Disable Quiz Printing in Blackboard

Faculty may disable students’ ability to print assessments from Blackboard by inserting a code into the instructions of the test. (Code will not be visible to students.) Students will be able to print, but the pages that are printed will be blank.

If you have been concerned about your students printing your Blackboard exams and possibly sharing the information with their classmates, this is a great way to reduce the possibility of cheating.

Adding the Code to an Existing Assessment

1. Open a course that you are teaching.
2. Enter the Control Panel.
3. Under Assessment, click Test Manager.
4. From your list of tests in the Test Manager, select Modify beside the test to which you would like to add the code.
5. If you have not deployed the test (made the test available to students), skip to Item 6 below.

If you have already deployed the test AND students have already completed the test, you may receive a "Warning" message after you click the Modify option. The message will notify you that you can only make textual changes at this point. Because you are making textual changes to the instructions only, you may move forward by clicking Next.

6. Once you are on the Test Canvas, click the Modify option beside Instructions.

7. Under the Test Information page, scroll down to the Instructions text box.

8. You must be in HTML mode to add the code. To switch to HTML, click the down arrow on the left side of the text box.
9. Once you click the down arrow, a row of icons will appear in the text box.

![Image of text editor with down arrow and icons]

You will have 1 hour to complete this test. One you start the test, you must complete the test. You are not allowed to use any resources to complete this test.

10. Click the `<>` symbol to toggle to HTML mode. (You can click the `<>` symbol again to switch back to normal mode.)

![Image of text editor with HTML mode]

You will have 1 hour to complete this test. One you start the test, you must complete the test. You are not allowed to use any resources to complete this test.

Once you switch to HTML, don’t be alarmed! Your instructions will now appear in HTML:

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<p>\textbf{You will have 1 hour to complete this test. One you start the test, you must complete the test. You are not allowed to use any resources to complete this test.}
```

11. You can now copy and paste the code into the HTML mode either before or after your test instructions:

a. Select (Highlight) the code on the following page.
b. Copy the code.
c. Paste the code either before or after your test instructions.

(*Please contact Blackboard Support if you need assistance copying and pasting the code.)

12. Select (Highlight) and Copy code at the top of the next page:
function validateKey (evt)
{
  if (evt.keyCode == '17')
  {
    alert("You may not copy or print here.")
    return false
  }
  return true
}

STOP HERE – DO NOT INCLUDE THIS LINE
13. After you have selected (highlighted) and copied the code, paste the code either **before** or **after** the test instructions in the **Instructions** text box.

![Instructions](image)

Paste Starting Here

14. After you have pasted the code, scroll to the bottom and **Submit**.

15. Once your test has been deployed (See **Adding a Test** tutorial for more information), you can test the code to determine if students will be able to print.

**Testing the Code**

1. After you have deployed the test (See **Adding a Test** tutorial for more information), you will be able to click the actual test link to preview the test.

2. Go to the content area to which you have added the test link.
3. Click the test link.

4. You will be prompted to click OK. Once you click OK, you will be able to preview the assessment.

5. Once the test appears, you may test the code for printing. Go to File – Print or right-click on the test and select Print.

6. When the printing begins, the pages should be printed without any portions of the test.

Disclaimer
Blackboard Support does not offer any guarantees regarding this code and students’ ability to cheat, and therefore we do not provide any support other than advice on copying and pasting the code. Use at your own risk!

If you encounter major problems with the code, please contact us so we may evaluate whether to continue offering the code to faculty.