LockDown Browser®
Student Quick Start Guide

What is Respondus LockDown Browser?

LockDown Browser is a locked web browser for taking quizzes in Canvas. It protects the testing environment by preventing other activities such as printing, copying, going to another URL, or accessing other applications during an assessment. If a Canvas quiz requires that LockDown Browser be used, you will not be able to take the quiz with a standard web browser. LockDown Browser should only be used for taking Canvas quizzes, and not be used in other areas of Canvas.

Installing Lockdown Browser

LockDown Browser must be installed on each computer (Windows or Mac) being used to take a test. Download LockDown Browser and follow the onscreen instructions to complete the install. Already installed? Skip to the next section.

Taking an Assessment

- Close all programs (unless one is used to connect to the Internet).
- Locate and double-click the “LockDown Browser” desktop shortcut. *(For Mac users, launch “LockDown Browser” from the Applications folder)*
- If prompted, either close a blocked program (such as screen capture or instant messaging) by choosing "Yes," or close LockDown Browser then the blocked program before restarting.
- Log into Canvas, navigate to the test within the course, and select "Take a Quiz."
- The quiz will begin - good luck!
  *(NOTE: once a test has been started with LockDown Browser, you are unable to exit until the "Submit Answers" button is clicked)*

Need Support?

Having issues downloading, installing, or taking an assessment with Respondus LockDown Browser? Contact your instructor or the IRT Service Desk Team at servicedesk@csus.edu or 916-278-7337 or online chat during open hours.