How to Create Quizzes in Moodle

I. Quiz Overview

You can use the Quiz activity in Moodle to deliver assessments of various kinds, such as short quizzes, exams, timed writing assignments, or ungraded self-tests that provide feedback to students based on responses to questions. Moodle uses the term Quiz to apply to all assessments that use the Quiz activity.

**Question Types** include: Calculated, Description, Essay, Matching, Embedded Answers (Cloze), Multiple Choice, Short-Answer, Numerical, Random Short-Answer Matching, True/False.

**Quiz Scoring**: Questions can be scored automatically by Moodle or manually by the instructor. You would want to score an essay question (and perhaps a short-answer question) manually.

Two parts of Moodle quizzes:

1. **Quiz Activity** — This is the specific quiz activity that you add to a week or topic. It contains a selection of questions from the Question Bank and the settings that determine how the students will interact with it.

2. **Course Question Bank** — This is a pool of questions that can be used in any quiz you add to the course. When you create questions for a quiz, they are stored in the Question Bank for the course. In addition to creating questions in Moodle, you can import questions from publishers’ question banks, from a file containing questions in a given format, or from Respondus (a software application for creating, importing, or exporting quiz questions in various formats).

Vary the version of the quiz that students receive in two ways:

- **Selection of Questions** — Quizzes can consist of a fixed set of questions from the question bank, or questions randomly selected from a pool of possible questions.

- **Order of Questions and Answers** — The questions can be delivered in a set order or in a shuffled order for each student. In addition, the possible answers (in multiple-choice and matching questions) can be displayed in a fixed or shuffled order.

II. Creating Quizzes

There are three main tasks in creating quizzes in Moodle:

A. **Add the Quiz activity and select the settings for the way it will be delivered.**
B. **Create and/or import questions into the Question Bank.**
C. **Edit the quiz to add the questions.**

The order of the tasks is flexible. It doesn't matter whether you add the quiz (A) or create the question bank (B) first. But it is advisable to complete those two steps before adding questions to the quiz (C), unless the quiz is very short.

For further information, see [Quiz Module](http://www.sjcc.edu/OnlineLearning/Moodle/Moodle-How-To-Faculty/) in MoodleDocs.