

How to check items used in past tests (For course manager/content experts)

A. Why checking past tests? Be Cautious!

1. Looking at tests or items used in previous courses can:
 - a. save you time (as you may not have to write all items from scratch);
 - b. help you avoid mistakes (if you identify issues with previous items); and
 - c. give you ideas on writing new items.
2. However, reusing items should be done with **caution**, because:
 - a. an item that worked well with a group of participants may not work with a different group;
 - b. an item may test a key point of a course, but be a minor point of a different course;
 - c. the language in which the item was used may affect responses (e.g., poor translation, participant mastery of the language of delivery); and
 - d. (for users of the World Bank's Level-2 evaluation test results and item database only) items were included in the database based on availability, not quality. Items appear as they were used, without fixing. Most tests in the database were built before the Toolkit or other quality control guidelines. The quality of the items in the database varies greatly.

B. Where to find past test items? (for World Bank users only!)

3. Click [Level-2 Evaluation Toolkit's Test Results and Item Database](#) to open the welcome page of a database with the test results and items of over one hundred World Bank offerings.
4. Click "review items used in the past" to access the item database.

A. Why use it?

The Level-2 Evaluation Analysis Tool and Test Item Repository can be used to:

- a. [review items used in the past](#) (before writing test item). See [guidelines](#).
- b. compare a course results with other courses. See guidelines on [how to interpret results](#).
- c. [create ad hoc queries](#) using over 50 criteria to return a wide variety of Level-2 evaluations results presented by item, by offering, by course, by thematic programs, by division in different tables and charts and computing statistics.

5. For example, we'll look for a past test on Trade. Click the triangle before "Course Offering Information.

Define Query

Current Query

Click the triangles to expand or collapse search categories and Define your search using the fields and search criteria within each category

- ▶ Course Offering Information
- ▶ Course Offering Evaluation Information
- ▶ Course Offering Results Data
- ▶ Course Offering Test Statistics
- ▶ Item Information
- ▶ Item Statistics

6. The related criteria through which you can query the database appear.

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Course Offering Information

Display	Search Criteria	Statistics	Sort
<input type="checkbox"/> Client or Staff Learning	CL		<input type="radio"/> Ascending <input type="radio"/> Descending
<input type="checkbox"/> Division	WBIEG		<input type="radio"/> Ascending <input type="radio"/> Descending
<input type="checkbox"/> Thematic Program	Attacking Poverty		<input type="radio"/> Ascending <input type="radio"/> Descending
<input type="checkbox"/> Course	Trade Policy and International Trade Regimes Urban and City Management		<input type="radio"/> Ascending <input type="radio"/> Descending
<input type="checkbox"/> Schedule code	ECN20437048		<input type="radio"/> Ascending <input type="radio"/> Descending
<input type="checkbox"/> WBS element	52932		<input type="radio"/> Ascending <input type="radio"/> Descending
<input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation code	102UAC5C		<input type="radio"/> Ascending <input type="radio"/> Descending
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Offering title			<input type="radio"/> Ascending <input type="radio"/> Descending

- Placing your cursor over a specific area provides details about the function it performs and the criteria selected.
- Under course, click a trade related course (see above).
- Click a check box to display at least one course feature, e.g., offering title (see above).
- Choose the output type Define Item Display (see below).
- Then, click Submit query (see below).

Choose Output:

Define Item Display

- Review the items returned in the query results. See [Glossary](#) for help with statistical terms.

Trade Policy and International Trade Regimes	02/18/2002	03/01/2002	Trade Policy and International Trade Regimes	02/18/2002	03/01/2002
ECN204-37-048		Austria	ECN204-37-048		Austria
<input type="checkbox"/> Item Unique ID Code: 7F02PE3C-Post-19	OK Matched Discrim-Item Difficulty	0.91 0.19 0.92	<input type="checkbox"/> Item Unique ID Code: 7F02PE3C-Pre-13	OK Matched Discrim-Item Difficulty	0.31 0.14 0.29
Decisions in the WTO are normally taken:			The highest authority in the WTO system is:		
Go to questionnaire and full results package	Matched respondents	All respondents	Go to questionnaire and full results package	Matched respondents	All respondents
Option Text	Key	N %	Option Text	Key	N %
a. by consensus of the Board of Directors.		0 0%	a. The Ministerial Conference	*	11 31%
b. by the Director General of the WTO after consultation of the Members.		1 3%	b. The Council for trade in goods and services		3 9%
c. by consensus of the Members.	*	32 91%	c. The Director General		0 0%
d. by a majority of the Members.		1 3%	d. The Board of Directors		5 14%
e. I don't know.		1 3%	e. I don't know.		16 46%