This Quick Guide gives the eLearning team’s recommendations on managing results for online tests in Blackboard. It is the fourth in a series of four quick guides covering the process of creating online tests.

For further support and advice visit www.tcd.ie/CAPSL/resources/ or email the eLearning team at bblearn@tcd.ie

1. How Students View their Grade and Feedback

Students may view their results and feedback through the My Grades section in Blackboard (in the My Learning Space). For convenience you can also add a link to My Grades to the Module Menu (Tool Link → My Grades → Make Available to Users).

Student may access overall test feedback by clicking on the Green Speech bubble. Clicking on the name of the test will open a list of all their attempts. From here clicking on the score allows the student to review all questions, question-related feedback and scores.

2. Item Analysis

The Item Analysis tool provides statistics on the test and on individual questions. You can use this information to analyse results to see which questions students had issues answering.

- Open the Full Grade Centre
- Locate the column for the test and click on the drop-down arrow to see menu option
- Select Item Analysis and click on Run

3. Column Statistics

Column Statistics displays statistics for a grade item, including average, median, and standard deviation. You can also view how many responses need grading and how the grades are distributed.

- Open the Full Grade Centre
- Locate the column for the test and click on the drop-down arrow to see the options menu
- Select Column Statistics

4. Advanced Options

Once you have mastered the basics you might like to explore some of the extended features in the test tool such as:

1. Pools – Selections or groups of questions that you can use in multiple tests. You can build pools of questions prior to creating a test. You can export and import pools between modules. The Pools option is found under the Control Panel | Module Tools | Test, Surveys and Pools.
2. Question Set – When adding questions to a test select a number of pre-existing questions and from these decide to randomly display a selection, e.g. display one question from a group of 3
3. Questions Blocks – When building a test you may have a large pool of questions from which you can randomly select a number to create a test, e.g. from block of 50 questions select 10.

NOTE: Using random sets and blocks of questions can help encourage academic honesty as no two tests look exactly the same.

5. The Next Step

Visit http://www.tcd.ie/CAPSL/resources/onlinetests/tests.php for more guides and additional resources on using online tests in Blackboard.