# Respondus LockDown Browser: Key Considerations before using

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In a recent CamNews ("***AI and academic integrity***"), instructors were encouraged to use Respondus LockDown Browser (RLDB) when delivering quizzes and exams through D2L Brightspace.
(*RLDB is a secure browser that prevents students from accessing other applications or websites while writing online tests.*)

Before you [adopt the use of RLDB](#), we highly recommend you meet with an instructional designer in eLearning to discuss using RLDB and consider the following:

1. **WHERE** will students be writing the exam/quiz?

   - **In the classroom using their own devices**?
     You will need to confirm that all students have access to a device appropriate for writing an exam/quiz in D2L.
     You will also need to ensure that students have [downloaded and installed the current version of RLDB](#) on their devices prior to the exam/quiz start.

   - **In a lab on college computers**?
     You should confirm with ITS that the computers in the lab you are using are equipped with the latest version of RLDB.

   - **In an alternate location with the Centre for Accessible Learning?**
     RLDB conflicts with the use of assistive technologies. You will need to [set up Special Access conditions for your exam/quiz to disable RLDB for ALL students writing with CAL](#).

   - **Remotely, from an off-campus location?**
     RLDB is not effective in off-campus locations where students could access other devices during the exam/quiz.

2. **WHY** do you want to use RLDB?
   ***Have you had a conversation with your students*** about why you are requiring them to write in a locked-down browser?
   Have you connected with the Centre for Excellence in Teaching & Learning (CETL) or with other colleagues about [revising your assessments, or using alternative assessment strategies](#) instead of exams/quizzes using RLDB?

3. **Have your students encountered RLDB before**?
   RLDB is new technology for many students and may increase the anxiety they feel in a test environment. If you are adopting RLDB for a course, consider giving your students a practice quiz in RLDB prior to the live event.

If you have any questions about using RLDB in your course this term, please contact eLearning Support using the **[Respondus Lockdown Browser Help ticket](#)**.