

Timed Tests in Blackboard

Be prepared before you take a timed test. When you take a test, Blackboard will tell you that a timer will appear at the bottom of the screen, and a popup window will appear with a one minute warning when you have one minute left.

But this timer will only appear if your browser is configured correctly. The one-minute warning will only appear if you have pop-ups enabled for your browser.

SOLUTIONS:

If you don't want to bother with configuring your browser to display the timer, you can just note the time allocated for the test and check the time yourself to be sure that you don't run over.

The following instructions explain how to configure your browser to display the timer. Each browser requires a different approach, as follows:

Internet Explorer 7.0:

1. Add our Blackboard URL as a Trusted site
 - Go to Tools > Internet Options > Security Tab > Trusted Sites > Sites
 - Enter: <http://bb.abtech.edu>
 - Click on Add
2. Allow Status Bar Updates via Script
 - Go to Tools > Internet Options > Security Tab > Trusted Sites >
 - Custom Level ... > Allow Status Bar Updates via Script (scroll to the scripting section)
3. Display Status Bar
 - Click on the View menu, and make sure there is a check mark next to Status Bar, so it will display. If you don't see the View menu, click on the Tools menu and check Menu bar first.)

Firefox 2.0 (Windows)

- From the Tools menu, click on Options > Content icon. Click the "Advanced" button to the right of the "Enable Javascript" checkbox.
- In the popup window, if it's not checked already, click the check box next to "Change status bar text". Also make sure that "Hide the status bar" is NOT checked. Click OK twice. so you no longer see the Options window.
- Now click on the Firefox View menu, and make sure there is a check mark next to Status Bar, so it will display.

Firefox 2.0 (Mac)

Firefox 2.0 Mac: Under Firefox on the menu bar select Preferences > Options > Content > Enable Javascript:Advanced> "Change status bar text" should be enabled. (Later versions of Firefox, you may not need to click Options to find Content under Preferences).

Google Chrome

Google Chrome is not fully compatible with Blackboard and should not be used to access your Blackboard courses.

Safari (Windows)

- Click the Settings icon (a cog icon at top right of your browser window).
- From the Drop down list, if you see "Hide Status Bar", click this. If you check again you should now see "Show Status bar".
- Also check that "Block Pop Windows is not checked if you want to see the 1 minute warning. You may want to reset this to prevent popups after taking the test.

Safari (Mac)

- At the top of the screen, click the View drop-down menu.
- Click on Show Status Bar.