

Blackboard – Test Access Log

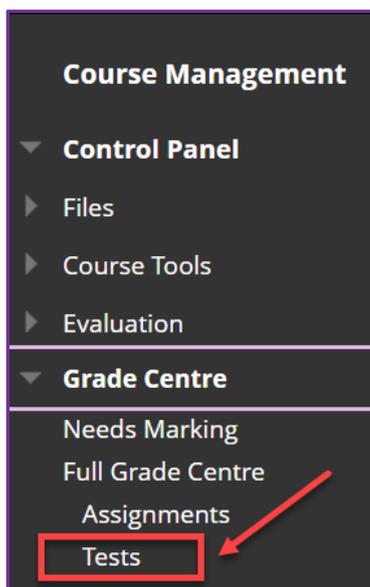
Overview

Blackboard keeps an Access Log for each student that shows their interaction with the test. The Access Log can show when they started the test, when they opened a question, when they may have tried to answer a question multiple times (which may indicate a problem with the connection), and if the test was simply closed or was actually submitted.

NB: The Access Log cannot show you the specific problem that made the test stop, or what may have produced a significant time gap between questions. It can only show that these actions occurred, which is why it is helpful for the student to let you know at what time the problem happened.

Locate the Access Log

1. Enter the course where the test was deployed.
2. Go to **Course Management** on the menu
3. Locate **Grade Centre**. This is where you will grade the test.
4. Click **Tests**.



5. Locate the cell for the student's test that you want to investigate.
6. The cell must contain either a **grade** or a **Needs Grading** exclamation mark for an access log to be generated.
7. Click the action link that appears next to the student's grade when you hover over the grade.

8. A drop-down menu will appear. From the list, select the student's test attempt.

Grade Centre : Tests

Create Column Create Calculated Column Manage Reports Filter Work Offline

Sort Columns By: Layout Position Order: Ascending

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	USERNAME	STUDENT ID	MCQS EXAM
BbTest A	Fac HUM A	mzdjafb7	10009005	75.00
BbTest B	Fac HUM B	mzdjafb6	10009006	80.00

Selected Rows: 0

- View Mark Details
- Quick Comment
- Exempt Mark
- Attempt 02/12/21 80.00

9. On the "Grade Test" page, expand the Test Information section.

Mark Test: MCQs Exam

Viewing 1 of 1 gradable Items

Fac HUM B BbTest B (Attempt 1 of 1)

Test Information

10. Click Access Log.

Test Information

Current Mark 80.00000 out of 100 points
Mark based on Last Evaluated Attempt

Status Completed

Attempt Score 80 out of 100 points

Time Elapsed 53 minutes out of 1 hour and 10 minutes

Date Started 02/12/21 15:18 Access Log

Date Submitted 02/12/21 16:12

Clear Attempt Clear Attempt

Edit Test Edit Test

Instructions

The Access Log shows a detailed list of every interaction a student had with the test for that attempt. The log shows the time the test was started, when each question was saved, and when it was submitted.

Grade Centre Mark Test: MCQs Exam

Access Log

The Test Time column shows times relative to the start of the test and the Time Spent column shows the time between the current Access Type and the previous Access Type. Time format is: mm:ss.

DATE AND TIME	ACCESS TYPE	TEST TIME	TIME SPENT*
02/12/21 15:18:40	Test started	00:00	00:00
02/12/21 15:19:12	Saved question 1	00:31	00:31
02/12/21 15:19:41	Saved question 2	01:01	00:29
02/12/21 15:20:09	Saved question 3 multiple times over a period of: 00:17	01:28	00:27
02/12/21 15:25:11	Saved question 4	06:31	05:02
02/12/21 15:30:11	Saved question 5	11:31	05:00
02/12/21 15:35:21	Saved question 6	16:41	05:09
02/12/21 16:03:35	Saved question 10	44:54	28:13
02/12/21 16:11:05	Saved question 7	52:25	07:30
02/12/21 16:11:35	Saved question 5 multiple times over a period of: 00:02	52:55	00:30
02/12/21 16:12:03	Saved question 8 (Answer was blank)	53:22	00:27
02/12/21 16:12:03	Saved question 9 (Answer was blank)	53:22	00:00
02/12/21 16:12:03	Test submitted	53:22	00:00

*The times appearing under the Time Spent column may not accurately represent the time the student spent on each question. The student may have looked at other questions before answering and saving individual questions.

An unusual gap in activity might be interpreted as a connectivity problem if the student claims to have had one. However, the system cannot determine what caused the time gap—it can only show that it occurred. Be aware that the time spent on a question may include time that the student spent looking at other questions before saving that answer.