

The examz class*

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Abstract

The examz document class builds on the exam document class that was developed by Philip S. Hirschhorn. An author may use the class exactly as the exam class, but there are also additional features. The document class facilitates the writing of questions with random elements, the creation of multiple versions of an exam, and the use of separate files as question banks.

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1 Introduction

1.1 About

Since 1994, Philip Hirschhorn's `exam` document class has provided authors and educators with a framework for writing exams that is both highly customizable and easy to use. The `examz` document class loads the `exam` class and adds some more features. Most of these new features require the `counterz` package.

First of all, the `examz` class may be loaded with new options that facilitate the use of commands from the `counterz` package for writing questions with random elements. Second, a new `versions` environment allows for the creation of multiple versions of an exam in the same document, alternating between exams and solutions, if desired. Third, the command `\question` may now be replaced by the command `\questionfrombank` which allows for random selection of questions from a user-defined question bank. Finally, a few simple macros make it even easier to modify the customized content in headers, footers, and special pages when creating new exams from previous documents.

Some commands in `exam` have been patched in order to distinctly label the questions in different exam versions and their solutions (so that \LaTeX issues no warnings about multiply-defined labels). The optional environment `coverpages` has also been patched for two-sided documents so that the subsequent odd arabic numerals always appear on the front pages.

1.2 License

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1.3 Installation

Run \LaTeX on `examz.ins` to generate the file `examz.cls`, and copy it to your local `texmf` directory. Run (pdf) \LaTeX on `examz.dtx` to generate the documentation `examz.pdf`. Typesetting the documentation requires the package `hypdoc` which is included in \TeX distributions and at [The Comprehensive TeX Archive Network](#).

2 User Guide

To use this document class, begin your document with the following line:

```
\documentclass{examz}
```

This document class loads the `exam` class and admits the options for that class. See the documentation for the `exam` class for details. The `examz` class also admits the additional options `randomize`, `norandomize`, `prompt`, and `complete`, all of which are discussed in this guide. This document class requires the `counterz` package, which is available at [The Comprehensive TeX Archive Network](#).

In addition to its parent class `exam` and the `counterz` package, the `examz` class requires the following packages: `xparse`, `environ`, `etoolbox`, and `makecmds` (the latter two via `counterz`), all of which are included in most standard \TeX distributions and at [The Comprehensive TeX Archive Network](#).

2.1 Randomized Exams

The `examz` class loads the `counterz` package which provides commands for generating, saving, recalling, manipulating, and displaying random values for counters. These commands may be incorporated into questions to generate random exams. The process of saving and recalling counters may be explicitly coded in the document, as described in the `counterz` package documentation, but the `examz` class may instead be loaded with options to automate this process.

Loading the class with the option `randomize` will execute the commands `\randomizectr` and `\opencountersfile` from the `counterz` package. Loading the class with the option `nonrandomize` will execute the commands `\norandomizectr` and `\inputcountersfile`. If neither of these options are loaded, the default behavior is that of the option `randomize`. The reason for this is that if the document contains no randomly generated counters then this default choice will have no effect anyway, and if the document does contain randomly generated counters then the first typesetting must generate these counter values.

A third option `prompt` frees the user from the burden of manually changing between `randomize` and `nonrandomize` and also protects against accidental overwriting of previously generated counter values. This option will execute the command `\promptrandomexam`, which is an instance of the command `\promptrandomizectr` from the `counterz` package, followed by one of the commands `\opencountersfile` or `\inputcountersfile` as appropriate. The terminal dialogue of `\promptrandomexam` can be changed with the use of `\renewcommand`, if desired. (See Section 3 for the implementation of `\promptrandomexam`.) There are additional effects from this option with regard to the `versions` environment, described below.

`versions`

The `versions` environment uses a loop and a counter *version* to generate versions of the exam, incrementing the counter and updating the page numbers along the way. The version number may be displayed in headers or elsewhere with either `\theversion` or `\arabic{version}`. The environment takes an optional argument: the number of desired versions, with 1 being the default value. The environment is used as follows:

```
\begin{versions}[<optional number>]
  <exam content here>
\end{versions}
```

where *exam content* refers to the `questions` environment (as defined in the `exam` package), cover pages, and anything else after `\begin{document}` that is intended to appear in the exam. When the class is randomized with the option `prompt`, the number provided by the optional argument is not used, and so there is no reason to include it. Instead, a command `\promptversions` inputs the number of versions

using a terminal dialogue. (The dialogue can be changed by using `\renewcommand`, if desired. See Section 3.1 for the implementation of `\promptversions`.) When the exam is not randomized, the number of versions is inputted from the previously generated counters file, and so the prompt does not appear.

Recall that the `examz` class inherits the options `answers` and `noanswers` from the `exam` class. The `examz` class also has an additional option called `complete`. When loaded with this option, the document alternately prints without and with solutions. (Note: This feature only takes effect when using the `versions` environment.) Moreover, when the class is loaded with the option `twoside` (inherited from its grandparent class `article`), an extra blank page is inserted at the end of each exam when necessary to ensure that the next exam starts on a front page. An exam that begins with the line

```
\documentclass{11pt,twoside,addpoints,prompt,complete}
```

and uses the `versions` environment, for example, will ask the user whether to randomize, and if so, how many versions to print. Then the typeset document will include the requested number of versions, alternating between exams and solutions, with correct grade tables and no warnings about multiply-defined labels, and an extra blank page whenever an exam has an odd number of pages.

2.2 Question Banks

Within the `questions` environment, the `examz` package offers an alternative to the command `\question` that allows for the random selection of a question from a question bank. The command `\questionfrombank[⟨points⟩]{⟨filename⟩}` has two arguments, the first of which is optional. The first (optional) argument is the point value of the question, just as with the command `\question` from the `exam` class. The second argument is the name of a `TEX` file (without the `.tex` extension). The second argument may include a path. Suppose, for example, that the directory which contains the main exam document `Test1.tex` also contains a subdirectory named `Problems` containing the files `Solve_Linear_Equation.tex` and `State_Capitals.tex`. Then the code

`\questionfrombank`

```
\documentclass{examz}
\begin{document}
\begin{questions}
  \questionfrombank{Problems/Solve_Linear_Equation}
  \questionfrombank{Problems/State_Capitals}
\end{questions}
\end{document}
```

generates an exam with two questions, one randomly selected from each of the two specified files.

When several files are contained in the same directory, the repetition of the path name can be reduced by the command `\setquestionpath{⟨path name⟩}`, as illustrated by the following code:

`\setquestionpath`

```

\documentclass{examz}
\begin{document}
  \setquestionpath{Problems/}
\begin{questions}
  \questionfrombank{Solve_Linear_Equation}
  \questionfrombank{State_Capitals}
\end{questions}
\end{document}

```

The command `\setquestionpath` can be used both inside and outside of the questions environment, and can be used to change the path multiple times, if desired.

In order for a file to function as a question bank, it must conform to a specific (but very simple) structure. First of all, every question bank file begins with a command `\setnumberofquestions{number}`. Second, all of the questions are contained within a `questionbank` environment. Third, each individual question is contained within a `qbitem` environment. This structure is exhibited by the following code, which could be the entire contents of a file `State_Capitals.tex` inputted by the command `\questionfrombank`:

`\setnumberofquestions`

```

\setnumberofquestions{2}
\begin{questionbank}
\begin{qbitem}{1}
  What is the capital of Maine?
\end{qbitem}
\begin{qbitem}{2}
  What is the capital of Nebraska?
\end{qbitem}
\end{questionbank}

```

`questionbank`

`qbitem`

The `questionbank` environment randomly generates an integer between 1 and the number specified in the preceding command `\setnumberofquestions`. Each instance of the environment `qbitem{item number}` compares its numerical argument *item number* to this randomly generated number and executes the environment's body of content only if the numbers match. Then the `questionbank` environment ends input so that nothing in the file after that environment will be included. Note that neither environment includes within its body the `\question` command; that command is already part of the command `\questionfrombank` which inputs the file. Also note that `\questionfrombank` sets the counter prefix to include the file name and exam version number, so authors should use the prefix versions of counters commands (e.g. `\xprovidecounter`, `\xarabic`, etc.) within `qbitem` environments. (See the `counterz` documentation for details.)

The `qbitem` environment allows for the inclusion of the various environments for parts and solutions that are provided by the `exam` class. Recall that each of the six solutions environments admits an argument to specify the amount of solution space. (The argument is optional for all except `solutionbox`. See the `exam` documentation for details.) The `examz` class offers a command

`\setsolutionspace`

`\setsolutionspace{length}` and six analogous solutions environments that pass

`qbsolution` $\langle length \rangle$ to their exam counterparts. For example, the environment `qbsolution` is equivalent to the environment `solution`[$\langle length \rangle$]. The advantage of this is that the command `\setsolutionspace`{ $\langle length \rangle$ } can be included once in the file, above the `questionbank` environment, for example, and any subsequent adjustment of the length can be done for all of the question bank items simultaneously with a single edit rather than a comprehensive search and replace. Five other environments `qbsolutionbox`, `qbsolutionorbox`, `qbsolutionorlines`, `qbsolutionordottedlines`, and finally `qbsolutionorgrid` are similar analogues of the other exam class solutions environments. Just as their exam counterparts, these environments can also be used within the `parts` environment. The command `\setsolutionspace` may be used multiple times in the same file, including within the `questionbank` environment, if necessary.

2.3 Customization Macros

The exam document class provides the means for customizing headers, footers, special pages, etc. As an exam author makes changes to a document between exams, courses, or academic terms, the author may require frequent adjustment of certain standard content, such as the name of the exam or course in a custom header. The examz document class offers several macros to simplify such changes. For example, instead of explicitly including the text “MATH 101” in a header, an author can use the macro `\coursename` which can be set (and easily modified) at the beginning of the document. This is especially useful when designing for many similar courses a custom .cls file that loads the examz class and keeps the layout and customizations “behind the scenes”. We first list and describe these macros and then provide an example of usage.

<code>\instructorname</code>	The default replacement text for <code>\instructorname</code> is “Instructor Name”.
<code>\setinstructorname</code>	Use the command <code>\setinstructorname</code> { $\langle text \rangle$ } to change this text.
<code>\coursename</code>	The default replacement text for <code>\coursename</code> is “Course Name”.
<code>\setcoursename</code>	Use the command <code>\setcoursename</code> { $\langle text \rangle$ } to change this text.
<code>\examname</code>	The default replacement text for <code>\examname</code> is “Exam Name”.
<code>\setexamname</code>	Use the command <code>\setexamname</code> { $\langle text \rangle$ } to change this text.
<code>\termname</code>	The default replacement text for <code>\termname</code> is “Term Name”.
<code>\settermname</code>	Use the command <code>\settermname</code> { $\langle text \rangle$ } to change this text.
<code>\namespace</code>	The default expansion of <code>\namespace</code> is “Name: _____” which is given by the code <code>Name:\makebox[5cm]{\hrulefill}</code> .
<code>\setnamespace</code>	Use the command <code>\setnamespace</code> { $\langle format \rangle$ } to change this format.
<code>\instructions</code>	The default replacement text for <code>\instructions</code> is “Instructions Here”.
<code>\setinstructions</code>	Use the command <code>\setinstructions</code> { $\langle text \rangle$ } to change this text, including one or more paragraphs as needed.
<code>\covernoanswers</code>	The command <code>\covernoanswers</code> can be used within the <code>coverpages</code> environment provided by the exam class or simply as the first page(s) of the exam. Its default

<code>\setcovernoanswers</code>	expansion is empty. Use the command <code>\setcovernoanswers{<format>}</code> to change this format to include special headers and footers, instructions, grade/point tables, an instance of <code>\newpage</code> , etc.
<code>\coveranswers</code>	The command <code>\coveranswers</code> can be used within the <code>coverpages</code> environment provided by the <code>exam</code> class or simply as the first page(s) of the exam. Its default expansion is <code>\covernoanswers</code> . Use the command <code>\setcoveranswers{<format>}</code> to change this format to include special headers and footers, instructions, grade/point tables, an instance of <code>\newpage</code> , etc.
<code>\setcoveranswers</code>	The command <code>\setcoveranswers</code> can be used within the <code>coverpages</code> environment provided by the <code>exam</code> class or simply as the first page(s) of the exam. Its default expansion is <code>\covernoanswers</code> . Use the command <code>\setcoveranswers{<format>}</code> to change this format to include special headers and footers, instructions, grade/point tables, an instance of <code>\newpage</code> , etc.
<code>\printcover</code>	The command <code>\printcover</code> executes either <code>\coveranswers</code> or <code>\covernoanswers</code> , depending on the value of the boolean <code>printanswers</code> . It can be used within the <code>coverpages</code> environment that is provided by the <code>exam</code> class or simply as the first page(s) of the exam.
<code>\workspace</code>	The command <code>\workspace</code> is intended to provide additional work space on the exam, perhaps at the end of the questions. Its default expansion is empty. Use the command <code>\setworkspace{<format>}</code> to add a bit of text, <code>\newpage</code> , or a custom header/footer. To include the content of <code>\workspace</code> only when the boolean <code>printanswers</code> is <code>FALSE</code> , use the command <code>\printworkspace</code> .
<code>\setworkspace</code>	The command <code>\setworkspace</code> is intended to provide additional work space on the exam, perhaps at the end of the questions. Its default expansion is empty. Use the command <code>\setworkspace{<format>}</code> to add a bit of text, <code>\newpage</code> , or a custom header/footer. To include the content of <code>\workspace</code> only when the boolean <code>printanswers</code> is <code>FALSE</code> , use the command <code>\printworkspace</code> .
<code>\printworkspace</code>	The command <code>\printworkspace</code> is intended to provide additional work space on the exam, perhaps at the end of the questions. Its default expansion is empty. Use the command <code>\setworkspace{<format>}</code> to add a bit of text, <code>\newpage</code> , or a custom header/footer. To include the content of <code>\workspace</code> only when the boolean <code>printanswers</code> is <code>FALSE</code> , use the command <code>\printworkspace</code> .

One method of streamlining the work of developing many exams that use the same layout and format is to write a simple `.cls` file to use as a custom instantiation of the `examz` document class, perhaps even including frequently used packages:

```

\NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
\ProvidesClass{MYexamz}
\DeclareOption*{\PassOptionsToClass{\CurrentOption}{examz}}
\ProcessOptions\relax
\LoadClass{examz}
\RequirePackage{mathtools,amssymb}
\pagestyle{headandfoot}
\header{\coursename}{\examname}{\termname}
\setcovernoanswers{%
  \namespace

  \bigskip
  \instructions

  \bigskip
  \gradetable

  \firstpagefooter{Version \arabic{version}}{ }{ }
  \newpage
}%
\setworkspace{%
  \newpage
  \begin{center} Extra Work Space \end{center}
  \newpage
}%
\endinput

```

Then use the custom document class `MYexamz` for the exam:

```
\documentclass[addpoints,prompt,complete]{MYexamz}

\setcoursename{MATH 101}
\setexamname{Test 1}
\settermname{Spring 2023}
\setinstructions{%
  Read each problem carefully. Show all work.
}%

\begin{document}
\begin{versions}
  \printcover
  \setquestionpath{Problems/}
\begin{questions}
  \questionfrombank{Solve_Linear_Equation}
  \questionfrombank{State_Capitals}
\end{questions}
  \printworkspace
\end{versions}
\end{document}
```

To write a new exam `Test 2` in the same course, simply change the argument of `\setexamname` from `Test 1` to `Test 2` and use the appropriate question banks. With random counters and well-developed question banks, writing exams for the next term may be as simple as changing the term name.

3 Implementation

The `examz` document class requires the packages `environ`, `xpatch`, and `counterz`, the last of which also loads the packages `etoolbox` and `makecmds`.

```
1 \RequirePackage{environ}
2 \RequirePackage{xpatch}
3 \RequirePackage{counterz}
```

This class inherits all of the options available to the `exam` class, including `answers`, `noanswers`, `cancelspace`, `nocancelspace`, and `addpoints`. The class also admits several additional options, the first of which is called `complete`. This option takes effect only when using the `versions` environment (see Section 3.1) and will otherwise be ignored. With this option selected, the document alternately prints each exam version with and without its solutions. The default value of the associated boolean variable is `FALSE`. Loading the option `complete` will change this value to `TRUE`. This option is intended to take the place of the options `answers` and `noanswers` and will override these two options if engaged.

```
4 \newbool{@examz@complete}
5 \boolfalse{@examz@complete}
6 \DeclareOption{complete}{\booltrue{@examz@complete}}
```


Additional options are based on features of the `counterz` package. The option `randomize` will cause the command `\randprovidecounter` (and its derivative commands) to generate new random values whereas the option `norandomize` will cause these commands to input their values from a file. Because this file may not exist before a first typesetting, the default option is `randomize`.

```

7 \randomizectr
8 \DeclareOption{randomize}{\randomizectr}
9 \DeclareOption{norandomize}{\norandomizectr}

```

Finally, the class may be loaded with an option called `prompt`. Because the manual change of the option `randomize` may be forgotten, resulting in the loss of counter values, the option `prompt` offers a terminal-based dialogue through which randomization can be decided. This action, which is executed at the beginning of the document (see below) is based on the command `\promptrandomizectr` from the `counterz` package.

```

10 \newbool{@examz@prompt}
11 \boolfalse{@examz@prompt}
12 \DeclareOption{prompt}{\booltrue{@examz@prompt}}
13 \newcommand{\promptrandomexam}{%
14   \promptrandomizectr[\EnterResponse]{%
15     ^^J Enter 1 to randomize document.
16     ^^J Enter 2 to update without new randomization.
17   }{%
18     1%
19   }%
20 }%

```

We now load the exam document class with all of these options.

```

21 \DeclareOption*{%
22   \PassOptionsToClass{\CurrentOption}{exam}
23 }%
24 \ProcessOptions\relax
25 \LoadClass{exam}

```

Next, we patch the `coverpages` environment. If the document is loaded with the option `twoside` (passed from the article class) and the `coverpages` environment produces an odd number of pages, then an extra blank page is inserted so that the odd arabic page numerals appear on the right page (i.e. front of the page).

```

26 \patchcmd{\endcoverpages}{\setcounter{num@coverpages}{\value{page}}}{%
27   \ifbool{@twoside}{%
28     \ifnumodd{\value{page}}{%
29       % Do Nothing
30     }{%
31       \newpage
32       \null
33       \newpage
34     }%
35   }{%

```

```

36     % Do nothing
37 }%
38 \setcounter{num@coverpages}{\value{page}}%
39 }{}{}%

```

If the class is loaded with the option `prompt` then we execute the command `\promptrandomexam`. If the user elects to not randomize the document, either by terminal input via `\promptrandomexam` or by instead loading the `norandomize` option, then we execute the command `\inputcountersfile`. (Note that this will produce an error if no counters file exists, so this option should not be used for a first typesetting.) If the user does elect to randomize the document, by terminal input or by loading the class with the option `randomize` or by loading the class with none of the options `randomize`, `norandomize`, or `prompt`, then we execute the command `\opencountersfile`.

```

40 \AtBeginDocument{%
41   \ifbool{@examz@prompt}{%
42     \promptrandomexam
43   }{%
44   }%
45   \ifrandomizetr{%
46     \opencountersfile
47   }{%
48     \inputcountersfile
49   }%
50 }%

```

3.1 Randomized Exams

The counter `numversions` determines how many versions of the exam will be generated. The default value of `numversions` is 1.

```

51 \newcounter{numversions}
52 \setcounter{numversions}{1}

```

`\promptversions` The following command is used by the `versions` environment (described below) whenever the class is loaded with the `prompt` option. Note that the counter is saved to the counters file. (See the documentation for the `counterz` package.)

```

53 \newcommand{\promptversions}{%
54   \typein[\NumberOfVersions]{%
55     ^^J How many versions?
56   }%
57   \setcounter{numversions}{\NumberOfVersions}
58   \savecounter{numversions}
59 }%

```

The counter `version` keeps track of the exam version when printing. The value of `version` is initialized as 1.

```

60 \newcounter{version}
61 \setcounter{version}{1}

```

We now patch the parent class exam so that corresponding questions in different versions will not be assigned the same question label. To accomplish this, we append to the question labels the value of *version*. We also append an *S* if the boolean *answers* (from the exam class) is TRUE, to distinguish between versions with and without solutions when the class is loaded with the option complete.

```

62 \xpatchcmd{\find@latestques}
63   {@\arabic{question}}
64   {@\arabic{version}\ifbool{printanswers}{S}{}}@{\arabic{question}}
65   {}{}
66 \xpatchcmd{\decr@latest@ques}
67   {question@}
68   {question@\arabic{version}\ifbool{printanswers}{S}{}}@{}
69   {}{}
70 \xpatchcmd{\chk@incompi}
71   {question@}
72   {question@\arabic{version}\ifbool{printanswers}{S}{}}@{}
73   {}{}
74 \xpatchcmd{\questions}
75   {@\arabic{question}}
76   {@\arabic{version}\ifbool{printanswers}{S}{}}@{\arabic{question}}
77   {}{}
78 \xpatchcmd{\parts}
79   {@\arabic{question}}
80   {@\arabic{version}\ifbool{printanswers}{S}{}}@{\arabic{question}}
81   {}{}
82 \xpatchcmd{\subparts}
83   {@\arabic{question}}
84   {@\arabic{version}\ifbool{printanswers}{S}{}}@{\arabic{question}}
85   {}{}
86 \xpatchcmd{\subsubparts}
87   {@\arabic{question}}
88   {@\arabic{version}\ifbool{printanswers}{S}{}}@{\arabic{question}}
89   {}{}
90 \xpatchcmd{\setup@point@toks}
91   {@\arabic{question}}
92   {@\arabic{version}\ifbool{printanswers}{S}{}}@{\arabic{question}}
93   {}{}
94 \xpatchcmd{\refto@index}
95   {question@}
96   {question@\arabic{version}\ifbool{printanswers}{S}{}}@{}
97   {}{}

```

`\@examz@versions` The versions environment is defined via command `\@examz@versions`. The single argument of this command represents the user-provided exam content, including the `questions` environment and any pages before or after. If the class is loaded with the option `prompt` and the exam is randomized then the command first executes `\promptversions` to attain and save the value of the counter *numversions*. The main action of the command is to use a while loop to generate versions of the exam, updating the version and page numbers along the way. When the class

is loaded with the option `complete`, the document alternately prints without and with solutions, updating the version only after both printings. When the class is loaded with the option `twoside`, an extra blank page is inserted at the end of each version when necessary to ensure that the next version starts on a front page.

```

98 \newcommand{\@examz@versions}[1]{%
99   \ifrandomizetr{%
100     \ifbool{@examz@prompt}{%
101       \promptversions
102     }{%
103       % Do Nothing
104     }%
105   }{%
106     % Do Nothing
107   }%
108   \ifbool{@examz@complete}{%
109     \noprintanswers
110   }{%
111     % Do Nothing
112   }%
113   \whileboolexpr{%
114     test{\ifnumless{\value{version}}{1+\value{numversions}}}
115   }{%
116     \ifbool{@twoside}{%
117       \ifnumodd{\value{page}}{%
118         % Do Nothing
119       }{%
120         \newpage
121         \null
122         \thispagestyle{empty}
123         \newpage
124       }%
125     }{%
126       % Do Nothing
127     }%
128     \setcounter{page}{1}
129     \setcounter{numquestions}{0}
130     \setcounter{numparts}{0}
131     \setcounter{numsubparts}{0}
132     \setcounter{numsubsubparts}{0}
133     \setcounter{numpoints}{0}
134     \setcounter{numbonuspoints}{0}
135     #1
136     \newpage
137     \notbool{@examz@complete}{%
138       \addtocounter{version}{1}
139     }{%
140       \notbool{printanswers}{%
141         \printanswers
142       }{%

```

```

143         \noprintanswers
144         \addtocounter{version}{1}
145     }%
146 }%
147 }%
148 }%

```

versions The versions environment is now defined using the previous command and the command `\Collect@Body`. The environment has an optional argument with which the user may specify the number of versions. If the exam is not randomized then the argument is ignored under the assumption that the needed value has been inputted from the counters file after a previous randomization. (If there is never any randomization, then there is no need for different versions, and the environment will execute with the default number of versions being one.) If the class is loaded with the option `prompt`, then this optional argument will be overridden by the number provided by the user via terminal prompt.

```

149 \newenvironment{versions}[1][1]{%
150     \ifrandomizetr{%
151         \setcounter{numversions}{#1}
152         \savecounter{numversions}
153     }{%
154         % Do Nothing
155     }%
156     \Collect@Body\@examz@versions
157 }{%
158     % Empty
159 }%

```

The exam document class exam prints in the console and log file some data that includes the number of questions, total points, etc. Here we add to that data the number of versions of the exam and whether the solutions were printed.

```

160 \AtEndDocument{%
161     \typeout{%
162         This document contains \thenumversions\space
163         version\ifnumequal{\value{numversions}}{1}{s} of the exam
164         \ifbool{@examz@complete}{%
165             with and without solutions.
166         }{%
167             \ifbool{printanswers}{%
168                 with solutions.
169             }{%
170                 without solutions.
171             }%
172         }%
173     }%
174 }%

```

3.2 Question Banks

`\@examz@questionpath` The default value of `\@examz@questionpath` is empty, but authors may use the
`\setquestionpath` command `\setquestionpath{⟨pathname⟩}` to change this.

```
175 \newcommand{\@examz@questionpath}{}
176 \newcommand{\setquestionpath}[1]{%
177   \renewcommand{\@examz@questionpath}{#1}
178 }%
```

`\questionfrombank` The command `\questionfrombank[⟨points⟩]{⟨filename⟩}` uses the command `\question` from the exam class. The first (optional) argument is the point value of the question, and the second argument is the name of the question bank file (without the .tex extension). The input uses `\@examz@questionpath`. In order to avoid a conflict between question banks that use the same counter names, `\counterprefix` is temporarily set to include both the name of the file and the number of the version. (See the counterz package for more information about `\setcounterprefix`.)

```
179 \newcommand{\questionfrombank}[2] [] {%
180   \question[#1]
181   \setcounterprefix{#2_Version_\arabic{version}_}
182   \input{\@examz@questionpath #2}
183   \clearcounterprefix
184 }%
```

`\setnumberofquestions` The counter `@examz@qbsize` is an internal counter to represent the number of questions in a question bank. The command `\setnumberofquestions{⟨number⟩}` is used to set this value.

```
185 \newcounter{@examz@qbsize}
186 \newcommand{\setnumberofquestions}[1]{%
187   \setcounter{@examz@qbsize}{#1}
188 }%
```

`questionbank` The `questionbank` environment begins by creating a random counter that is used to determine which question will be selected and ends with the command `\endinput` so that nothing after the environment appears in the question.

```
189 \newenvironment{questionbank}{%
190   \xrandprovidecounter{Random_Question}{1}{\value{@examz@qbsize}}
191 }{%
192   \endinput
193 }
```

`qbitem` The environment `qbitem` is a wrapper for each option in a `questionbank` environment. The argument is an integer value that is compared to the random counter value generated by `questionbank`. The body of the environment is the content of the question. Additional counters that are created and manipulated within `qbitem` should be handled by the commands provided in the counterz package in order to use the counter prefix that is created by the command `\questionfrombank`.

```

194 \NewEnviron{qbitem}[1]{%
195 \ifnumequal{\xvalue{Random_Question}}{#1}{%
196 \BODY
197 }{%
198 }
199 }

```

`\setsolutionspace` The command `\@examz@solutionspace` represents the amount of space allotted to solutions, per the various solutions environments that are defined by the exam document class. `\setsolutionspace{<length>}` is used to set this value.

```

200 \newcommand{\@examz@solutionspace}{1cm}
201 \newcommand{\setsolutionspace}[1]{%
202   \renewcommand{\@examz@solutionspace}{#1}
203 }%

```

For each of the six solutions environments provided by the exam class there is an analogous solutions environment that automatically loads the value of `\SolutionSpace` for the argument.

`qbsolution` `qbsolution` is equivalent to `solution[\@examz@solutionspace]`.

```

204 \NewEnviron{qbsolution}{%
205   \begin{solution}[\@examz@solutionspace]
206     \BODY
207   \end{solution}
208 }%

```

`qbsolutionbox` `qbsolutionbox` is equivalent to `solutionbox{\@examz@solutionspace}`.

```

209 \NewEnviron{qbsolutionbox}{%
210 \begin{solutionbox}{\@examz@solutionspace}
211 \BODY
212 \end{solutionbox}
213 }%

```

`qbsolutionorbox` `qbsolutionorbox` is equivalent to `solutionorbox[\@examz@solutionspace]`.

```

214 \NewEnviron{qbsolutionorbox}{%
215 \begin{solutionorbox}[\@examz@solutionspace]
216 \BODY
217 \end{solutionorbox}
218 }%

```

`qbsolutionorlines` `qbsolutionorlines` is equivalent to `solutionorlines[\@examz@solutionspace]`.

```

219 \NewEnviron{qbsolutionorlines}{%
220 \begin{solutionorlines}[\@examz@solutionspace]
221 \BODY
222 \end{solutionorlines}
223 }%

```

`qbsolutionordottedlines` `qbsolutionordottedlines` is equal to `solutionordottedlines`[\@examz@solutionspace].

```

224 \NewEnviron{qbsolutionordottedlines}{%
225 \begin{solutionordottedlines}[\@examz@solutionspace]
226 \BODY
227 \end{solutionordottedlines}
228 }%

```

`qbsolutionorgrid` `qbsolutionorgrid` is equivalent to `solutionorgrid`[\@examz@solutionspace].

```

229 \NewEnviron{qbsolutionorgrid}{%
230 \begin{solutionorgrid}[\@examz@solutionspace]
231 \BODY
232 \end{solutionorgrid}
233 }%

```

3.3 Customization Macros

`\instructorname` The following commands define macros, with default values, for use in formatting headers, footers, and special pages. `\covernoanswers` and `\workspace` are empty by default, and `\coveranswers` is equal to `\covernoanswers` by default.

```

\termname 234 \newcommand{\instructorname}{Instructor Name}
\namespace 235 \newcommand{\coursename}{Course Name}
\instructions 236 \newcommand{\examname}{Exam Name}
\covernoanswers 237 \newcommand{\termname}{Term Name}
\coveranswers 238 \newcommand{\namespace}{Name:~\makebox[5cm]{\hrulefill}}
\workspace 239 \newcommand{\instructions}{Instructions Here}
240 \newcommand{\covernoanswers}{}
241 \newcommand{\coveranswers}{\covernoanswers}
242 \newcommand{\workspace}{}

```

`\setinstructorname` The following commands allow a user to redefine the above macros.

```

\setcoursename 243 \newcommand{\setinstructorname}[1]{\renewcommand{\instructorname}{#1}}
\setexamname 244 \newcommand{\setcoursename}[1]{\renewcommand{\coursename}{#1}}
\settermname 245 \newcommand{\setexamname}[1]{\renewcommand{\examname}{#1}}
\setnamespace 246 \newcommand{\settermname}[1]{\renewcommand{\termname}{#1}}
\setinstructions 247 \newcommand{\setnamespace}[1]{\renewcommand{\namespace}{#1}}
\setcoveranswers 248 \newcommand{\setinstructions}[1]{\renewcommand{\instructions}{#1}}
\setcovernoanswers 249 \newcommand{\setcovernoanswers}[1]{\renewcommand{\covernoanswers}{#1}}
\setworkspace 250 \newcommand{\setcoveranswers}[1]{\renewcommand{\coveranswers}{#1}}
251 \newcommand{\setworkspace}[1]{\renewcommand{\workspace}{#1}}

```

`\printcover` The command `\printcover` executes either `\coveranswers` or `\covernoanswers`, depending on the value of the boolean `printanswers`.

```

252 \newcommand{\printcover}{%
253 \ifbool{printanswers}{\coveranswers}{\covernoanswers}
254 }%

```

`\printworkspace` The command `\printcover` executes `\workspace` when the boolean `printanswers` is false and otherwise does nothing.


```

255 \newcommand{\printworkspace}{%
256   \ifbool{printanswers}{\workspace}
257 }%

```

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