WHAT IS RESPONDUS LOCKDOWN BROWSER?

LockDown Browser is a custom browser that locks down the testing environment in Canvas. When students use LockDown Browser to access a quiz, they are unable to print, copy, visit other websites, access other applications, or close a quiz until it is submitted for grading. Quizzes created for use with LockDown Browser cannot be accessed with standard browsers.

LockDown Browser works much like a standard browser, but some options have been removed or work differently. The list below highlights some of these differences.

1. **Modified Toolbar** - the condensed toolbar includes only Forward, Back, Refresh, and Stop functions.
2. **Assessment Mode** - assessments are shown full-screen and cannot be minimized, resized, or exited until submitted for grading.
3. **Disabled Controls** - all printing, keystroke combinations, screen grab, function keys, and right-click menus have been disabled.
4. **Links** - links to other web servers do not compromise the secure testing environment.
5. **Blocked Features and Applications** - the Start button (Windows), system tray, and menu bars have been removed. Hundreds of screen capture, messaging, screen-sharing and network monitoring applications are blocked.

WHAT IS RESPONDUS MONITOR?

Some institutions additionally license Respondus Monitor, a webcam feature for LockDown Browser that records students during online, non-proctored quizzes. When this feature is enabled for a quiz, students are required to use a webcam and microphone with LockDown Browser. After the quiz is complete, an instructor can review details of the assessment, even the recorded videos.

PREPARING A QUIZ

To set up a quiz in Canvas that requires students to use LockDown Browser, follow these steps:

1. Make sure the quiz has been deployed in the Canvas course.
2. From the Course Navigation in Canvas, select **LockDown Browser**.
3. A list of quizzes in the course will be displayed.
   - Quizzes labeled with **Required** require students to use LockDown Browser.
   - Quizzes labeled with **Not Required** do not require students to use LockDown Browser.
4. To change the settings, select **Settings** from the context menu to the left of the quiz title and select the desired option.

You may additionally require that LockDown Browser be used to view quiz feedback and results.

Optionally you may create an access code that students must enter to start the quiz. LockDown Browser will prompt students to enter the instructor-provided code before proceeding with the quiz.
5. Several **Advanced Settings** are available:

- Lock students into the browser until exam is completed (explain)
- Allow students to take this exam with an iPad (using the “LockDown Browser” app from Apple) (explain)
- Allow access to specific external web domains (explain)
- Enable Calculator on the toolbar (explain)
- Enable Printing from the toolbar (explain)

![Advanced Settings]

- The first setting will prevent students from exiting the browser until the exam is completed. This is sometimes used in testing centers where a proctor can enter a password to exit an exam early.
- The second setting will allow students to take the exam with an iPad, using the free LockDown Browser app.
- The third setting will allow students to access a list of specified web domains during the test.
- The fourth and fifth settings allow instructors to provide students with a calculator or print function in the LockDown Browser toolbar.
- For additional information, select the [explain] link that follows each setting.

6. Click **Save and Close** to apply the settings.

### USING RESPONDUS MONITOR (webcam feature)

If your institution licenses Respondus Monitor (the webcam feature for LockDown Browser), additional settings will appear in the LockDown Browser Dashboard.

Set the exam so it requires the use of LockDown Browser. Several options are then available for Respondus Monitor. To require all students use a webcam during the exam, select **Require Respondus Monitor for this exam**.

### INSTALLING LOCKDOWN BROWSER

LockDown Browser must be installed to each computer (Windows or Mac) being used to take a test.

- The link to download the LockDown Browser software can be found here: link.ou.edu/respondus.
- Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the install.

### TAKING A QUIZ

From a student’s perspective, this is how LockDown Browser is used to take an assessment.

1. Locate the “LockDown Browser” shortcut on the desktop and double-click it. (For Mac users, launch “LockDown Browser” from the Applications folder.)
2. If prompted to close a blocked program (e.g. screen capture, instant messaging) choose **Yes** when prompted.
3. Log into your Canvas course using a student login.
4. Navigate to the quiz and click **Take a Quiz**.
5. If the student is required to use a webcam to record themselves during the test, a Startup Sequence will guide the student through a webcam check and other items required by the instructor.
6. Once a quiz has been started with LockDown Browser, you cannot exit until the **Submit Quiz** button is clicked.

**TIP** - Prior to the first quiz, have students complete a practice quiz that uses LockDown Browser to make sure they have installed it correctly.

### WHAT IF A STANDARD BROWSER IS USED?

If the settings for a quiz require that LockDown Browser be used, it cannot be accessed with a standard browser. In fact, you can easily confirm that a quiz has been properly set for LockDown Browser by attempting to open the quiz with a regular browser.

As shown a warning message will indicate that LockDown Browser is required for the quiz.

To give students the option to either take the exam with a webcam or in a proctored testing lab, select **Either Respondus Monitor or a proctored lab can be used to take this exam**. A test password will then be required to access the test (for use in proctored settings).

Now select the items to be included in the Startup Sequence, which includes the steps a student must complete prior to the start of an exam. Most settings are optional and can be reordered by dragging and dropping them.
REVIEWING WEBCAM VIDEOS

If students were required to use the webcam feature (Respondus Monitor) with the quiz, instructors can access information about the quiz sessions and can review the recorded videos. Note that Respondus Monitor is intended to be a deterrent, so it’s up to the instructor to determine the level of review warranted.

To review student videos:

1. Return to the LockDown Browser dashboard in the Canvas course.
2. From the context menu to the left of the quiz title, select Class Results.
3. A roster of the students in the course is shown, along with the date, time, duration, review priority, and grade for the quiz.
4. Click [+] to expand the section for a student.
5. Details of the startup sequence and the exam session are shown in thumbnails. Click a thumbnail to view the video from the time indicated. Videos can be marked as reviewed or have comments added by the instructor.

OTHER TRAINING AND SUPPORT RESOURCES

- Student Quick Start Guide - a quick start guide for students is available at www.respondus.com/lockdown-guides
- Demo Movies - view demonstration and training movies at www.respondus.com/demo
- Knowledge Base and Ticket-based Support ¹ - support.respondus.com

¹ Contact your local support representative for Respondus LockDown Browser before opening a support ticket.

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