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ASC and 4ROI Announce FastTEST Web 2.1

MINNEAPOLIS/SAINT PAUL, MN – May 17, 2011: Assessment Systems Corporation, the foremost provider of Computerized Adaptive Testing (CAT) and 4ROI, the leader in online assessment systems, announce the release of *FastTEST Web*™ 2.1. *FastTEST Web* is celebrating its 1st anniversary with the release of this new version that provides greater functionality and many new features. Some of these features include an expanded selection of item types, an item review system, item version history, and new email options.

"With the release of version 2.1 *FastTEST Web* is both unparalleled as a development and delivery system for both conventional tests and advanced computerized adaptive tests (CATs) and robust enough fill all testing needs." says Keith Morical President of 4ROI.

FTW version 2.1 offers the following functionalities and features:

- **A new item review system.** Reviewable custom fields can now be defined for items. These custom fields differ from normal custom fields in that each user (e.g., item writer, item reviewer, item editor) can input his or her own value instead of a single value being associated with the item. For example, a team of reviewers can each submit an Angoff rating, streamlining the process of setting cutscores. The aggregate data can be evaluated by psychometricians and administrators.
- **New item type: Essay.** When delivered online, the examinee is able to submit responses of up to 50,000 characters. Test developers can specify whether essays are answered in plain text or with a rich text editor for formatted essay content.
- **Enhanced importing.** Imported items now have the bank's style applied to them automatically, making it easier to ensure that all items in the bank have a standard font format. Additionally, configurable bank style now includes "vertical image alignment."
- **More item history.** Past versions of items can now be easily accessed, providing the capability to examine the full lifecycle of the item.
- **Instructions and unscored items can now be embedded in CAT tests.** They can be set to appear before or after the main CAT. This provides the important capability to "seed" new items for piloting, so they can be calibrated at a later date and rotated into the live CAT bank.
- **More admin control.** Workspace administrators can Edit Test Options even after the test has been protected and administered online, so that publication errors can be fixed more easily, especially if discovered during pilot testing.
- **More exporting.** Statistics charts generated from test data are now exportable as PNG or JPG, making them easily available for research reports and other uses.
- **Enhanced email management.** Examinees now have two types of emails associated with them: exam key email and results email. Neither is required, and each type can have multiple emails associated with it. This makes it easier to manage the distribution of information; for example, a login key can be sent to a specific proctor/teacher, and is never seen by the examinee.

Please visit www.fasttestweb.com for more information and to sign up for a free 30 day trial, or contact sales@fasttestweb.com to learn how *FTW* can make your test development process and online test delivery more efficient and secure.



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FastTEST Web is jointly owned and operated by Assessment Systems Corporation (ASC) and 4ROI.

About ASC

ASC is the world's foremost provider of a full range of software for the development, analysis, and electronic delivery of exams, from item banking and standard setting to item response theory (IRT) analysis and computerized adaptive testing (CAT). In addition to providing the software, ASC provides comprehensive test development consulting and educational workshops on basic and advanced psychometrics. ASC's mission is to help you design, deliver, and analyze tests with the psychometric rigor necessary to ensure that they are precise, valid, and legally defensible. www.assess.com

About 4ROI

4ROI is a leader in the development and administration of efficient internet-based assessments and accredited certification tools. 4ROI builds assessment tools for clients to use as their own or to sell to others, as well as offering a range of brand assessments. 4ROI supports business, educational, and governmental service providers by conceptualizing, implementing, and commercializing online assessment systems and certification programs. 4ROI has built over 500 assessment systems for clients ranging from Fortune 100 organizations to single-person consulting firms, and delivers these assessments throughout the United States as well as internationally. www.4roi.com

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