

Question Types – Canvas to Blackboard Comparison

Summary

Blackboard Question Types	Canvas Question Types	Mapped Blackboard Questions Types in Canvas	Unmapped Blackboard Questions Types (not-supported in Canvas)
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Blackboard Question Types (17)

- Multiple Choice
- True/False
- Fill in the Blank
- Fill in Multiple Blanks
- Multiple Answers (up to 100 answers)
- Matching
- Either/Or
- Hot Spot
- Jumbled Sentence
- Ordering
- Opinion Scale/ Likert
- Calculated Numeric
- Calculated Formula
- Essay
- File Response
- Quiz Bowl
- Short Answer

Canvas Question Types (11)

- Multiple Choice
- True/False
- Fill in the Blank
- Fill in Multiple Blanks
- Multiple Answers
- Matching
- Numerical Answer
- Formula Question
- Essay Question
- File Uploaded Question
- Text (non-scored text introduction)

Mapping of Blackboard and Canvas Question Types

Please note, Canvas is currently re-developing their quizzing tools as the '[Modern Quizzing Engine](#)'.

Blackboard Question Type	Matching Canvas Question Type	Comment
Multiple Choice	Multiple Choice	
True/ False	True/ False	
Fill in the Blank	Fill in the Blank	
Fill in Multiple Blanks	Fill in Multiple Blanks	
Multiple Answers	Multiple Answers	
Matching	Matching	Canvas can only match text.
Calculated Numeric	Numerical Answer	
Calculated Formula	Formula Question	
Essay	Essay Question	
File Response	File Upload Question	
Either/Or	Multiple Choice	The Blackboard Either/ Or Question type is a variation of the Blackboard True/ False Question type with more options, i.e. Agree/Disagree, Right/ Wrong, and Yes/No. In Canvas, use the Multiple Choice Question type and add two options 'Agree/Disagree, Right/Wrong, or Yes/No' in the option list.
Short Answer	Essay Question	The Blackboard Short Answer Questions are very similar to the Essay Questions. The only major difference is that in Blackboard, when using a Short Answer question, instructors can define the number of rows to display in the answer field as a guideline for student response length. It does not impose an absolute limit to the answer length. This can be worked around in Canvas by using an Essay Question and providing expected length of answer, e.g. number of rows, in the question instruction.
Ordering	Multiple Choice	The Blackboard Ordering Questions are not currently supported by Canvas. However they can be simulated in Canvas by using Multiple Choice Questions when all the to-be ordered items are listed in the question area, and the possible orders are provided as the options.

Blackboard Question Type	Matching Canvas Question Type	Comment
Opinion Scale/Likert	Multiple Choice	There is no specific Likert Question type in Canvas. However the Likert Scales can be simulated by using the options in a Multiple Choice question.
Hot Spot	Not currently available it has been raised to the Canvas Community and is under consideration - will be on the roadmap for the Modern Quizzing Engine .	https://community.canvaslms.com/ideas/4525-hot-spot-question-type
Jumbled Sentence	Not currently available	It has been raised to the Canvas Community however didn't get enough votes to move on to the next stage. Currently archived.
Quiz Bowl	Not currently available	Not found in Canvas Community. Also this type of questions cannot be converted in third party tools (e.g. Respondus) to a Canvas –friendly format. They need to be reconstructed for Canvas.