

What to do

Use the quiz creation overview below and step-by-step instructions in the Course Content Users Guide to help you build quizzes in your course. (If your course does not include quizzes, ignore this activity.)

Quiz Creation Overview

Creating quizzes in Moodle is a two-part process:

- Part 1 - You create (or import) a question bank filled with potential quiz questions.
- Part 2 – You create a quiz activity on your course front page, choose appropriate activity settings and add the desired questions from the question bank to the quiz activity.



Question Bank:

A course question bank is a database of questions. A teacher can create (or import), preview, and edit questions in a question bank. These questions can then be used in a Quiz activity. Questions in question banks can even be re-used between courses to which you have access.

Questions are organized into categories in the question bank. It is good practice to create multiple categories to organize your questions. This not only makes it easier to find questions, but makes the use of including random questions in your quizzes easier.

Quiz Activity:

A quiz activity is a special type of activity added to your course front page. It is added just like any other resource or activity in Moodle. The Settings page for a quiz activity includes many choices such as the dates the quiz is available, time limit, number of attempts allowed, the grade category it is assigned to (if it is part of the course grade), randomizing questions in the quiz, randomizing answers within each question, and when students see their grade and feedback about right or wrong answers.

Essay exams vs. objective exams

Objective questions such as multiple-choice, true-false, or matching questions, are graded automatically by Moodle. Students can know the grade result immediately after taking the quiz if that is what you desire.

However, if you include essay questions and objective-type questions in the same quiz activity, students wouldn't receive the exam grade until you had manually graded the essay portion of the quiz.

Below are a couple good alternatives to having objective and essay questions in the same quiz activity.

- Create an **Online Text Assignment** for the essay portion of the exam. (You can call it a quiz if desired, and it can be assigned to your Exam grade category just like the objective-type quizzes.)
- Create two separate quiz activities, one for the essay questions and one for the objective questions.

With either alternative, you could count the essay portion and objective portion as two separate grades, or you could set your Moodle gradebook to perform a sum of the two grades that could then be averaged in with other exam grades.