Time Limit for Moodle Quizzes and Tests

We **STRONGLY** encourage you to use the following settings for Moodle quizzes or tests you have in your courses.

- set the number of questions per page to no more than 7 objective questions or 1 essay question (the default number per page is 5)
- set a time limit for your quiz
- make sure students are aware of the inactivity time out limit (3 hours), the quiz time limit that you have set, or both

Students will be logged out of Moodle if they are inactive for over three hours. Inactive means the user has not clicked any *link* in Moodle. Typing in a text box or even selecting answers on a quiz is not considered '*activity*' by Moodle. For this reason, we encourage faculty to create quizzes with 5-7 questions per page for objective questions and 1 question per page for essay, as this forces students to click "Save without Submitting" between pages while taking the quiz. Moodle interprets "save without submitting" as *activity* and will not time out.

The default time limit when creating a new quiz is 120 minutes (2 hours). This can be changed to your specifications. These changes will not affect the settings of any quizzes imported from a previous course. Please revisit the time limits that you have set for these existing quizzes to ensure that they are set to what you want. When you adjust the time limit, a countdown timer will appear on the web page as students take the quiz to assist them in finishing the quiz before they time out.

These settings are necessary in order to ensure students have the best opportunity to be successful when completing online quizzes or tests.

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