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Exercises and Quizzes

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> **Legend:** In Section 5, a ✔ indicates that the student gave the correct response; a ✘, indicates an incorrect response, in this case, the correct answer is marked with a ●.

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1. Introduction

This is a sample file to give templates of the environments defined in `exerquiz`. The file illustrates the `exercise`, the `shortquiz` and `quiz` environments.

In the case of the quiz environments, only multiple-choice questions are illustrated. Open ended, or objective style questions are demonstrated in other sample files.

2. Online Exercises

A well-designed sequences of exercises can be of aid to the student. The `exercise` environment makes it easy to produce electronic exercises. By using the `forpaper` option, you can also make a paper version of your exercises. See the `aeb_man.pdf` reference manual.

EXERCISE 1. Evaluate the integral $\int x^2 e^{2x}\, dx$.

In the preamble of this document, we defined a `problem` environment with its own counter. Here is an example of it.

Problem 2.1. Is $F(t) = \sin(t)$ an antiderivative of $f(x) = \cos(x)$? Explain your reasoning.

Problem 2.2. Is $F(t) = \sin(t)$ an antiderivative of $f(x) = \cos(x)$? Explain your reasoning.

By modifying the `exercise` environment, you can also create an `example` environment. The one defined in the preamble of this document has no associated counter.

Example. Give an example of a set that is *clopen*.

Solution: The real number line is both closed and open in the usual topology of the real line. □

There is an `exercise*` environment, using it signals the presence of a multiple part exercise question. The following exercise illustrates this environment.

EXERCISE 2. Suppose a particle is moving along the s-axis, and that its position at any time t is given by $s = t^2 - 5t + 1$.

(a) Find the velocity, v, of the particle at any time t.
(b) Find the acceleration, a, of the particle at any time t.

References can be made to a particular part of an exercise; for example, "see Exercise 2(a)." Part (a) is in blue; the solutions for that part is "hidden". This is a new option for the `exercise` environment.

There is now an option for listing multi-part question in tabular form. This problem style does not obey the `solutionsafter` option.

EXERCISE 3. Simplify each of the following expressions in the complex number system. *Note*: $\bar{z}$ is the conjugate of z; Re z is the real part of z and Im z is the imaginary part of z.

(a) i^2 (b) i^3

(c) $z + \bar{z}$ (d) $1/z$

3. Short Quizzes with or without Solutions

Short quizzes are quizzes with immediate response. As soon as the user enters an answer, that answer is immediately evaluated, the results of the evaluation are communicated to the user.

Solutions can optionally be included in each question. Below is a `shortquiz` without solution.

Quiz Was it in Xanadu did Kubla Kahn a stately pleasure dome decree?

    True   False

Below is a `shortquiz` with a solution.

Quiz In what year did Columbus sail the ocean blue?

    1490   1491   1492   1493

These two types can be bundled together using the `questions` environment.

Quiz Answer each of the following. Passing is 100%.

1. Was it in Xanadu did Kubla Kahn a stately pleasure dome decree?

    True   False

2. In what year did Columbus sail the ocean blue?

    1490   1491   1492   1493

Try using the `proofing` option of exerquiz. In this case, the correct answer is indicated to the side; useful, perhaps, for proof-reading the document

4. Graded Quizzes with JavaScript

You can create graded quizzes using the `quiz` environment. Here is a graded quiz using simple links. This might be suitable for a limited number of questions.

Begin Quiz Using the discriminant, $b^2 - 4ac$, respond to each of the following questions.

1. Is the quadratic polynomial $x^2 - 4x + 3$ irreducible?

Yes   No

2. Is the quadratic polynomial $2x^2 - 4x + 3$ irreducible?

Yes   No

3. How many solutions does the equation $2x^2 - 3x - 2 = 0$ have?

none   one   two

End Quiz

By using the ∗-option, you can create a multiple choice set of question using check boxes.

Begin Quiz Using the discriminant, $b^2 - 4ac$, respond to each of the following questions.

1. Is the quadratic polynomial $x^2 - 4x + 3$ irreducible?

Yes   No

2. Is the quadratic polynomial $2x^2 - 4x + 3$ irreducible?

Yes   No

3. How many solutions does the equation $2x^2 - 3x - 2 = 0$ have?

    none   one   two

End Quiz

The proofing option of exerquiz can be used to mark the correct answer to the side; useful, perhaps, for proof-reading the document

5. Correcting Quizzes with JavaScript

Beginning with version 1.2 of exerquiz, you can now grade the quizzes created by the quiz environment. In this section, we illustrate the quiz environment with corrections.

There are two types: link-style and form-style. This is the link-style format:

Begin Quiz Answer each of the following. Passing is 100%.

1. Who created TeX?

    Knuth   Lamport   Carlisle   Rahtz

2. Who originally wrote LaTeX?

    Knuth   Lamport   Carlisle   Rahtz

End Quiz

We can obtain the forms-style quiz simply by inserting an ∗ before the quiz field name. **Important!** Be sure to name each quiz field differently!

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End Quiz

The "corrections" button can be modified to fit your needs. The quiz below queries your knowledge of the people who maintain various freeware TeX Systems.[1] The corrections button has been modified to take on a different look.

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[1] This quiz is a bit out of date.

Begin Quiz Answer each of the following. Passing is 100%.

1. What TEX System does Thomas Esser maintain?

    MikTEX   csTEX   teTEX   fpTEX

2. What TEX System does Fabrice Popineau maintain?

    MikTEX   csTEX   teTEX   fpTEX

3. What TEX System does Christian Schenk maintain?

    MikTEX   csTEX   teTEX   fpTEX

End Quiz

6. Objective-Style Questions

It is possible to pose objective-style questions (fill-in-the-blank). The demo file for this style question is called jquiztst.pdf (relative link: jquiztst.pdf). Click on the link to review this demo file.

Solutions to Quizzes

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> Profound was the logic in his quest,
> to get to the east, he headed west.[2]

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Solution to Quiz: Yes, it was Donald Knuth who first created TEX.

Solution to Quiz: Yes, it was Leslie Lamport who first created T_EX. ∎