

The EASiHE (E-Assessment in Higher Education) Project

Eqiat Tutorial

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QTI (Question Test Interoperability) is a standard for writing questions that can be automatically marked by the computer. It is particularly useful for writing questions to assess people (i.e. in higher education teaching or research).

When writing a QTI question you can specify feedback to be displayed that can vary depending on e.g. if the question was answered correctly or incorrectly.

Eqiat is a new web-based editor for QTI questions. Without Eqiat we have found the only practical way to write a QTI question is in a text or XML editor (as QTI stores questions in XML format).

To the best of our knowledge Eqiat is the first editor with this range of features that is available free for anyone to use on the web.

Please work through this tutorial, during which you will create 3 QTI questions.

If you have any problems at any point please contact David Bacigalupo (db1f08@ecs.soton.ac.uk or 07932 081988).

Eqiat - Mozilla Firefox
Please use only firefox
If you don't have it, Firefox is a web browser that's a quick and easy install from www.mozilla.com/firefox/. Chrome should also work fine but not IE for now.

Eqiat
Type in the URL to start

Main menu

- New assessment item** → First click here to create a new assessment item (that's QTI for "question")
Write a new assessment item
- Upload an existing assessment item**
Upload an existing assessment item so it can be edited
- Item list**
A list of items currently in memory for your session

Item list
No items are in memory for this session

Eqiat - New assessment item - Mozilla Firefox

Eqiat
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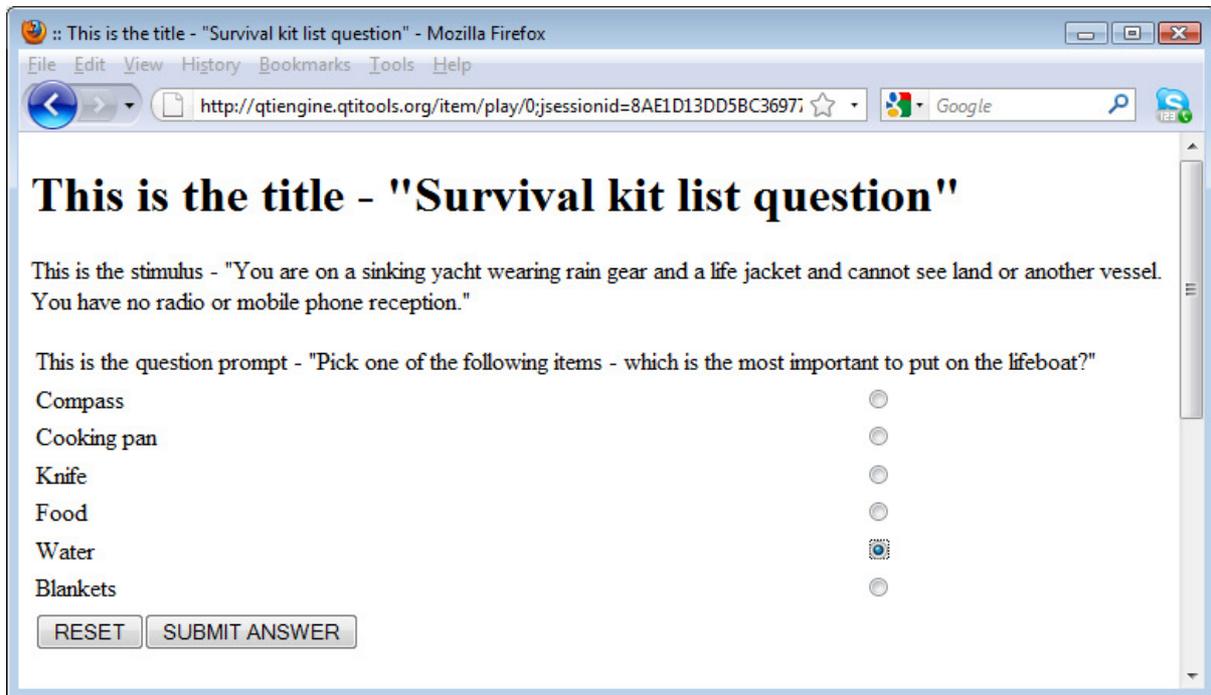
New assessment item → Lets create a multiple choice question

The first stage is to choose an item type.

- Extended matching item**
A stimulus followed by a number of possible responses and then a number of question prompts. The candidate checks each response which is correct for each question prompt.
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Before we begin, the following screenshot is an example of a multiple choice question created using Egiat, to give you an example of what can be created.



The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Eqiat - Edit untitled assessment item - Mozilla Firefox". The address bar shows the URL "http://gauss.ecs.soton.ac.uk/eqiat/?page=itemA". The page content includes a header "Eqiat" with a "Back to main menu" link and a "Help" link. Below the header is a form titled "Edit untitled assessment item" with the following fields:

- Title:** A text input field. A red callout box explains: "The title of the question will appear in bold at the top of the screen when someone does the question".
- Description:** A large text area. A red callout box explains: "The description and keywords will not appear on the screen when someone does the question. However they will appear in the list of questions (for example on the Eqiat main menu, when someone is deciding what question to look at)."
- Keywords (comma-separated):** A text input field.
- Stimulus:** A text input field. A red callout box explains: "The stimulus is QTI speak for the question you want to ask someone. This will appear below the title at the top of the screen when someone does the question".

At the top of the form, there is a red callout box with the text: "Please think of a question that it might be useful for your work, studies or personal interests to ask people, and type it in below".

Note: Just below this screen there is an option that says:

Item type

- Multiple choice (choose one answer)
- Multiple response (choose all appropriate answers)

However there is no need to change this as you have already selected this option on the previous screen.

Eqiat – Edit untitled assessment item - Mozilla Firefox

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Question prompt

The QTI question prompt would normally be something like "please choose one of the options below"

Options

Display

Shuffle the options

If the questions are being shuffled - if the fixed checkbox is selected for option number x, that option will not be shuffled, so it will always appear as option number x when someone does the question

Option text	Correct	Fixed	Actions
<input type="text"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Remove
<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Remove
<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Remove

Add option

Feedback

Provide feedback based on the answer given

If this box is selected the feedback options below will be displayed

Each matching piece of feedback is given, in this order – leave boxes for unnecessary cases empty

Option	Feedback if chosen	Feedback if not chosen
<input type="text"/>	If the person doing the question selects option x and clicks "submit answer", the text from line x of this column will be displayed	If the person doing the question selects option x and clicks "submit answer", the text from every non-blank line of this column will be displayed, with the exception of line x
<input type="text"/>		
<input type="text"/>		

Actions

Submit

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Item "Title" complete

The item has been successfully validated

QTIEngine preview

Title

Stimulus

Question prompt - this should be something like "please select one of the options below"

option 1

option 2

option 3

Internal State

Response vars

Actions

- [Go back to the main menu and item list](#)
- [Clone](#)
- [Delete](#)
- [Download content package](#)
- [Download XML](#)
- [Edit](#)
- [Preview](#)

You can try doing the question

Item "Title" complete
The item has been successfully validated

QTIEngine preview

option 1 feedback if chosen

option 2 feedback if not chosen

option 3 feedback if not chosen

Internal State

Response vars

duration : 148.036
RESPONSE : option_0
numAttempts : 1

Outcome vars

completionStatus : unknown
SCORE : 1

Actions

- Go back to the main menu and item list
- Done
- Delete
- Download content package
- Download XML

Then go back to the main menu

This is the screen that is displayed after someone does the question. This is set to debug mode to help you debug your question if required, hence the basic layout. In this example the person doing the question selected option 1.

As the question editor, you can access a table containing all this information for every time the question has been answered. However this is not covered in this tutorial.

If this was not in debug mode, by default all that the person doing the question would see at this point would be the feedback and the score.

Once you have tried the question, click here to download the question.

Downloading is important as Eqiat only keeps your question in memory for 24 minutes of inactivity and then deletes it. (We're thinking of changing this.)

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 http://gauss.ecs.soton.ac.uk/eqiat/

Eqiat

Help

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Item list

There follows a list of items you are currently editing. They are not permanent (they will disappear after 24 minutes of inactivity) so ensure you save them manually before logging off.

Modified	Item type	Title Description	Keywords	Status	Actions
2 minutes ago	multiple choice	Title Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keyword1 Keyword2 	0 errors 0 warnings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clone Delete Download content package Download XML Edit Preview

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Click here to create a new QTI assessment item (that is, a question)

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 http://gauss.ecs.soton.ac.uk/eqiat/?page=new

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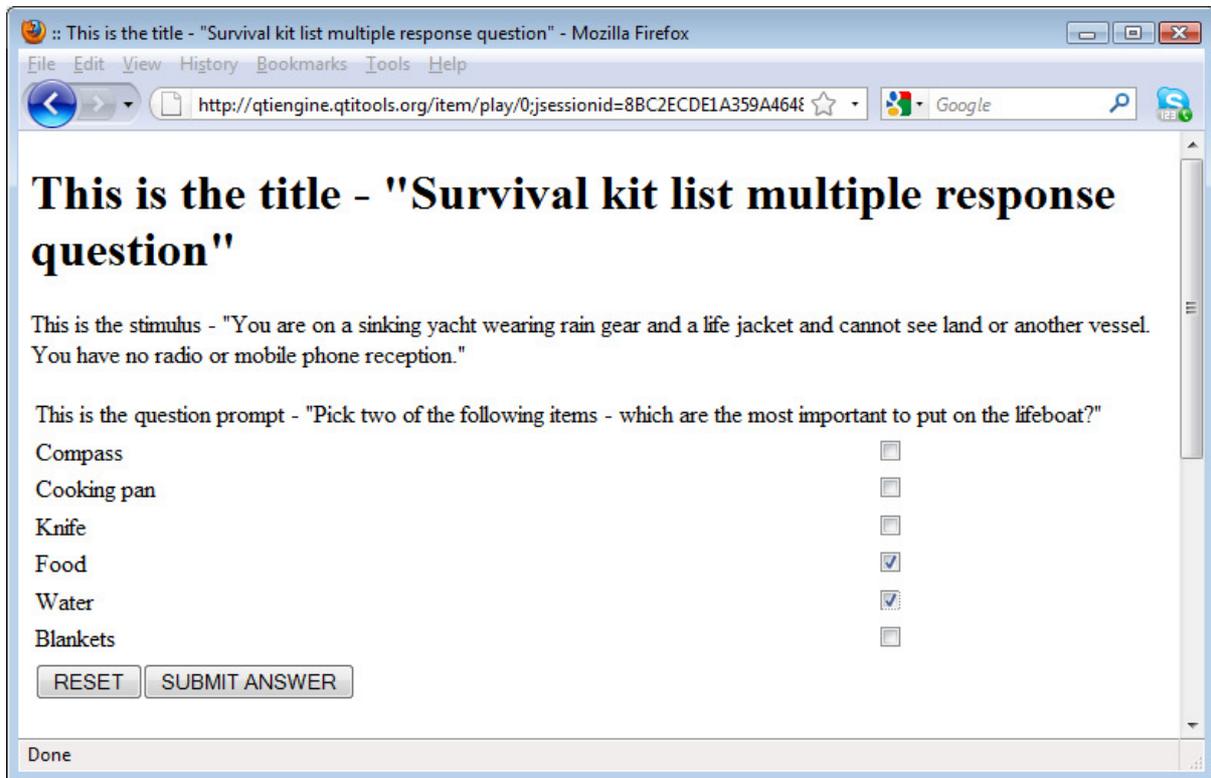
New assessment item

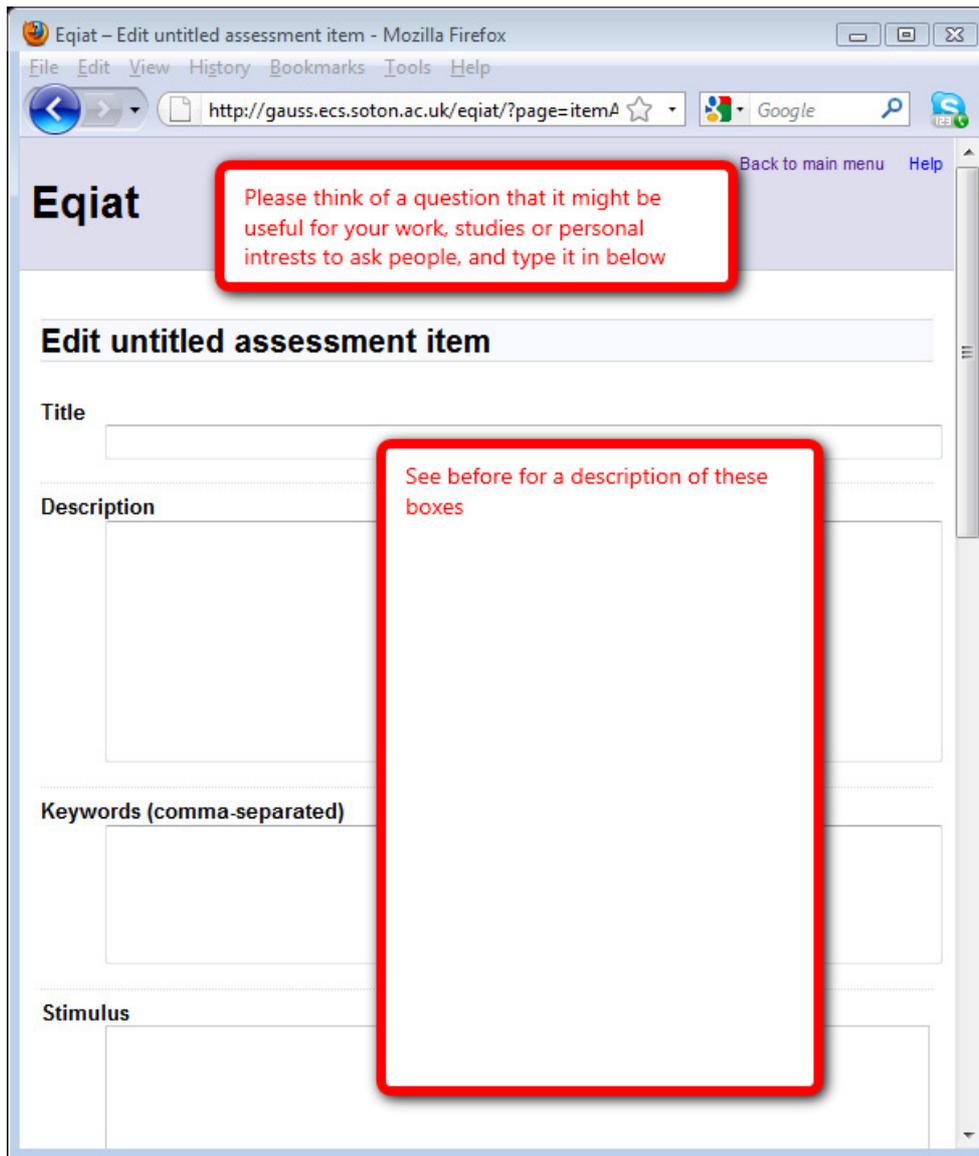
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Lets create a multiple response question

Before we begin, the following screenshot is an example of a multiple response question created using Egiat, to give you an example of what can be created.





Note: Just below this screen there is an option that says:

Item type

- Multiple choice (choose one answer)
- Multiple response (choose all appropriate answers)

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Question prompt

Options

Display

Shuffle the options

Scoring

- Exact** One point if exactly the right boxes are checked, otherwise zero
- Cumulative** One point for each checked correct response, minus one for each checked incorrect response with a minimum score of zero
- Custom** Choose the score given if each option is checked individually and optionally the overall maximum and minimum

Option text	Correct	Actions
<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Remove
<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Remove

Add option

Feedback

Provide feedback based on the answer given

Choice restrictions

Maximum choices The maximum number of choices that can be selected. 0 means no restriction.

Minimum choices The minimum number of choices that must be selected for a valid response.

Actions

Submit

Fill in the options in the options on this page - see earlier in this tutorial for more information.

After you have clicked submit you can do the question as described earlier in this tutorial. Don't forget to also download the question as described previously, as Eqiat only stores the question in memory for up to 24 minutes of inactivity. (We're thinking of changing this.)

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just now	multiple response	Title	description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> keyword1 keyword2 	0 errors 0 warnings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clone Delete Download content package Download XML Edit Preview
15 minutes ago	multiple choice	Title	Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keyword1 Keyword2 	0 errors 0 warnings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clone Delete Download content package Download XML Edit Preview

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After you have created your second question, return to the main menu and click here to create your third question

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http://gauss.ecs.soton.ac.uk/eqiat/?page=new

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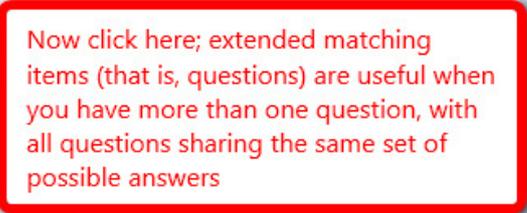
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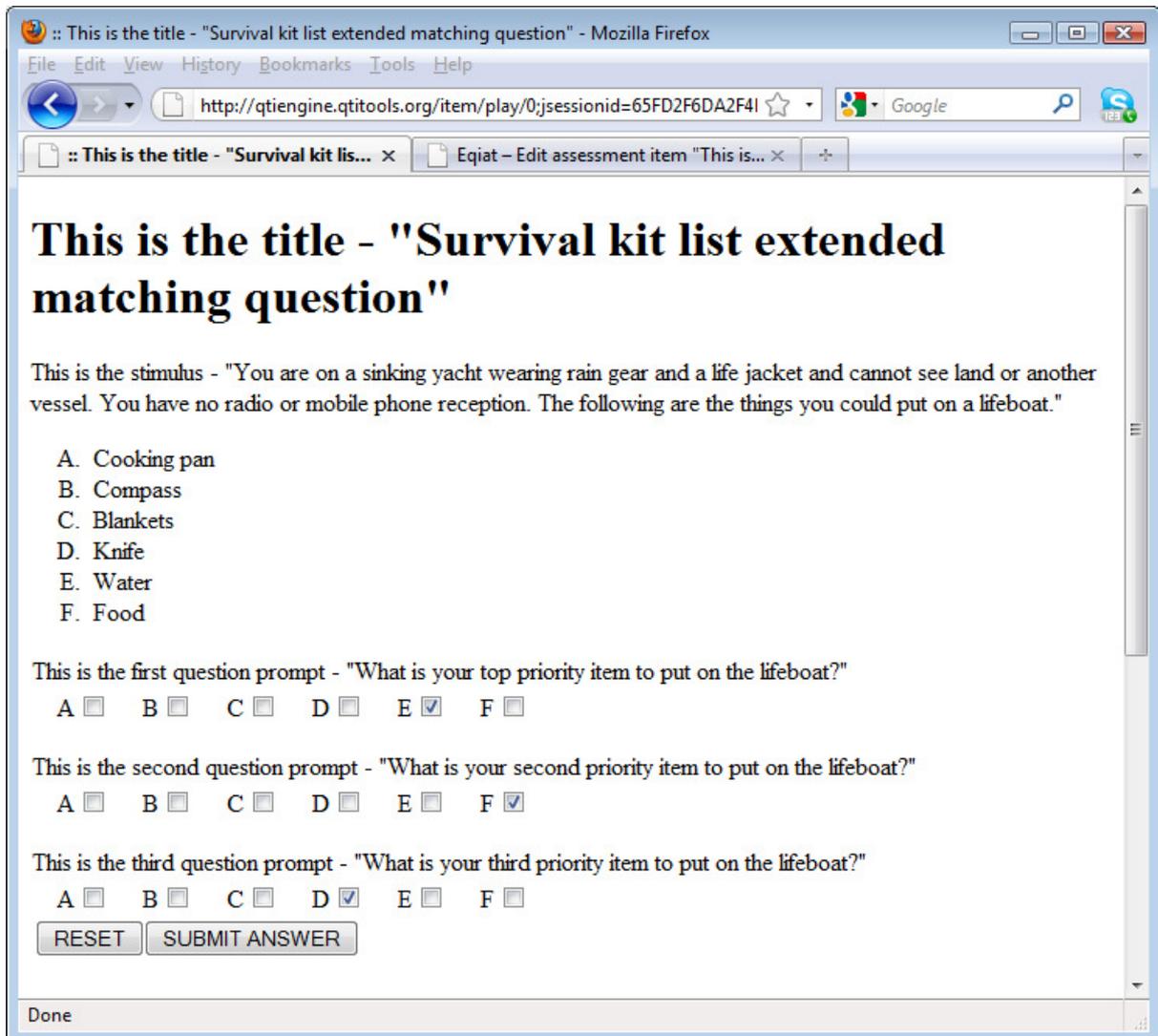
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Before we begin, the following screenshot is an example of an extended matching question created using Eqiat, to give you an example of what can be created.



The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window with the title "This is the title - 'Survival kit list extended matching question'". The address bar shows the URL <http://qtiengine.qtiutils.org/item/play/0;jsessionid=65FD2F6DA2F4I>. The browser tabs include "This is the title - 'Survival kit lis..." and "Eqiat - Edit assessment item 'This is...".

This is the title - "Survival kit list extended matching question"

This is the stimulus - "You are on a sinking yacht wearing rain gear and a life jacket and cannot see land or another vessel. You have no radio or mobile phone reception. The following are the things you could put on a lifeboat."

- A. Cooking pan
- B. Compass
- C. Blankets
- D. Knife
- E. Water
- F. Food

This is the first question prompt - "What is your top priority item to put on the lifeboat?"

A B C D E F

This is the second question prompt - "What is your second priority item to put on the lifeboat?"

A B C D E F

This is the third question prompt - "What is your third priority item to put on the lifeboat?"

A B C D E F

RESET SUBMIT ANSWER

Done

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Please think of a question that it might be useful for your work, studies or personal interests to ask people, and type it in below

Edit untitled assessment item

Title

Description

Keywords (comma-separated)

Stimulus

See before for a description of these boxes

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http://gauss.ecs.soton.ac.uk/eqiat/?page=item

Now fill in the blanks on this page to finish creating the question

Options

ID	Option text	Actions
A	<input type="text"/>	Remove
B	<input type="text"/>	Remove

Add option

Questions

Question prompt	Correct response	Actions
<input type="text"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	Remove
<input type="text"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>	Remove

Add question

Actions

Submit

Once you have done this click submit, try out doing the question and download the question as before. Don't forget Eqiat only stores this question for up to 24 minutes of inactivity!

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That's the end of the tutorial. (If you need to upload a question you have downloaded at any point, click here.)