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TG Scan

TG Scan is an add-on utility for Test Generator that facilitates importing test answersheet data into TG's database.

Scanners and Answer Sheets

TG Scan is hardware independent and will work with scanners that support the TWAIN Specification 1.9. This includes scanners with Automatic Document Feeders (ADF) or simple flat bed scanners.

For more on TWAIN visit http://www.twain.org/.

An answer sheet is included with TG Scan -- you *do not* have to purchase answer forms – a plain paper answer sheet will work.

TG Scan's installer will place a copy of the form under C:\Program Files\Test Generator\Admin\Upgrades. The file is called **form_1.doc**.



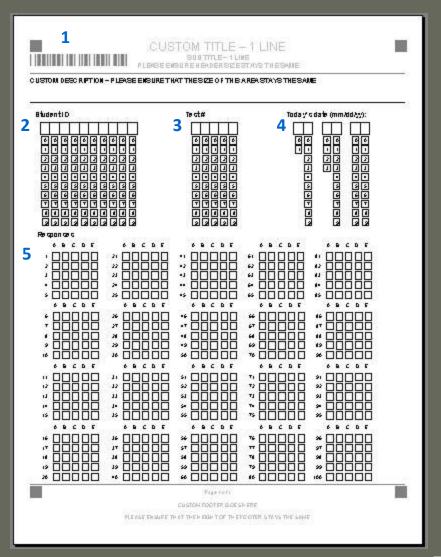
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Answer Sheet

A sample of the **form_1** answer sheet is displayed on the right.

- 1) Header and barcode
- 2) Student ID: 9 numbers.
- 3) Test Number: up to 5 digits
- 4) Date: mm/dd/yy
- 5) Responses: 100

Note: the squares in each corner are orienting points required by the scanning software.





Printing

Ideally, the answer sheets should be printed on a laser printer. Printer Settings:

• Layout: Portrait

• Paper type/quality: Plain

• Color: Black & White

• Print Quality: Best, High or at least 300 dpi

• Paper Size: Letter (8.5 x 11 in.)

We suggest printing a sample form and then scan the answer sheet into TG to ensure that the image quality is acceptable.

Of *critical* importance is the barcode. TG Scan must be able to read the barcode. If the barcode resolution is low, or if the entire bar code is not showing, then the answer sheets will not read by TG Scan.

Acceptable

Not Acceptable barcode incomplete





Using TG Scan

Process

Step 1: Create, edit/evaluate a test in Test Generator.

Step 2: Activate the test (Test Settings > Test Properties > Activation tab).

Step 3: Enroll test takers in the Class (Course) under which the TG test was created. Assumption: at this stage, the test taker profiles have been created or imported into TG. Note: A test taker must be enrolled in the course in order for their test results to be scanned into the test created in Step 1.

Step 4: Print the test.

From an open test, File > Print Questions or...

File > Print Preview > Questions. You can save the print preview to a text (*.txt) file or an rtf file. Option: the test can then be opened/edited in a word processor if you wish to add other text enhancements to your test.

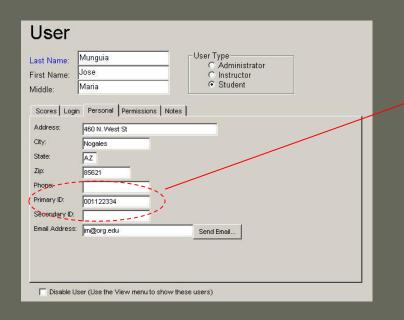
Important. Do not alter the test content in any way (question/answer text, number of questions/answers). If you need to modify the test, modify it in TG, and then save (Save As) the test before adding any text enhancements.

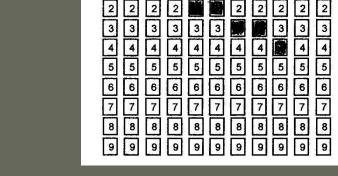




Answer Sheet: Student ID

Step 5: Test takers will fill out the Answer Sheet. Test takers will fill in the Student ID. The Student ID is a nine-digit string that is part of the test-taker's User Profile in TG. The Test # and Date are both optional.





Student ID

Detail from TG User Profile

Detail from Answer Sheet

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Filling in Answers

Sample Answer Sheet

Step 6: Your test takers will read the test questions and then fill in the appropriate answer box on the answer sheet.

| 2) 2 + 7 = ? | |
|--|--------|
| A 5 B 9 C 14 | |
| 3) In our decimal number system the value of a digit depends on its place, or position in the nu Each place has a value that is ten times the place to its right. | ımber. |
| What value does the 5 digit have in the number 5,280? | |
| A 5 represents tens B 5 represents hundreds C 5 represents thousands D 5 represents hundred thousands | |

Printed Test (detail)

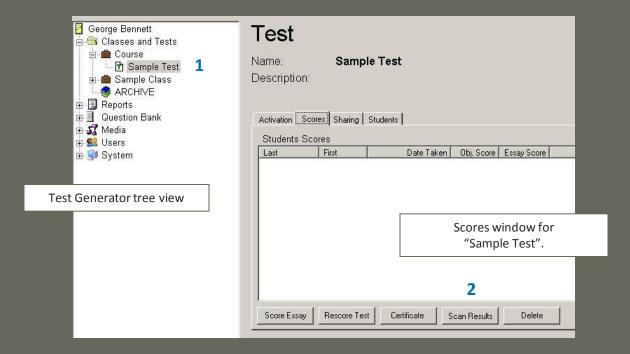
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|--|--------|---------------------------|--------------|
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| ************************************** | | | |



Scanning Answer Sheets

Once the test has been completed and the test and answer sheets have been collected, the Answer Sheets can be scanned into TG.

The Answer sheets are placed in a sheet feeder. Next, open TG and select the appropriate test in the tree view (1). Also, notice the Scan Results button (2) at the bottom of the window. Press the Scan Results button.



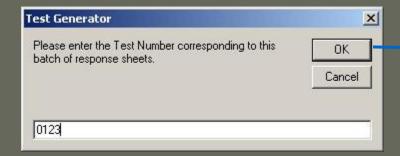


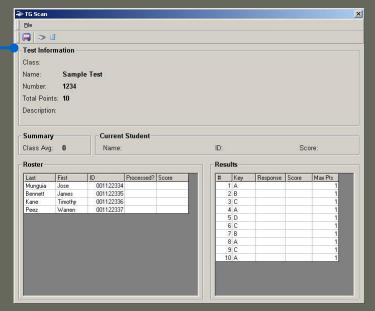


Process

TG will prompt you for a Test Number.

Enter the number that appeared on the printed test.
In this exercise, enter any four-digit number you wish.
Next, click the OK button to view the TG Scan Test Information screen.





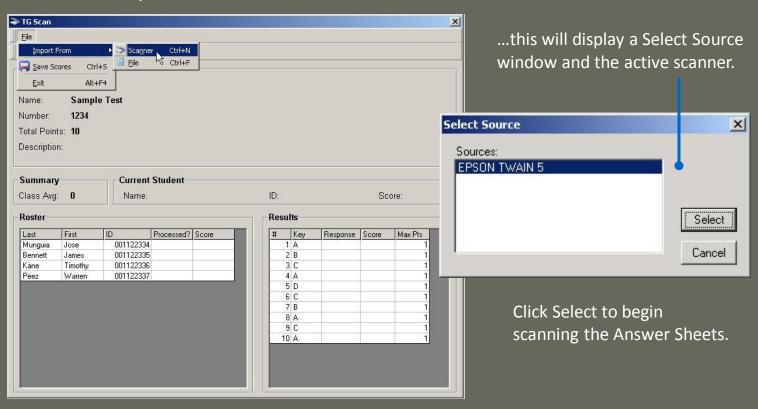
Test Information Screen



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Process

Select File > Import From > Scanner...

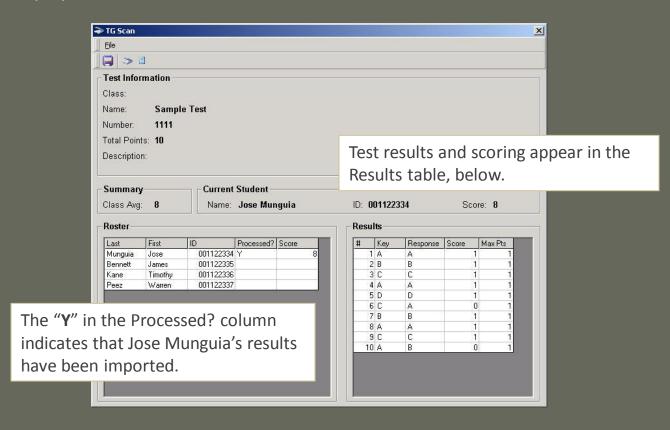




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Process

Once an answer sheet has been scanned in successfully, the test-taker's results will be displayed in the Test Information screen.

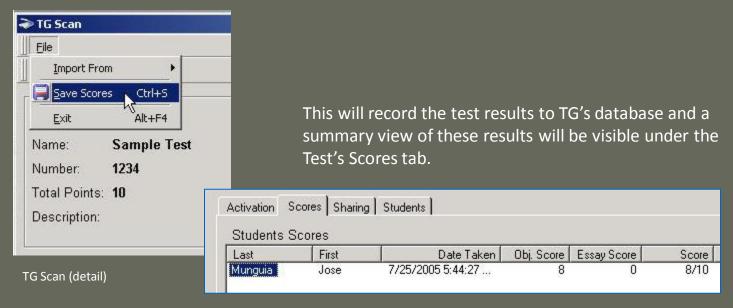






Saving Results

Once the answer sheets have been scanned in, save the results by selecting the menu item, File > Save Scores, or by clicking the Save Scores icon in the toolbar.



Scores tab (detail of imported test



Answer Sheet





Answer Sheet

The TG Scan answer sheet (**form_1.doc**) is the only answer sheet provided in the evaluation copy of TG Scan. Other answer sheet formats can be created. Please contact us with your requirements.

XML Parser

In order to run TG Scan, you will need to download and install Microsoft's XML Parsing Utility: Microsoft XML Parser (MSXML) 3.0 Service Pack 7.

Supported Operating Systems: Win 2000, Vista, Win 7 and 8#

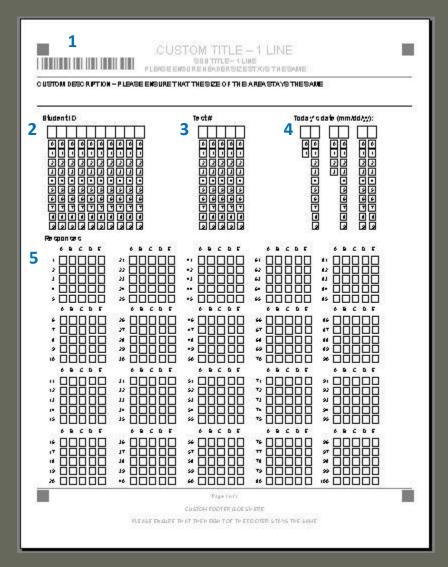


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Answer Sheet Header

The document, **form_1.**doc, header contains graphic and text elements.



Header text elements

- 1- CUSTOM TITLE 1 LINE -- Arial, 18pts, centered
- 2- SUB TITLE 1 LINE -- Arial, 10 pts, centered
- 3- PLEASE ENSURE HEADER SIZE STAYS THE SAME -- Arial, 10 pts, centered

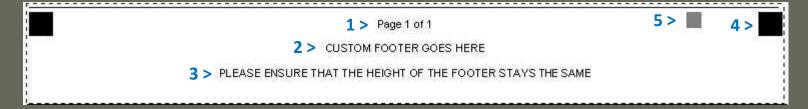
Header graphic elements

- 4- Two orientation blocks/squares Height: 0.25", Width: 0.25"
- 5- Barcode Height: 0.25", Width: 2.01", Lock aspect ratio, Relative to original picture size.



Answer Sheet Footer

Form_1.doc's footer also contains graphic and text elements.



Footer text elements

- 1- Page 1 of 1 -- Arial, 8pts, centered
- 2- CUSTOM FOOTER GOES HERE -- Arial, 8 pts, centered
- 3- PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE HEIGHT OF THE FOOTER STAYS THE SAME Arial, 10 pts, centered

Footer graphic elements

- 4- Two orientation blocks/squares Height: 0.25", Width: 0.25"
- 5- One small block Height: 0.16", Width: .16"

 Note: this block is *not* in the footer window. It is actually at page level, positioned to the left of the right-most orientation block.



Custom Description

The Custom Description section of the Answer Sheet allows for 3 lines of text. The style sheet is Interface Table Text, Arial, 10 pts.

CUSTOM DESCRIPTION - PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE SIZE OF THIS AREA STAYS THE SAME

Response boxes

The response boxes allow for up to 100 questions and includes five answer boxes, A through E. The test takers will darken the answer box that corresponds to that particular question.

| Responses | | | | |
|-----------|------------|------------|-------|------------|
| ABCDE | ABCDE | ABCDE | ABCDE | ABCDE |
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| 2 🔲 🔲 🔲 🔲 | 22 | 42 | 62 | 82 🔲 🔲 🔲 🔲 |
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| 5 🔲 🗎 🗎 | 25 | 46 | 65 | 85 |





Q: What is TG Scan (TGS)?

TG Scan is a software utility that works with Test Generator.

It facilitates the importation of test answer-sheet data into TG's database.

Q: Does it require a separate installation?

Yes, TG Scan is packaged in an installer file: TG2_TGScan-r2.4.##_Installer.exe

Q: Does TGS ship with a scanner?

No, TGS does not ship with any hardware. The assumption is that you already have a scanner or plan on purchasing one.

Q: Do you recommend a particular type of scanner?

No. TGS is hardware independent and will work with scanners that support the TWAIN Specification 1.9. This includes scanners with Automatic Document Feeders (ADF) or simple flat bed scanners. For more on TWAIN visit http://www.twain.org/.



Q: What operating system is TG Scan compatible with?

TG Scan will work with Microsoft Windows 2000, XP, Vista and 7 and up.

Q: Are there any other components needed to run TG Scan?

You will need Microsoft's XML Parser (MSXML) 3.0 Service Pack 7 (SP7)

Q: Which TG solutions support TG Scan?

TG Scan can be used with TG Desktop, LAN, or TG Web.

Q: Is TG Scan included with the TG Demo download?

No. TG Scan is a separate utility. For more information please <u>contact us</u> or email support@testshop.com.



Q: Which question types does TG Scan support?

TGS supports multiple choice, checkboxes and true-false question types.

Q: Do I have to purchase answer sheets from you?

No. TGS includes an answer sheet template. The template is included with the TGS installation. For more details, please read the Overview and Answer Sheet sections of this tutorial.

Q: Can the Answer Sheet be modified?

The header and footer text information can be modified per the guidelines described under the **Answer Sheet** section of this tutorial. However, the basic layout of the form should not be altered. This includes the orientation squares, barcode, IDs or Response sections of the form..



Q: Once the data is "captured" where is the data saved?

The test data is saved in Test Generator's database. In TG Desktop and TG LAN_msa, the data is saved in a Microsoft Access database. In TG LAN_sql and TG Web, the data is saved in a Sql database. The currently supported databases include: MS SQL, MySQL and Oracle..

Q: Can this information be exported and viewed/edited in another format?

Yes, the report data can be exported into various file formats. This can be done by clicking the **Export** button under the reports print preview window, and selecting from among the various output formats available in the drop-down menu.

Note: while there are many formats presented, not all of them will display nicely formatted information. PDF, CSV, Excel, RTF, Text and Word are a few that you may want to try. We suggest experimenting with the different formats and choosing one that suits your particular needs.



Q: Once the data is "captured", where is the data saved?

Once the data is imported into TG, you can view the data using one of the following:

A- Under the tree view, select your test and then click the Scores tab on the right side of the screen. This *summary* view includes LN, FN, Date, Score and Attempt.

B- Student scores report

C- Class scores report

D- Test scores report

E- Study Guide report

F- Question Reference report

For more detailed reporting information, select the Reports module in TG's tree view and click the F1 key. This will display the contextual help topic, **Reports Overview**.



Q: If I don't find the report I'm looking for, or if I would like the report data presented in a different layout, what are my options?

If you are using TG Desktop or LAN and have the IT resources available to customize reports, we would be happy to provide you with a data "map" that could be used by IT to generate reports in MS Excel, MS Access or Crystal Reports.

If you are using TG LAN_sql or TG WEB, you have access to the data and can run Sql queries using a report generator of your choice.

If you don't have the resources or the time, we can customize a report for you. We would need a detailed description of what you want. Once we receive that information, we will give you a report customization quote, and proceed with development once we receive signed authorization and a down-payment.

We are available to discuss this with you in more detail at your convenience. <u>Contact us</u>, or email support@testshop.com.





Thank You

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