

# The Aiken Format for Multiple Choice Quizzes in ACORN

The Aiken format is a very simple way of creating multiple choice questions using a clear human-readable format.

- The question must be all on one line. If the question is long it's OK for it to wrap around multiple lines as long as you don't hit the return key until the entire question is typed.
- Each answer must start with a single uppercase letter, followed by a period '.' or a bracket ')', then a space.
- The answer line must immediately follow the possible answers, starting with:
  - "ANSWER: " (NOTE the space after the colon) and then giving the appropriate letter.

**NOTE:** The answer letters (A,B,C etc.) and the word "ANSWER" **must** be capitalised as shown, otherwise the import will fail.

Here is an example of the format:

What is the correct answer to this question? There is only one correct answer, and that answer is listed below as one of the options. Make sure you select the correct answer!

- A. Is it this one?
- B. Maybe this answer?
- C. Possibly this one?
- D. Must be this one!

ANSWER: D

Which LMS has the most quiz import formats?

- A) Moodle
- B) ATutor
- C) Claroline
- D) Blackboard
- E) WebCT
- F) Ilias

ANSWER: A