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FAQs

What is the difference between SkillScore and Accuracy Score?

AccuracyScore is a performance measure based only on accuracy (like most tests).
SkillScore is a performance measure based on a combination of Accuracy and Speed of responding. Instructors can set the relative weights for each: the default is 80% accuracy and 20% speed.

What is Mark?

Mark is the number of points (or the value) the assignment is worth. Often the assignments in a course or module will add up to 100%. Some assignments are not graded so their Mark is 0 or N/A and does not contribute to the total grade for the online course or module.

What is Grade?

Grade is a score out of 100%, and is used to measure performance on the assignment. Your Instructor can elect to "grade by" SkillScore (based on Accuracy and Speed) or by Accuracy only. In your assignment list the score used for your grade is marked by an asterisk(*).

When can I do my Upcoming Assignments?

There are 2 reasons for assignments being in the "Upcoming Assignments" list.

1. The instructor has set an Open Date and it has not yet been reached.
2. The Activity requires you to achieve a particular score (or above) in the Current available assignment(s).

I have clicked the "Don't show this message again" option and it has disappeared. Can I get it back and how?

Yes. You can retrieve the message if you clear cookies in your browser.

What's the difference between total time, task time and item time?

Total Time (in minutes) is shown at the top of your Results Summary table and reports the total number of minutes spent running the assignment (i.e., the entire task time) from the moment you start until the moment you click on Finish.
Critical Time is number of seconds spent to respond to the "critical" part of the question that measures your skill. This is determined by the author of the content.
Item Time is the total number of seconds spent on the whole question, including the critical parts.

Please note that the Results Summary table will show the AVERAGE Critical Time and AVERAGE Item time calculated over all the items that are in the same TOPIC.

If I hide the timer does it still keep track of the time?

Yes.

Is Critical time measured between every mouse click?

Critical Time is measured over that part of the question that measures your skill (as determined by the author). Therefore, not every mouse click is relevant to Critical Time.

If I'm using a touch screen and can't use short cut keys won't it take me longer to answer the questions?

Using a touch screen to respond will not affect your response times in a significant way. Without a touch screen, we recommend that you use the short cut keys, when available, since they remove the time spent using a mouse to locate and click on the correct answer.

I did a branching question but it didn't show up in my results. Why?

Some branching items are used as a form of feedback or extra training and rehearsal. In these instances those items are not shown on the results page. Other times branching can be used as an adaptive component to your assignments and therefore they do appear on the results page.

Is SkillScore always based on 5 seconds and 10 seconds?

No. Skillscore is always based on a Minimum and Maximum time that is set by the author to reflect the fastest time that would indicate mastery, and the slowest time we would expect from a beginner. Often, with simple multiple choice questions an expert should be able to respond faster than 5 seconds, and a beginner should be able to respond in 10 seconds. The min and max times will depend on the difficulty and/or the complexity of the question.

When I am exporting data, what are Topics, Categories, Items, and Elements choices?

The most commonly used data from export files are "Topics" (the average scores for each topic shown in the Results Summary table) and Items (the variables and performance scores for each individual question item). When using Likert Scales or other categorical responses where there are no correct answers, you can export the "Categories" data (how often each option was selected over a set of items in a topic). Finally, if you are interested in measuring the time between clicks within each item's pieces, you would export the "Elements" data.

What happens if I don't have a spreadsheet program for exported data?

If you do not have a spreadsheet program then you could export your file and copy it onto a computer that does have a spreadsheet. Alternatively you could find and use cloud computing version of a spreadsheet (e.g., www.google.ca/sheets/about/)

What's the difference between the Continue and the Submit buttons?

A "Continue" button is used to take you to the next part within a question. A "Submit" button is used when you are at the end of a question and ready to submit your answer(s) and move on to the next part of the task.

How do I change my password?

You can change your password before you login by using the "Forgot your password?" link, or after you login, by clicking on the account icon (the 3rd icon on the top right corner of your screen).

What are "short breadcrumbs"?

At the top of the AdapTrack pages there is a horizontal locator line that keeps track of where you are in the program. These are referred to as "breadcrumbs". Sometimes in long, in-depth courses this line can get rather long so a short version has been programmed for convenience. The short version will always take you back to the last page you were on when you click in the locator.

If I change my email do I have to tell my teacher?

You should alert your Instructor if you change your email used to login with. Often you will be asked to only use your institutional email (the one your instructor has on their classlist when you register for the course).

What happens if I forget to logout or finish and assignment?

If you walk away from an assignment without clicking on the Finish button your results will not be submitted to your instructor. As long as your browser remains open the activity will be available to you. If you shut down your computer the browser will close and the activity will be terminated without your results being submitted to your instructor. If that happens then the next time you login you will see a "Continue" link beside that assignment instead of a "Start" link.

If you're not running an assignment the system will time you out after a half hour and you will have to log back in.