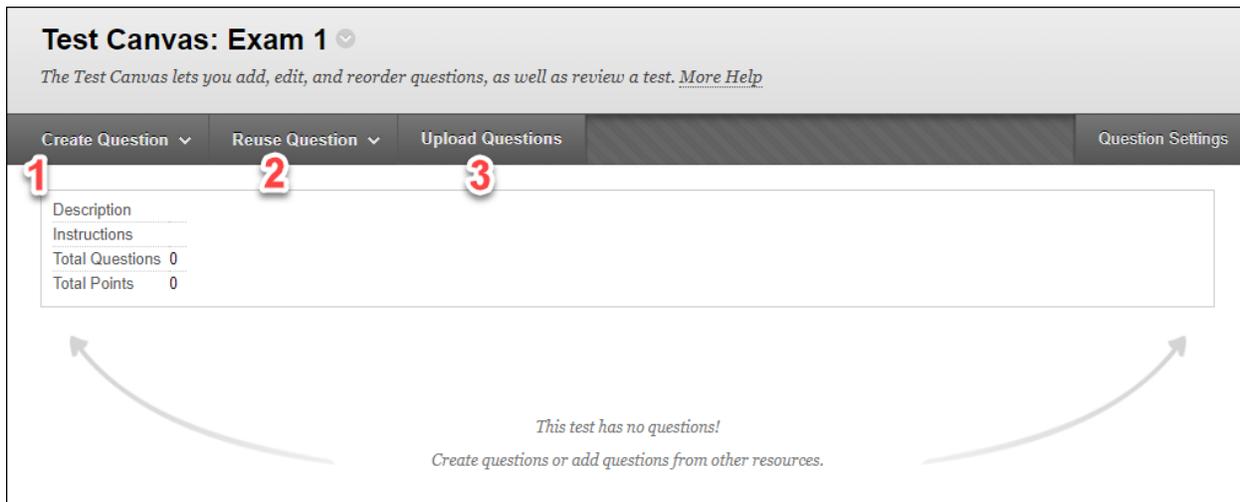
Build Test Import Test

| Name ▲ | Deployed | Date Last E |
|---|--------------------|--------------|
| Fun Question Type Quiz Group B (Remotely Proctored) ▼ | Course Homepage | September |
| Fun Question Type Quiz- Requires Respondus LockDown | Tests | July 11, 201 |
| Skills Assessment Inventory ▼ | No | October 29 |
| Test Combine from Quizzes ▼ | No | February 20 |
| Test Example- Requires Respondus LockDown Browser | Module 1: Practice | April 3, 202 |
| Test the Respondus LockDown Browser ▼ | No | July 11, 201 |

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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



Test Canvas: Exam 1 

The Test Canvas lets you add, edit, and reorder questions, as well as review a test. [More Help](#)

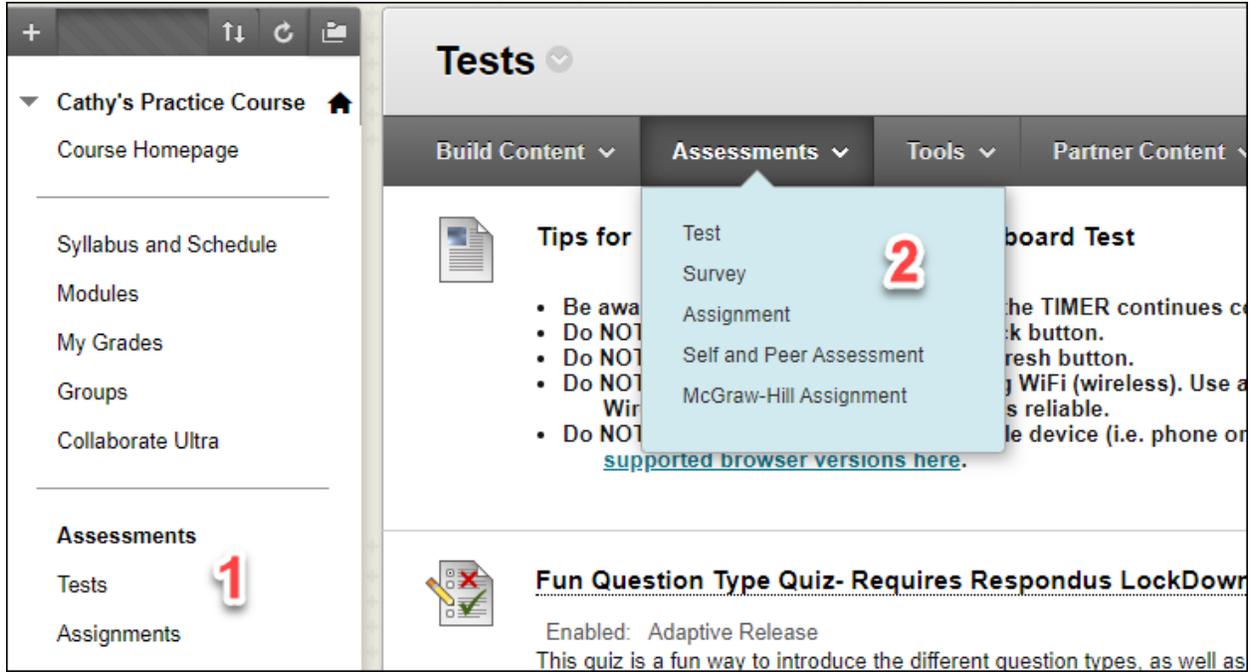
Create Question  Reuse Question  Upload Questions Question Settings

| |
|-------------------|
| Description |
| Instructions |
| Total Questions 0 |
| Total Points 0 |

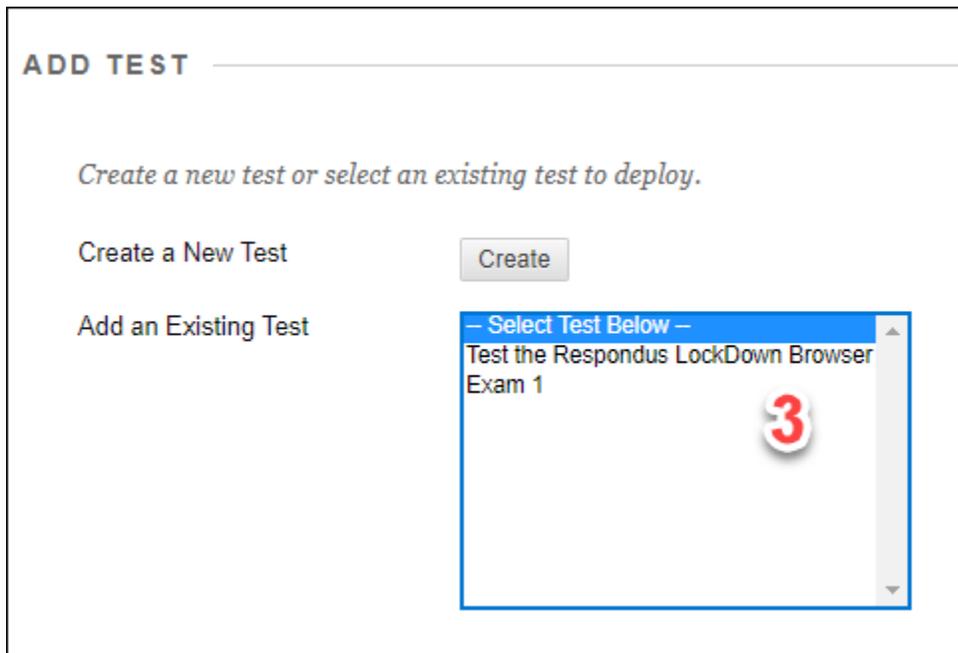
This test has no questions!
Create questions or add questions from other resources.

- 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



The screenshot shows the Blackboard interface for a course named "Cathy's Practice Course". On the left sidebar, the "Assessments" section is expanded, and "Tests" is highlighted with a red "1". The main content area shows the "Tests" page with a navigation bar containing "Build Content", "Assessments", "Tools", and "Partner Content". The "Assessments" dropdown menu is open, showing options: "Test", "Survey", "Assignment", "Self and Peer Assessment", and "McGraw-Hill Assignment". The "Test" option is highlighted with a red "2". Below the menu, there is a "Tips for" section with a list of instructions and a link to "supported browser versions here.". Further down, a "Fun Question Type Quiz- Requires Respondus LockDown" is listed with a red "3" next to it.



The screenshot shows the "ADD TEST" form. At the top, it says "ADD TEST" followed by a horizontal line. Below this, there is a prompt: "Create a new test or select an existing test to deploy." There are two main options: "Create a New Test" with a "Create" button, and "Add an Existing Test" with a dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is open, showing a list of tests, with "Test the Respondus LockDown Browser Exam 1" selected. A red "3" is placed next to the selected item.



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.