

What is Respondus Lockdown Browser and Monitor

Respondus LockDown Browser is a custom browser that locks down the testing environment in Canvas. When students use LockDown Browser to access a quiz, they are unable to print, copy, visit other websites, access other applications, or close a quiz until it is submitted for grading. Quizzes created for use with LockDown Browser cannot be accessed with standard browsers.



LockDown Browser works much like a standard browser, but some options have been removed or work differently. The list below highlights some of these differences.

The screenshot shows the Canvas LMS interface for a quiz. The browser window title is 'Canvas'. The address bar shows the URL: 'Sample Course 2017 > Quizzes > Syllabus Agreement Quiz- Requires Respondus LockDown Browser 2'. The main content area displays the quiz title 'Syllabus Agreement Quiz- Requires Respondus LockDown Browser 2', the start time 'Started: Mar 25 at 2:45pm', and the quiz instructions. A single question is visible: 'Question 1' worth 1 point, with the text 'Syllabus Agreement Quiz- Requires Respondus LockDown Browser' and four multiple-choice options: a, b, c, and d. The 'Submit Quiz' button is visible at the bottom right. Numbered callouts (1-5) are placed over the interface to highlight specific features: 1. Modified Toolbar (browser navigation icons), 2. Assessment Mode (full-screen quiz view), 3. Disabled Controls (disabled right-click and print icons), 4. Links (disabled external links), and 5. Blocked Features & Applications (disabled system tray and menu bars).

1. **Modified Toolbar** - the condensed toolbar includes only Forward, Back, Refresh and Stop functions.
2. **Assessment Mode** - assessments are shown full-screen and cannot be minimized, resized, or exited until submitted for grading.
3. **Disabled Controls** - all printing, keystroke combinations, screen grab, function keys, and right-click menus have been disabled.
4. **Links** - links to other web servers do not compromise the secure testing environment.
5. **Blocked Features & Applications** - the Start button (Windows), system tray, and menu bars have been removed.

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Some institutions additionally license Respondus Monitor, a webcam feature for LockDown Browser that records students during online, non-proctored quizzes. When this feature is enabled for a quiz, students are required to use a webcam and microphone with LockDown Browser. After the quiz is complete, an instructor can review details of the assessment, even the recorded videos.