

Respondus LockDown Browser™
NMJC Student Quick Start Guide

WHAT IS RESPONDUS LOCKDOWN BROWSER?

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

Respondus LockDown Browser should only be used for taking Blackboard assessments. 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:

- Ensure that you are using a valid version of Internet Explorer by navigating to your institution's Blackboard login page and selecting the Check Browser link at the top, right corner of the page.
- Download and install NMJC's [Respondus LockDown Browser](#).
- Follow the download page instructions to obtain the correct installation program.
- Start the LockDown Browser installation program and 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).
- Download and install NMJC's [Respondus LockDown Browser](#).
- During the installation, select Yes when prompted to run the Java application.
- Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the install.

TAKING AN ASSESSMENT

1. Close all programs, unless one is used to connect 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 assessment and select the Begin Assessment button. (If the Begin Assessment button is disabled, it means that you are not running Respondus LockDown Browser.)
6. Once an assessment has been started with Respondus LockDown Browser, you cannot exit until the Finish button is clicked.

PROBLEMS?

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