What Do We Mean by "Effective"?

Assess students fairly

Aligned with learning objectives

Any variation must be equitable

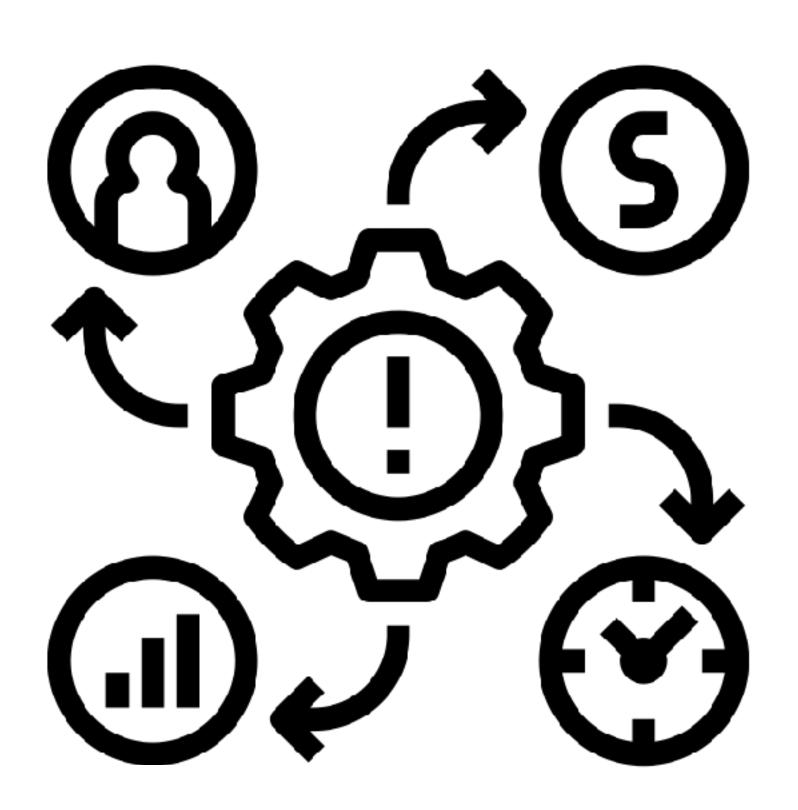


Implementable in the current environment

Example: the elevator pitch

Available resources

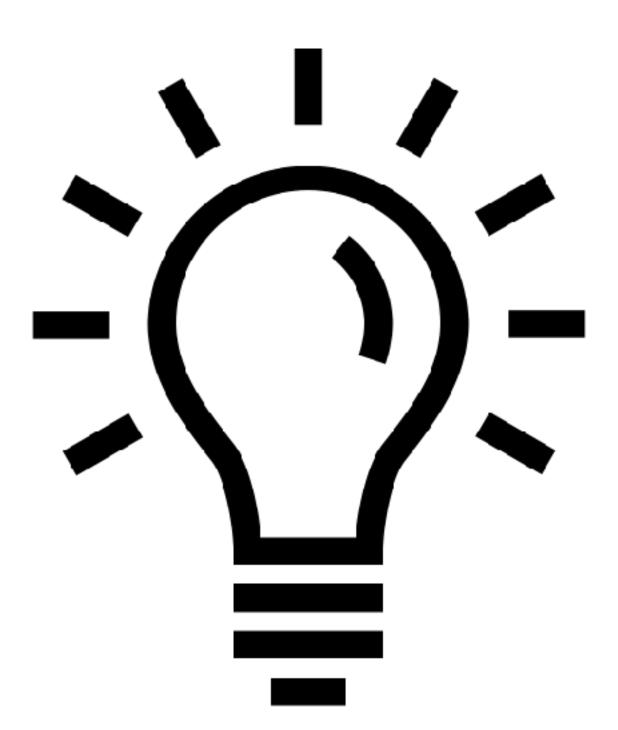
Home and work considerations



Students find it meaningful

Assessments should mirror something they'll need to do in the real world when they graduate

Put theory into context

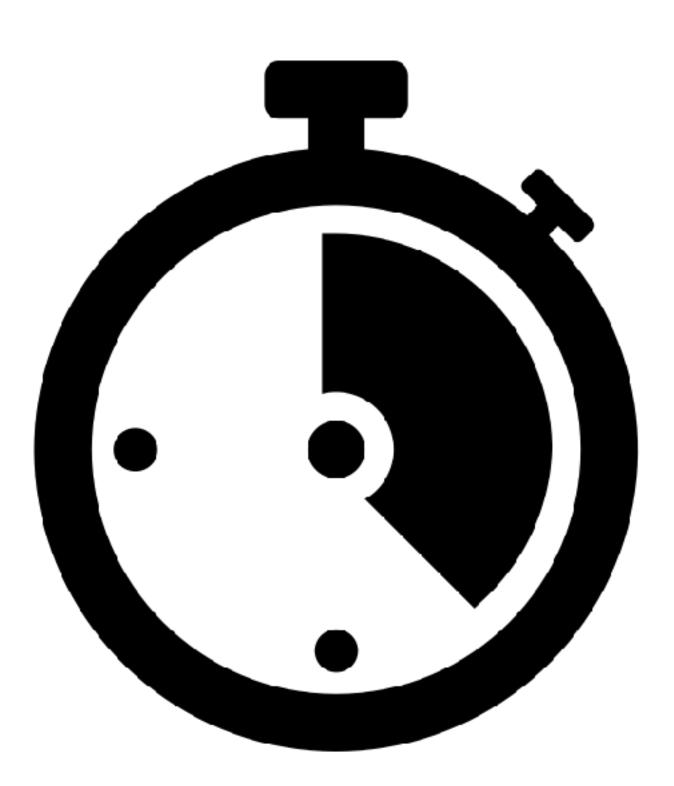


Feasible to design and deliver

Can you build it in the time you have?

Is it a reasonable expectation of students' time?

Can you deliver meaningful feedback in a short time period?



Limits risk of academic ethics concerns

Require critical thinking

Project-based vs. multiple choice

Exam randomization and time boxing

Employ open book assignment formats



Online Assessment Tools in CoursePlus

Quiz Generator

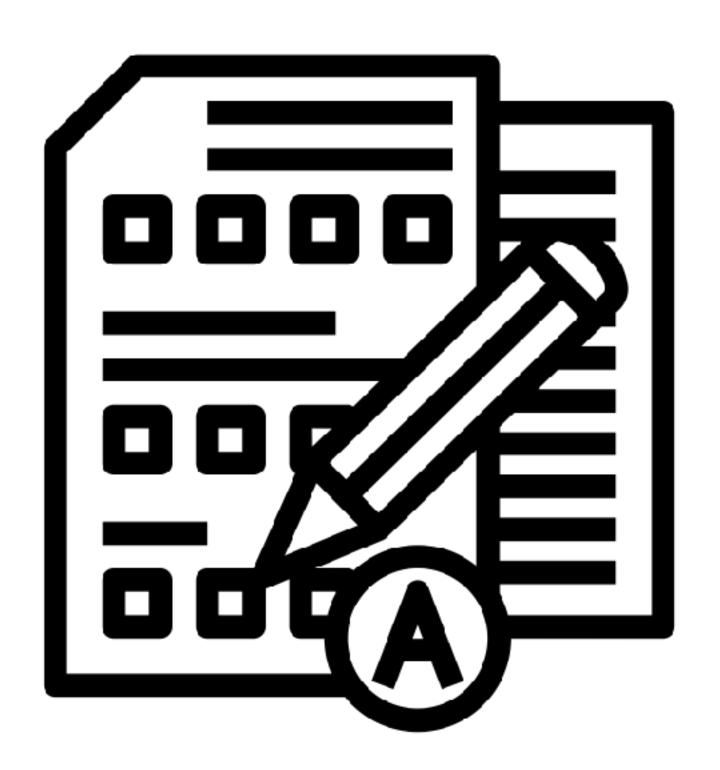
Multiple question types

Powerful randomization tools

Automatic grading of many question types

Tools for managing special permissions

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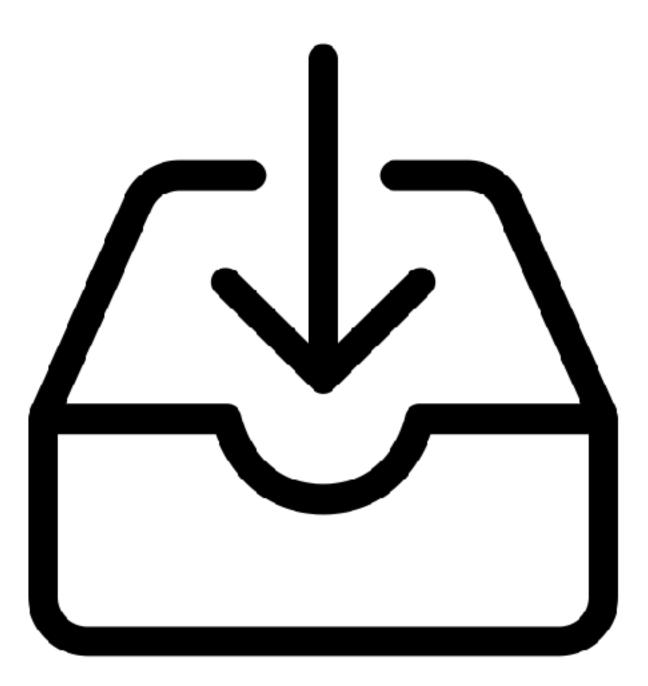
Drop Box

Papers, projects, bundles of code

Organization and reminder tools

Timed Drop Box:

- "Only two hours to complete this"
- When the answer capabilities of the QG aren't enough

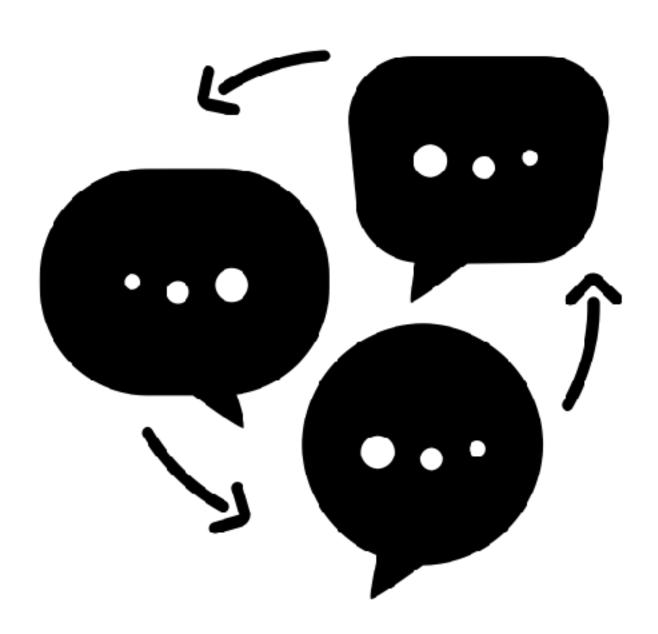


Peer Assessments

Rubric-based evaluation of peer work

Random or group-based assignment

Can link to Drop Box submissions



Discussion Forum

Reflective discussion

Debates

Journal article analysis

Peer analysis

Posts can be graded and grades imported into the Gradebook

Can allow private, small group work



Presentation/Performance

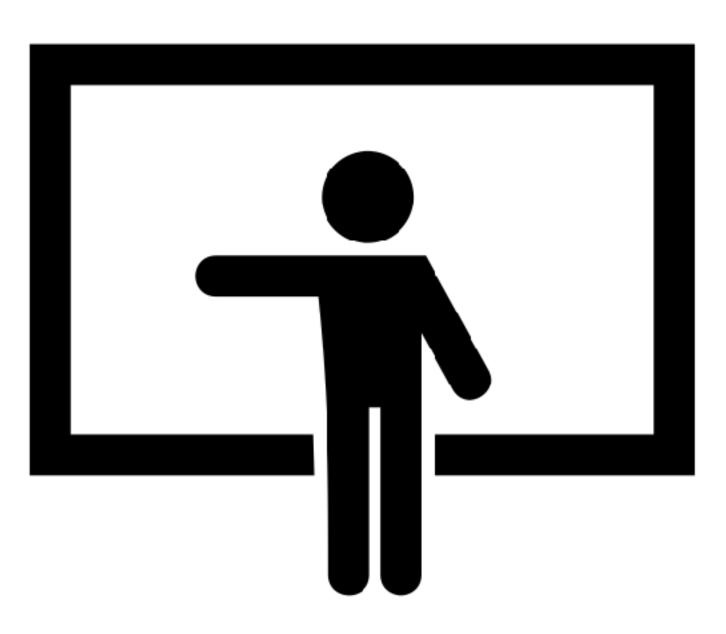
Zoom:

- Presentations
- Debates
- Student-led discussions

VoiceThread:

Prerecorded presentations + discussion

Their smartphones are powerful creation tools!



THREE

DESIGNING EFFECTIVE ONLINE ASSESSMENTS

Pro Tips

Two Parts to the Exam

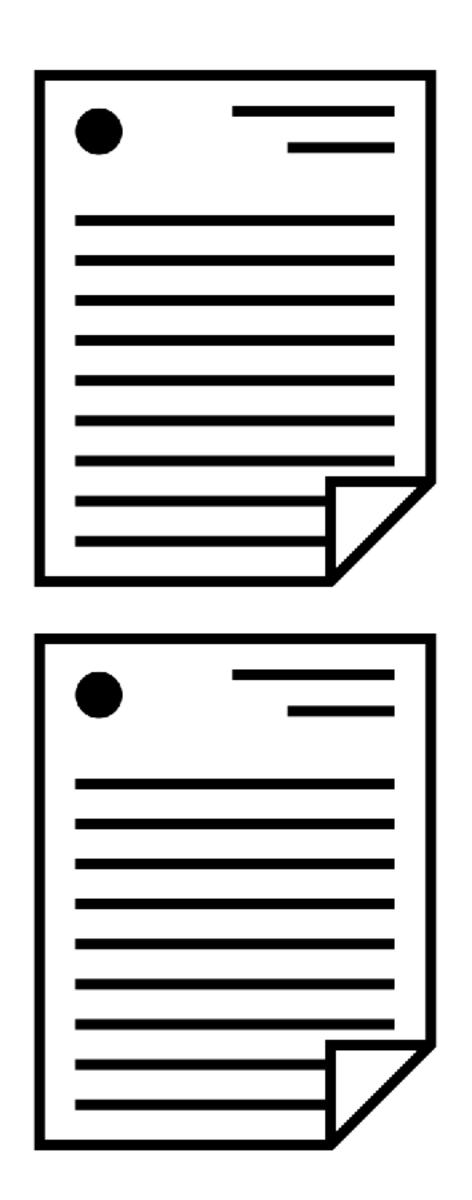
Part 1: Multiple Choice

Part 2: Essay / Open-Ended

Gives students the opportunity for a break

Allows for both immediate feedback to students and manually graded sections

Allows for authentic student responses

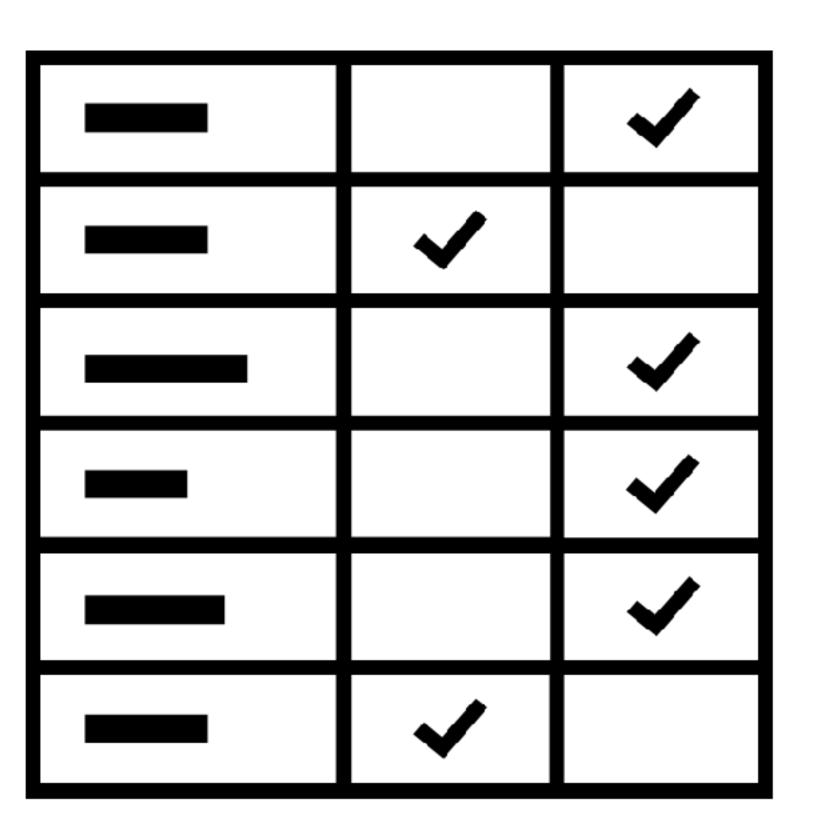


Use Rubrics!

Sets clear expectations about what is required for excellence

Significantly reduces arguments about grading

Faculty/TA peer assessment type



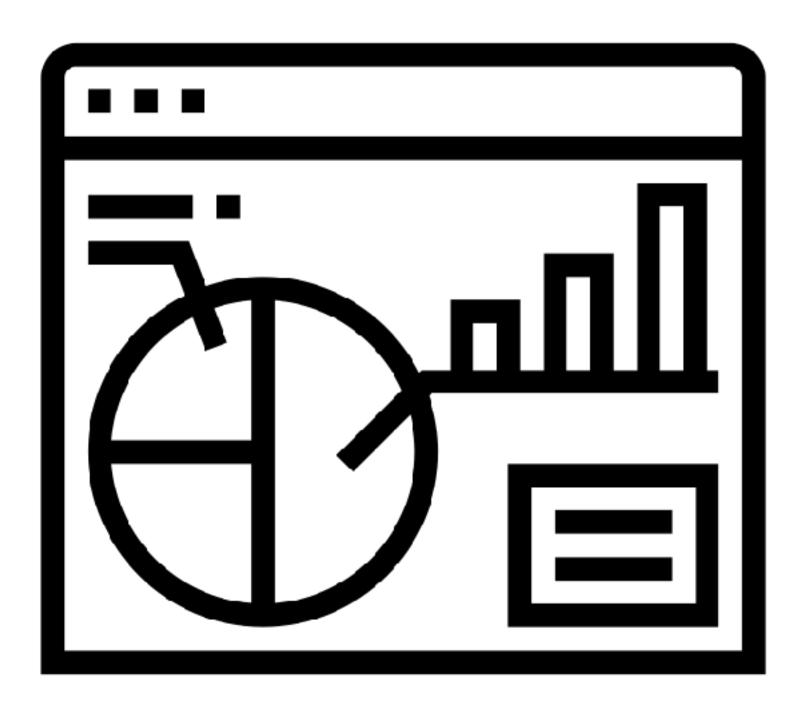
Use Data to Determine Quality/Fairness

Grading data available in Excel

Quiz statistics and discrimination values

Examine across students in a class

Examine across offerings of a course



Preparedness

Provide clear instructions and who to contact for what

Check open, due, close dates

Understand special permissions

Preview quizzes/exams

