eExams – high stakes summative assessment for the digital age

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The man who writes your students' papers tells his story

Poor authenticity imperils academic reputation

Examinations can help as part of a balanced suite of assessments
- Pen v. Keyboard
- Multi-media (think, video-based scenarios)
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<th>Lecturers</th>
<th>Yes it went well. Hopefully more students will select this option next year</th>
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<td>Students</td>
<td>I would not have been able to manage half of that if I’d had to hand write.</td>
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<td>It was an absolute blessing.</td>
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<td>Yes, you could just change things</td>
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This was great! I can type much faster than I can write and no hand cramps!! 😊
Technical stuff

- Reticulation
- Ownership
- Functionality
- Communication
- Familiarity
- Licencing

**System area**
This is a modified version of Ubuntu and is used to start up the computer (boot operating system)

**eExam area**
The question paper and other materials are read only.

**Answers area**
Left blank for student responses
1. Unit outline boilerplate
2. Practice eExam & induction
3. Exams file (LA, US)
4. Submit question paper to InSite as normal, with WORD version and a Photograph.
5. 90%
6. eExam on PC or Mac
   • Computers unchanged after eExam
   • No communication or local disk access
   • Security image
   • Answers back on USB at end
7. Scripts to CD for marking
Exam room computers could end written tests

By Graeme Paton
Education Editor

TRADITIONAL “pen and paper” exams could be scrapped in favour of computer-based tests, according to the qualifications watchdog. Any rise in computer-based tests would inevitably lead to a reduction in the use of pens, pencils and paper in the classroom, as pupils are taught using the same system employed in the exam hall.

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