



Quizzes in D2L II Working with Test Banks

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In This Workshop

- Very Brief introduction to question banks in Quizzing/D2L
- Options for importing your own questions
 - Editing directly into D2L (fine but tedious)
 - Direct import into D2L (okay)
 - Using Respondus Campus-wide (easiest)
- Text book vendor question banks
 - Obtaining banks from text book authors
 - Bringing them into D2L



OPTIONS FOR IMPORTING YOUR OWN QUESTIONS



Adding questions to your D2L course directly

- Brief overview of the process
- Instructions available from the D2L Instructor Resources course
- Not ideal for large numbers of questions
- Not necessarily a consistent interface



Importing questions into D2L via batch import file

- D2L offers an import format
- Pros
 - Easier to work with than clicking through many screens – ideal for slower internet connections
 - External archive means always having a local copy – no marriage to the internet
- Cons
 - Not very intuitive
 - Not easy to manage
 - No other programs can read the file format




Importing questions using Respondus Campus-wide

- “Free” for faculty/staff
- Application installed on your (Windows) PC to manage and organize questions
- Downloadable from D2L Instructor Resources course
- Pros
 - Streamlined interface designed for massive question edits
 - Can maintain multiple banks
 - Collections can be used for paper tests as well as import into D2L
- Cons
 - Pay software. You can never leave UW-Whitewater




"VENDOR" TEST BANKS




Vendor Test Bank?!

- Question collections intended to be imported directly into a CMS ("course management system") such as D2L
- "ZIP" packages which are saved to your computer, then brought into D2L through the 'Import/Export/Copy screen"
- Questions then appear in your courses question library
- Sometimes available from instructor resource web site or CD




Vendor Resource CDs

- Frequently, questions are distributed on instructor resource CDs.
 - Word documents which can be modified to import into Respondus, and then D2L
 - Test bank software and proprietary packages which can be "converted" into D2L import packages
 - Occasionally, a dud – vendor distributes software but no banks in a usable format – bank files are usually available from web site



What to do with vendor provided test banks

- Check resource web site for downloadable packages.
 - Download individual chapter packages, avoid downloading entire question bank in one file
 - Look for D2L packages first, then, Blackboard 6, then Blackboard 5, then WebCT
 - Import **one** package into D2L using the 'Import/Export/Copy' tool
 - Check your question library for accuracy
- Or... bring banks by LTC



If question banks are available on CD only

- Multiple software packages are used, each having their own strengths and weaknesses.
- Bring question banks by the LTC to be processed, account for two weeks of processing time

