



The New Online Language Test Generation

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Abstract

Nowadays testing must follow and suit to a generation used to immediate gratification, registering for tests weeks or months in advance and waiting days or weeks for testing results is unacceptable.

The worldwide web has opened the doors for the kind of individualized testing necessary today but many computer-based tests do not fully exploit the technical possibilities.

Between the syllabus-based tests provided by publishing houses and the high-stakes certificate exams, there is a third type of language test: the tactical test. These tests assess skills as described in the CEFR and use scoring based on its standard, yet they are cost-effective and can be incorporated into a language-teaching concept.

Beside all the efficiency online language tests can provide a higher quality than static paper based tests. Statistical methods and an automated calibration improve the content.

We will look at the features of four-skill, online language tests using the example of Mondiale Testing and explain how state-of-the-art technology makes it possible to take a test on short notice receiving rapid notification of the results independent of time and place. The presentation will also show how these tests can be adapted to meet specific needs.