

e-Exam Trial FAQ



Do I get a choice to type or handwrite the trial exam/assessment?

It depends! – You should have already been informed, so if you are unsure please ask your unit co-ordinator/lecturer which applies in your case.

Some trials will require all who participate to type, while in other trials there is a choice.

If just want to handwrite do I need to fill in the EOI form?

Yes please – this advises us formally of your choice.

We would still like to be able to use your responses so we can do comparative analysis between the responses of hand-writers and typists for the same exam. So, please consider choosing 'yes' to be involved in the trial and data collection even if you just want to hand-write.

Is this for real marks?

It depends! – You should have already been informed, so if you are unsure please ask your unit co-ordinator/lecturer which applies in your case.

If the trial uses a real assessment (mid term test/exam) then the mark you get in the test/exam is the mark that goes towards your final grade for the unit.

If the trial uses a 'mock' assessment or non-marked activity then there will be no impact on your unit grade.

Are the exam papers the same for typists and hand-writers?

Yes - The exam paper and every question will be exactly the same for both hand-writers and typists.

It is your choice as to which method of composition you use.

Are the dates/time for the mid term test/exam going to be the same for typists and hand-writers?

Yes - The assessment (mid term test/exam) in your course happens at the same date/time for all students (both typists and hand-writers). Typists and hand-writers may be asked to sit in different rooms.

Do I need to attend the practice/set-up session?

If you are typing your exam – it is *strongly* recommended (especially so if you have a Windows 8/10 laptop which may need special configuration that you don't want to be dealing with at the last minute in the exam!). Please bring the laptop you intend on using in the exam (and a wired mouse).

You be shown how to set-up for automatic start up and practice using the e-Exam System, which makes for a lot less stress in the exam!

If you are hand writing your exam – No, but you can come if you are curious!

Do I need to attend the whole day/duration of the practice/set-up session?

No – You can probably get set-up for automatic boot and go through a practice run in less than 30 mins.

If you are required to choose an attendance slot then you will be notified of this requirement and given a link to the selection form (this may happen if we have a large number electing to type and/or limited time for set-up). If there is no requirement to choose a time slot then just come along during one of the advertised times.

Do I need to bring my laptop to the mid term test/exam?

If you are typing your exam – yes, and please fully charge your laptop battery before arriving too. A wired mouse is highly recommended as touch pads can sometimes be overly sensitive with the exam system.

If you are hand writing your exam – No.

Will doing an e-exam harm or damage my laptop or my data?

No – The e-Exam System is designed in such that the Hard-disk drive (HDD or SSD) of your laptop is completely untouched by this process. To use the e-Exam System requires that you 'start-up' your laptop from the USB stick (You do not 'insert' the USB into Windows or Apple OSX and you do not 'install' any software).

For the duration of the exam session your laptop will temporarily run a different operating system and application set from the supplied e-Exam System USB stick. It is part of the exam integrity measures that while running the e-Exam System USB stick you will not be able to access or change any files on your hard drive during the exam. After the exam is finished you shut down the e-Exam System and remove the USB stick. Upon restarting the laptop your regular Windows or Apple OSX will run as normal.

Note; in order to 'start-up' your laptop from the USB stick you may need to change (on/off) one or more EFI/BIOS settings/features. This process is completely reversible and can not harm any data on your hard disk drive. The changes will in no way impact the normal operation of your laptop. You will be shown how to do this in the set-up session (if necessary). Documentation and guides are available from transformingexams.com

Got more questions...?

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