

Converting Test Banks for Blackboard

Blackboard's name for a test bank is 'pool'. This document provides instructions for setting up and converting ready-made or self-made test banks into importable pools for Blackboard. Some publishers have test banks already formatted for Blackboard import; however, some only come in Word documents, which will need to be formatted according to the directions below.

Formatting Test Questions

Test questions for pools must be formatted a certain way for the test generator to read and convert into an importable .zip file into the Pools area.

- Questions and answers start with an identifier (typically a number or letter) followed by a period or parenthesis, followed by the question or answer text on a single line.
- Don't use new lines or return characters except when you're going on to the next question or answer. This is especially important if you're pasting in questions from another program like Word.
- Separate your questions with a blank line.

Question Types:

- [Multiple Choice](#)
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- [Fill in the blank](#)
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Multiple Choice

- Question on a single line.
- Answers immediately following the question.
- Asterisk (*) in front of the correct choice.

Example:

1. What is a computer network?
 - a) A super computer owned only by the government.
 - *b) A web of connected computers or devices.
 - c) A computer vulnerability.
 - d) An internet service provider.

Multiple Answer

- Exactly the same as multiple choice, only with multiple answers marked correct.
- Question on a single line.
- Answers immediately following the question.
- Asterisk (*) in front of all correct choice.

Example:

1. Which of the following is a prime number?

*a) 2

*b) 3

d) 4

*e) 5

f) 6

*g) 7

True/False

- Question on a single line
- The answer on the next line. Can be any of the following: T, t, True, TRUE, true, F, f, False, FALSE, false

Example:

1. 3 is a prime number.

True

Essay

- This is simply a question with no answer given.

Example:

1. Tell me your life story.

Fill in the blank

- Begin your question with the keyword: blank
- Leave a blank somewhere in the question.
- Give all of the possible correct answers.

Example:

blank 1. Two plus two equals _____.

- a. four
- b. 4

Matching

- Begin your question with the keyword: match
- Put the matches separated by slashes (/).
- You can have entries with no match, i.e. leave the other side blank.
- The entries will be randomized.

Example:

Match the number with its spelling. :)

- a. 3 / three
- b. 1 / one
- c. 12 / twelve
- d. 4 / fore

Using the Test Generator

1. Format your test/quiz per attached.
2. Go to <https://ed.oc.edu/blackboardquizgenerator/>
3. Click Generate Test Questions (at bottom).
4. It will turn green and tell you “Test generated with x# questions.” -> Click Download test questions.
5. A file will save to your computer.
6. Create a test, then in the test canvas, click the Upload questions button.
7. Find your file and attach. Give it point values (e.g. change 10 to 1), then Submit.
8. All your questions come in.

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Phone: (860) 768-4661 **Email:** fcl@hartford.edu

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The following is student support for Blackboard only. All other support technical support issues need to be addressed to the Office of Technology Services (below).

Phone: (860) 768-4636 **Email:** bbsupport@hartford.edu

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