Quizzes and Question Banks in Canvas

Before making quizzes in Canvas, it helps to understand the relationships between quizzes and question banks.

The term "Quiz" refers to any type of question-based assessment. Finals, midterms, weekly quizzes, and other similar assessments all fall under the naming umbrella of "Quizzes.” To access quizzes, click the Quizzes option in the navigation bar.

Quizzes

- Test, exam, comprehension check, etc.
- Contain many types of questions
- Graded or ungraded
- Extensive customization
  - Time/date restrictions
  - Multiple attempts
  - High/Low/Average score
  - Special access

Question Banks are repositories of questions that are used to construct quizzes. As a general rule, it's better to first create Question Banks and then use those to create quizzes.

Question Banks

- Used to build quizzes
- Contain many types of questions
  - True/false
  - Multiple choice
  - Short answer
  - Fill in the blank
  - Essay
Questions from one bank can be used in multiple quizzes, and easily transferred from one course to another. This flexibility is much more limited if questions exist only in quizzes and not in question banks.

**Question Banks**

- Copy questions into Quizzes
- Single quiz can use questions from multiple banks
- Can be transferred between classes on Canvas

ITLE recommends first creating question banks, and then using those questions to create quizzes.

**Recommendation**

1. Create question bank(s)
2. Use bank(s) to populate quizzes
   - Advantages
     - Flexibility
     - Easier to manage
     - Repeat questions
     - i.e. comprehensive final exam
     - Copy and share questions between classes