Faculty: Quiz Tip -- One Solution for Publisher Test Bank Problems

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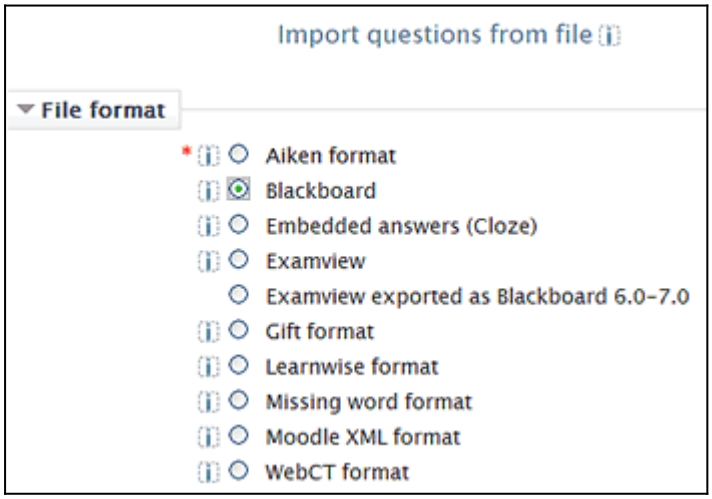
Sometimes publishers' test banks can be imported into Moodle just fine, but sometimes they won't quite work. Here's one solution that we have found for a test bank that won't "parse" when you attempt to import it. (**Note**: These instructions are written for a PC. Mac users will need to interpret some of the specific steps for their environment.)

1. If Moodle is not offered as a potential test format when you create your test bank, choose **Blackboard version 6** or above.
2. Save the resulting zip file to your computer in a handy spot.
3. Open **Windows Explorer**, then locate and open the zip file.
4. Click on the link labeled **Extract all files** in the **Folder Tasks** work pane on the left side of your screen.
5. Follow the prompts provided to extract the files to a new folder.
6. In Moodle, click on **Import**, then select **Blackboard** as the file type.
7. [This step if only necessary if you find that the file you upload does not create its own category when you import it — see step 11… In the **General** area, use the pull-down menu to select the category that corresponds to your test bank (Chapter 1 Pool).]
8. Use the **Browse** button in the **Import from file upload….** field to open the folder containing the extracted files or open **Windows Explorer** (**Files** on a Mac) to drag and drop your file in the file picker box.
9. Select the file that has the **dat** extension (it will end in .dat). If there are several .dat files, try the largest file first.
10. Click on **Upload this file** (and cross your fingers!).
11. If the questions load correctly, begin cheering and scroll down to click on **Continue** (or click on the Categories tab to verify that the questions were created in a category. If not, set up categories for the test banks that you intend to import ("Chapter 1 Pool," etc.).
12. If the questions do not load correctly, don't be discouraged. Contact the Center for Instructional Support for more options.

You may find that you need some side-by-side assistance. Give us a call and we'll sit down with you to get it done. For your reference, the entire guide to Moodle quizzes is posted at **this link**.