

Self-Graded Quizzes

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Benefits and Challenges of Self-Graded Quizzes

Benefits

- Less grading!
- Instant feedback to students
- Students are much more invested in what the right answer is-AND WHY!
- Student familiarity with how the key works and how points are allocated on the exam

Challenges

- Potential honor issues
- Student frustration with understanding key
- Potential grading inconsistency or perceived grading inconsistency
- Potential loss of class time-some students will take significantly longer than others to grade their work
- Time issues-lost class time and variable time to grade quiz

Best Practices

- Always err on the side of a shorter quiz to mitigate time issues
- Ideally have some sort of activity the students can complete after the quiz
- Consider individual photocopied keys instead of one key on the projector at the front (has advantages and disadvantages)
- Make key clear and representative of exam key
- On first quiz or two look very closely at student grading
- Avoid questions with ambiguity or a lot of judgement in the response.