WHAT IS RESPONDUS LOCKDOWN BROWSER?

Respondus LockDown Browser is a secure browser for taking tests in Blackboard. It prevents you from printing, copying, going to another URL, or accessing other applications during a test. If a Blackboard test requires that Respondus LockDown Browser be used, you will not be able to take the test with a standard web browser. Respondus LockDown Browser should only be used for taking Blackboard tests. It should not be used in other areas of Blackboard.

INSTALLING RESPONDUS LOCKDOWN BROWSER

If Respondus LockDown Browser has already been installed, skip to the next section. To download and install Respondus LockDown Browser, follow these steps:

Windows computers:
- Your institution will provide the link for downloading and installing Respondus LockDown Browser.
- During the installation, select Yes if prompted to accept programs from Macrovision and Respondus.
- Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the install.

Macintosh computers:
- Be sure that OSX 10.3.9 or higher is being used (512K RAM minimum).
- Your institution will provide the link for downloading and installing Respondus LockDown Browser.
- During the installation, select Yes when prompted to run the Java application.
- Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the install.

TAKING A TEST

1. Close all programs, unless one is used to connect you to the Internet.
2. Locate the “LockDown Browser” shortcut on the desktop and double-click it. (For Macintosh users, launch “LockDown Browser” from the Applications folder.)
3. If prompted to close a blocked program (e.g. screen capture, instant messaging) choose Yes when prompted.
4. Login to your Blackboard course.
5. Navigate to the test and select it.
6. A pop-up window will ask whether the instructor has required a password for the test.

- If a test password (such as the word “apple”) is required by the instructor to start the test, select the Yes option, enter the password, and click the Continue button.
- If the instructor did not set up the test with a password, the No option should be selected. Click the Continue button.
7. Regardless of the selection made in the previous step, Respondus LockDown Browser will automatically fill in a special password on the next screen. It’s important that this password field isn’t modified. Click the Submit button.
8. The test will then start. (Note, once a test has been started with Respondus LockDown Browser, you cannot exit until the Submit button is clicked.)

PROBLEMS?

If you have problems downloading, installing, or taking a test with Respondus LockDown Browser, contact your instructor.