New Features for Blackboard Tests

What is this? As of December 28, 2013, CUNY has updated to a new version of Blackboard (ver 9.1 SP13). This is an overview of the new features for tests that are now available. These include: test exceptions (e.g. for students who need extra time); new ways to show test results and feedback to students; test re-grading; and item analysis.

New features for Test Options

- You can easily set up a test to give special needs students longer time, extended availability, etc. for the test.

1. Click the arrow next to the test/quiz/exam.

2. Select “Edit Test Options”.

- Click the link to start the Test.
3. Scroll down to “3. Test Availability Exceptions”. Then click “Add User or Group”.

3. **Test Availability Exceptions**

   *Click Add User or Group to search for course users and groups must be enabled in the previous Test Availability step to enable if you must make the group unavailable if you do not want students to delete all exceptions for the test.*

   ![Add User or Group](AddUserOrGroup.png)

4. A pop-up window appears where you can choose the students to whom the exceptions will apply. Check the checkbox for the student who needs extended test time or prolonged accessibility. Then click the Submit button at the bottom right.

   ![Add User or Group](AddUserOrGroup.png)

5. You can allow more attempts, increase the number of minutes for the timer, or disable “Auto Submit” by unchecking the checkbox for “Auto Submit”.

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6. Click the calendar icon under Availability to change the test availability dates.

7. If you choose “Force Completion” for other students, you can uncheck the checkbox under “Force Completion” for the special need student. Click the red X icon on the far right to remove the entire entry.

- You can set up two different dates and times to release Test scores and correct answers on the Edit Test Options page as shown below.

For example, you can set it up to release only the test score after a student submitted his/her test, and then release the correct answers and submitted answers by students at a later date specified by you.

Show Test Results and Feedback to Students

Test results and feedback are available to students after they complete a test. Set up to two rules to show results and feedback. Rules occur based on the events selected.

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You may notice a symbol of \( i \) in a circle in many places. It is a contextualized help link. Click on it next to a word or a tool will show you the information about that word or tool.

**New Features for tests and test results**

- *You can re-grade a test that has been taken by students.*

Sometimes you may find out that a question in a Test is assigned a wrong score after students have taken the test. If you change it in the older version of Blackboard, you have to update students’ grades for this test one-by-one. In Blackboard 9.1 SP 13 you can re-grade students’ grades in a Test all at once.

1. Move the cursor to the Test that you want to re-grade and then click the action link (the downward arrow)

2. Click “Edit the Test”.

![New Features for tests and test results](image)
3. Follow the steps in the screenshot below to re-grade the test. The newly calculated scores will be posted in the Grade Center.

- Click All to select all questions if you want to modify points for all.
- Type in a number
- Check the checkbox(es) for the question(s) for which the score needs to be modified.

![Screenshot of Blackboard interface with instructions for re-grading a test]

- You can do Item Analysis for a Test.

  Item Analysis provides statistics on test performance. It can help instructors identify test questions that might be poor discriminators of student performance.

  To learn more on how to access Test Item Analysis and how to interpret the analysis results, please go to:

  [https://help.blackboard.com/en-us/Learn/9.1_SP_10_and_SP_11/Instructor/070_Tests_Surveys_Pools/112_Running_Item_Analysis_on_a_Test](https://help.blackboard.com/en-us/Learn/9.1_SP_10_and_SP_11/Instructor/070_Tests_Surveys_Pools/112_Running_Item_Analysis_on_a_Test)