CREATE TEST POOLS

Why Use Test Pools

Why would I want to create test pools? I have created and deployed my tests in Blackboard, isn’t this sufficient?

Yes, you could use only tests in Blackboard if you choose; however, what if you want to create a test that will choose questions from each chapter covered and deploy this as the midterm or a final exam? Setting up Test Pools allows you to do this.

How to Create a Test Pool

- Select Tests, Surveys and Pools located in the Course Tools area under Control Panel
- Select (click) Pools then select Build Pool on the Pools page
- Fill in Pool Information (Name, Description and Instructions) in each of the respective text boxes, click Submit
- Clicking Submit will take you to the Pool Canvas page. Before selecting the type of questions, click the Question Settings on the right to modify any settings for your test/quiz, e.g., feedback; add images; scoring; or display. Click Submit when finished
- Now select Find Questions. Expanding Tests will display all the tests that you have in the course. From here you can check the individual tests to be included in the pool
- The test questions will display on the right. You can also limit the types of questions by expanding "Question Types" under Find Questions
- To select questions, place a check in the box or select all. Click Submit when done.
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The Pool Canvas page reopens and verifies the questions and number of questions selected. If you want to change the point value on a question, click in the “Default Points” box and type in adjusted point value and click “green check”

- When complete, click OK

The pool is now available to create a test using Random Block or Question Sets

What is the difference between Random Block and Questions Sets?

RANDOM BLOCKS are used to pull a block of questions (multiple questions treated as one) into a test from selected pools AND based on all questions or specific question types. They are dynamic and reflect changes to the question pool. ALL of the displayed questions get added to the Test Canvas. You cannot pick and choose from the displayed questions in a Random Block, but you can do that with Question Sets.

QUESTION SETS are static and are made up of specific questions selected from pools, tests, question types, keywords, etc. to be in the Question Set used in the test. You can pick and choose from the displayed questions in Question Sets.