

Available Question Types – Tests, Surveys, and Pools

All of the question types which were available in Blackboard 8 are still available in Blackboard 9.1, and their purpose and function is the same.

Here are the types of questions you can create and their functions – Click the links to view video tutorials for creating the different question types:

Question Type	Description/Usage Information
Calculated Formula Questions	A calculated formula question contains a formula, the variables of which can be set to change for each user. The variable range is created by specifying a minimum and a maximum value for each variable. Answer sets are randomly generated.
Calculated Numeric Questions	This question resembles a fill-in-the-blank question. The user enters a number to complete a statement. The correct answer can be a specific number or within a range of numbers.
Either/Or Questions	Users are presented with a statement and asked to respond using a selection of pre-defined two-choice answers.
Essay Questions	Essay questions require the instructor to provide students with a question or statement. Students type their answer into a text box. Sample answers can be added for users or graders to use as a reference. These types of questions are not scored automatically by Blackboard.
File Response Questions	Users upload a file from their local drive or from the Content Collection (the Files tab) as the answer to the question. This type of question is graded manually.
Fill in Multiple Blanks Questions	This question type builds on fill in the blank questions with multiple fill in the blank responses that can be inserted into a sentence or paragraph. Separate sets of answers are defined for each blank.
Fill in the Blank Questions	Fill in the blank answers are evaluated based on an exact text match to correct answers supplied by the instructor. Accordingly, it's important to keep the answers simple and limited to as few words as possible. Answers are not case sensitive, but are evaluated based on spelling.
Hot Spot Questions	Users indicate their answer by clicking on a specific point on an image. A range of pixel coordinates is used to define the correct answer. Hot Spot refers to the area of an image, that when selected, yields a correct answer.
Jumbled Sentence Questions	Users are shown a sentence with a few parts of the sentence as variables. The user selects the proper answer for each variable from drop-down lists to assemble the sentence. Only one set of answers is used for all of the drop-down lists in that question.
Matching Questions	Matching questions allow students to pair items in one column to items in another column. Instructors may include a different number of questions and answers in a matching question.
Multiple Answer Questions	Multiple answer questions allow users to choose more than one answer. The number of answer choices is limited to 20.
Multiple Choice Questions	Multiple choice questions allow users a multitude of choices with only one correct answer. Users indicate the correct answer by selecting a radio button. The number of answer choices is limited to 20.
Opinion Scale/Likert Questions	This question type is based on a rating scale designed to measure attitudes or reactions. This type of question is popular in surveys in order to get a comparable scale of opinion. Users indicate the multiple choice answer that best represents their attitude or reaction.

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Ordering Questions	Ordering questions require users to select the correct order of a series of items.
Quiz Bowl Questions	Quiz bowl questions are a way to add fun and creativity to tests, such as self-assessments or in-class contests. The user is shown the answer and responds by entering the correct question in a text box.
Random Block	Random blocks enable the instructor to use a random selection of questions from a pool so that each student sees a different set of questions. It isn't possible to add a Random Block of questions from another test or survey.
Short Answer Questions	Short answer questions are similar to essay questions. The length of the answer can be limited to a specific number of rows in the text box. Short answer questions are not automatically scored by Blackboard.
True/False Questions	True/False questions allow the user to choose either True or False. True and false answer options are limited to the words True and False.