





## Your Last Attempt is What Counts

*(not your highest, or previous, score)*

- **For each exam, Blackboard will use your last attempt on each quiz/exam towards your term total and term grade.** It's not your highest score, or your previous attempt, but your last attempt that counts.
- For example, if you scored an 82 on your last attempt on an exam, then Blackboard will add those 82 points to your term total (shown at the bottom of the Calculated Grade column in your gradebook).
- **If your last attempt shows as an exclamation symbol, then you went over the allowed time limit for the exam, and you need to retake the exam before the exam timeout deadline.** If you do not retake the exam before the deadline, your over-the-time-limit attempt will be cleared to a 0 score after the deadline passes – which means that you will not end up with any points for that exam. Once you retake the exam, Blackboard will automatically add the points from your retake into your term total.
- **If your last attempt on an exam shows as a padlock symbol, then there was a problem finishing your exam and/or recording your results → and you need to retake the exam before the timeout deadline.** If you do not retake the exam, and your last attempt shows a padlock symbol, you will not receive any points for that exam in your term total or points (which is your term grade).
- **DO NOT REOPEN AN EXAM,** unless you are fully prepared and able to complete the retake attempt. **Once you've reopened the exam, your previous scores don't count anymore!** Because, once you reopen the exam, that is now your latest attempt, and your score for that new attempt is what is going to count towards your term total. If you change your mind, or can't complete the retake, you are going to end up with a zero score for that exam in your term total (you can't tell Blackboard that you changed your mind and you can't revert to your previous exam score).
- **PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS DON'T COUNT.** It's only your last attempt that counts towards your term total.

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| Example: student Kelvin Calcite took Exam 4 several times and his scores were: |   |  |
|  | score   |  |
| First attempt  | 5   | he was just looking at the quiz to see what it was like  |
| Attempt 2  | !   | he went over the 75 minute time limit because he was trying to look all of the answers up as he went..., instead of studying ahead of time |
| Attempt 3  | 88  | completed in 57 minutes, after studying and working the practice questions   |
| Attempt 4  |  | Aborted attempt – wanting to try for a higher score, he reopened the exam, but then his friends talked him into going to a movie           |
| <b>Last attempt</b>  | <b>84</b>   | completed in 45 minutes  |
| Kelvin would have 84 points from this exam added to his term total.            |   |  |

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| Example: student Galena Schorl took Quiz 2 several times and her scores were:  |   |  |
|  | score   |  |
| First attempt  |  | Aborted/unfinished attempt; she was interrupted and decided to take the exam another time      |
| Attempt 2  |  | Aborted/unfinished attempt; too many distractions  |
| Attempt 3  | 67  | Hasn't worked the practice questions yet, but was able to finish the exam within the timelimit |
| <b>Last attempt</b>  | <b>!</b>  | Went over the 75 minute time limit   |
| Galena's last attempt is what counts towards her term total of points. If she doesn't retake the exam before the timeout deadline, she won't get any points for this exam (because her last attempt went over the timelimit). Any last attempts with !'s are cleared to zeroes after the timeout deadline. |   |  |

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| Example: student Spinel Dravite took Exam 5 several times and his scores were:  |   |  |
|   | score   |  |
| First attempt   | 82  | Completed within the timelimit and before the deadline             |
| <b>Last attempt</b>   |  | A computer problem prevented his exam from being recorded properly |
| Spinel would have no points for Exam 5. Previous attempts do not count towards your term total or grade. Spinel needs to retake Exam 5 before the timeout deadline. Always check your gradebook after finishing an exam or quiz – and make sure that your exam was recorded properly – because if it wasn't, then you have to retake the exam, before the timeout deadline. |   |  |

