



Computer Quiz Writer Instruction Manual

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Computer Quiz Writer

Introduction

Computer Quiz Writer is a program designed to create multiple-choice quiz text files that can be used with the Computer Quiz program. The program is simple and easy to use. Please take a little time to read the instruction manual in order to get the most out of the program

Requirements

Windows® 9x, Me, 2000, NT, XP.

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Introduction and Quick Start Guide

The Quiz Writer is made up of three screens. The first is the Introduction and Quick Start Guide as explained below.

The screenshot shows the 'Computer Quiz Writer' application window. The title bar reads 'Computer Quiz Writer'. The main content area is titled 'Introduction and Quick Start Guide' and contains two numbered paragraphs of text. Below the text are several input fields and buttons. The 'Quiz Name' field contains the text 'Sample'. The 'Total Questions' field contains the number '3'. There are buttons for 'Start and Write Quiz', 'Instructions', and 'Exit'. A URL 'www.georgejopling.co.uk' is visible at the bottom of the window.

Introduction and quick start guide. Use the scroll bar to view to the bottom.

Click here to view a PDF document Instruction Manual. NB The free Adobe Reader program must be installed on your computer to view it.

Press the Tab key or double-click on 'Sample' to highlight it and then type the name you want to call your quiz. The word 'Quiz' is automatically added in the name. This is a requirement of the Computer Quiz program, so that quiz files are listed correctly. In this example, a file called Sample Quiz.txt will be created. Please follow standard file naming conventions by using upper and lower case letters, spaces and numbers. You could add a number after the name e.g. General Knowledge 1. DO NOT use characters such as . / \ % \$ * + = etc.

Enter the total number of questions (between 1 and 99) in your quiz. The default is 3.

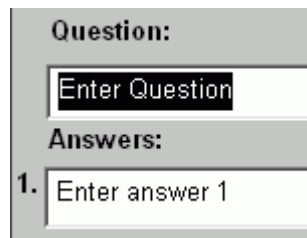
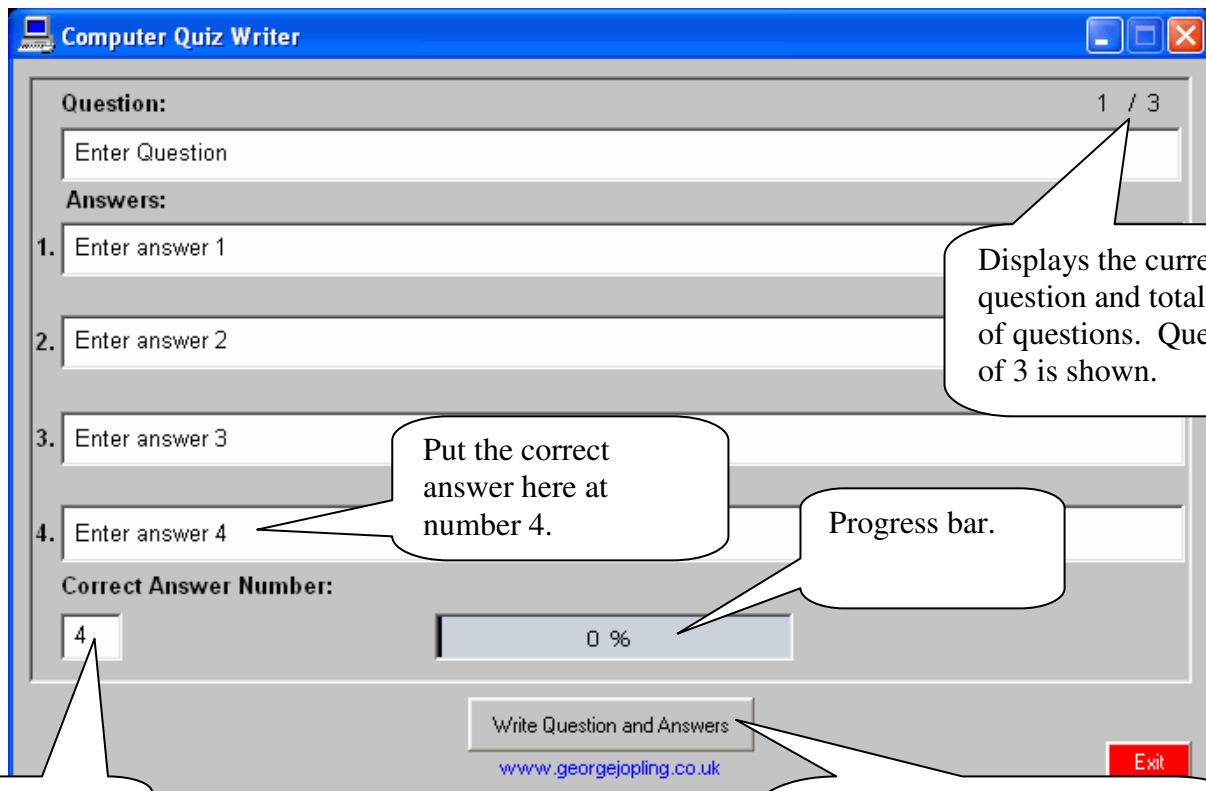
Click on the Start and Write Quiz button after you have entered your name and total number of questions in your quiz

Click to exit the quiz at any time

Writing the Quiz

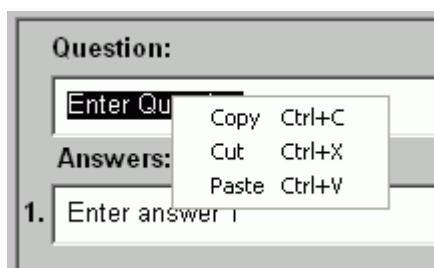
The second screen is where you write the questions and answers and select the correct answer number. Press the Tab key or double-click on the 'Enter Question' default text to highlight it and then type in your question. The default text will be cleared as soon as you start typing. Use the Tab key to move between the boxes, or double-click on the text in the box. Note the number in the Correct Answer Number box. This indicates which of the four possible answer numbers the correct one is. A random number is automatically generated for you, but this can be changed to a number of your choosing.

Numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 are automatically added to your answers for later use in the Computer Quiz. You do not need to enter any numbers in the answer boxes.



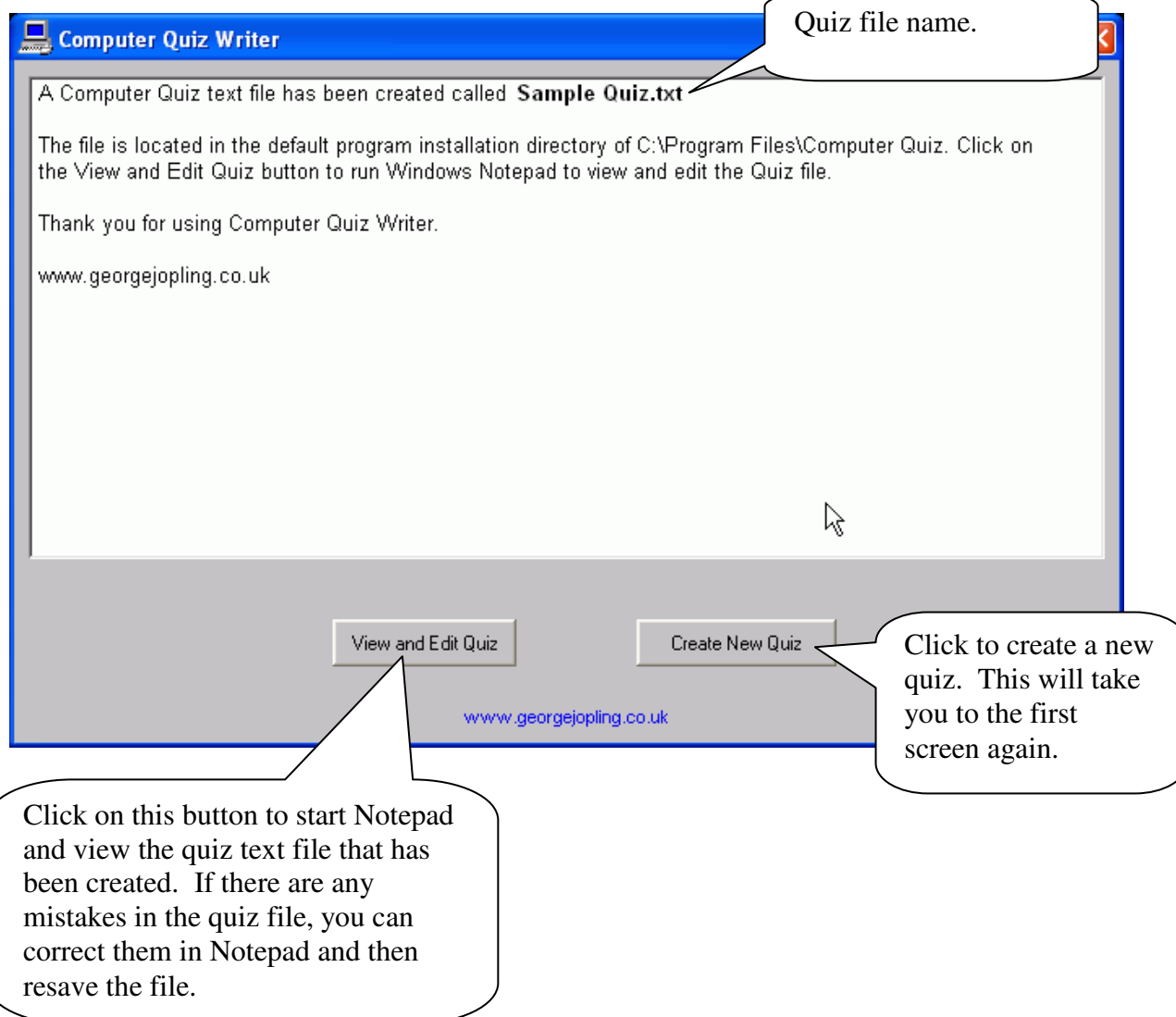
Pressing the Tab key on the keyboard or double-clicking in a box will highlight the default text. Start typing to clear it.

Since version 2.5.2.0, text can be cut, copied and pasted to and from the question and answers text boxes. Right-click the mouse button over the text box to display the Copy, Cut and Paste options. This makes it easier to create the quizzes from previously prepared text.



Quiz Complete

The third and final screen is displayed when the quiz file has been completed. You automatically arrive at this screen after completing the last question, answers and correct answer number and clicking on the Write Questions and Answers button.



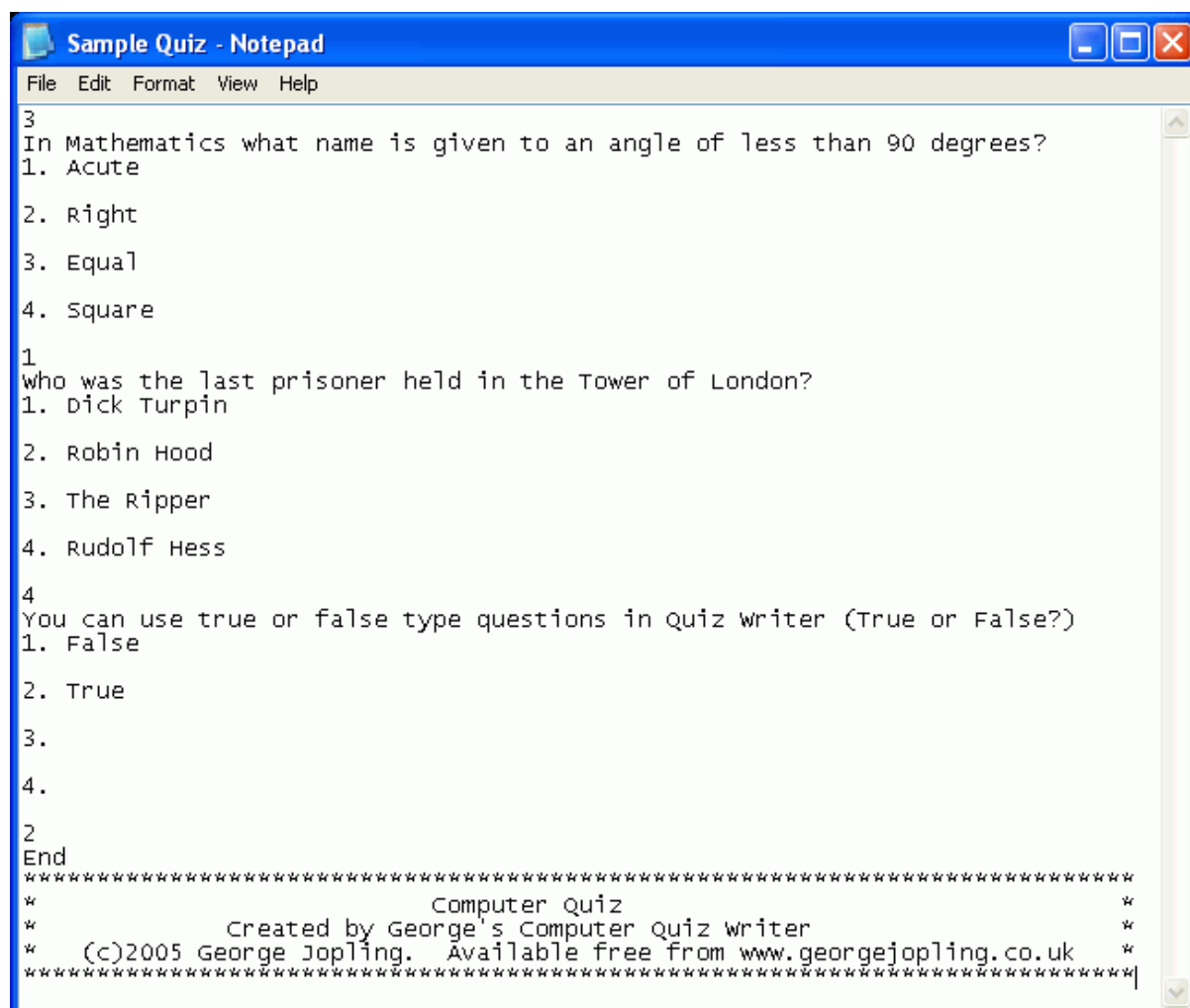
The Quiz File

Note that the default quiz text file has the name Sample Quiz and the default text file extension of '.txt' is automatically added by the program.



The quiz text file will look something like the below image. The quiz shown consists of three questions. All the quiz files have the same type of format. It is important that if you do edit the file to correct any spelling mistakes or change an answer number, that you do not alter the formatting or layout of the file. Change only the wording or correct answer number.

The Computer Quiz program does carry out error checking of the quiz text files. Please see the Additional Information section of the Computer Quiz Manual for an explanation of the error codes if you do experience any problems after editing a quiz file.



Quiz File Format Explained

Line 1. Total number of questions in the quiz.

Line 2. Question 1.

Line 3. Answer 1 for Question 1

Line 4. Blank line

Line 5. Answer 2 for Question 1

Line 6. Blank line.

Line 7. Answer 3 for Question 1

Line 8. Blank line.

Line 9. Answer 4 for Question 1

Line 10. Blank line.

Line 11. Correct answer number

Line xx. The word 'End' (without quotes) xx = **Last line of quiz data in the file.**

This block is repeated for each subsequent question, answer and correct answer number in the quiz.

Remember – The correct answer must be written in the correct place indicated by the correct answer number in order for your quiz to work correctly.

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3
In Mathematics what name is given to an angle of less than 90 degrees?
1. Acute
2. Right
3. Equal
4. Square
1
who was the last prisoner held in the Tower of London?
1. Dick Turpin
2. Robin Hood
3. The Ripper
4. Rudolf Hess
4
You can use true or false type questions in quiz writer (True or False?)
1. False
2. True
3.
4.
2
End
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Question 1, answers and correct number.

Question 2, answers and correct number.

Question 3, answers and correct number.

Note that question 3 is a true or false type question. Simply leave the Answer 3 and Answer 4 fields blank for these types of questions.

Additional Information

The file is placed in the default program installation directory, which is C:\Program Files\Computer Quiz, unless you changed this during installation. It will have the name you entered in the Quiz Name box at the beginning of the quiz plus the word Quiz. For example, if you entered General Knowledge in the Quiz Name box a file called General Knowledge Quiz.txt will be created in the C:\Program Files\Computer Quiz directory. It can be copied, deleted, renamed or moved like any other Windows text file.

You can swap quiz files with friends and family. Copy the file from the directory above and place it in the same directory on another computer where George's Computer Quiz is installed.

The quiz text file is created after entering the Quiz Name, Number of Questions and then clicking on the Start and Write Quiz button. Each time that you click on the Write Questions and Answers button, the details are added to the file. If you exit the the program before completing the total number of questions and answers, the file will be incomplete and cannot be used with George's Computer Quiz program.

The progress bar gives a whole number percentage of how far you are in completing the quiz test file.

If you do spot any errors or bugs, please report them via the Contact Me form on my website. <http://www.georgejopling.co.uk>

Computer Quiz Writer does not contain any spyware or advertising.

If you have any comments about the program, please let me know.