



# FAST<sup>®</sup>

## Seeing Student Assessment in a Brand New Light

### **What is FAST<sup>®</sup> ?**

FAST<sup>®</sup> is a user-friendly online assessment tool that allows students to anonymously submit feedback about their course and/or instructor. The data goes directly and only to individual teachers. It allows instructors to open an active, ongoing dialogue with their students about the course, content, instruction and the learning process. Traditionally, teaching evaluations are conducted at the end of term, preventing students from offering constructive feedback while they are still in the course. Waiting until the end of the term prevents student input from being applied while the course is in progress. FAST<sup>®</sup> is being used by instructors at Mount Royal College where it was developed and across the world to improve their teaching/courses and to reaffirm their commitment to their students.

### **What does FAST<sup>®</sup> do ?**

FAST<sup>®</sup> allows a teacher to easily and quickly develop an online assessment questionnaire. Teachers can ask up to 20 questions (and change them whenever they want) to determine how students are finding their teaching and the course. Students access the questionnaire over the Internet and can complete the surveys at any time. The software automatically summarizes and consolidates the student's comments on-line, in real-time, or into a Microsoft Excel<sup>®</sup> spreadsheet which is downloaded by the instructor. To use FAST<sup>®</sup>, instructors need only access to the Internet and Microsoft Excel<sup>®</sup>. Students need only Internet access to submit surveys.

### **Where was FAST<sup>®</sup> developed ?**

FAST<sup>®</sup> was developed by Dr. Bruce Ravelli, a Sociology instructor at Mount Royal College in Calgary, Canada, and Zvezdan Patz, an independent software designer. It is currently being used by well over 2,000 users at various institutions.

### **How much does FAST<sup>®</sup> cost ?**

There are no costs associated with using the FAST<sup>®</sup> software by individual teachers and students.

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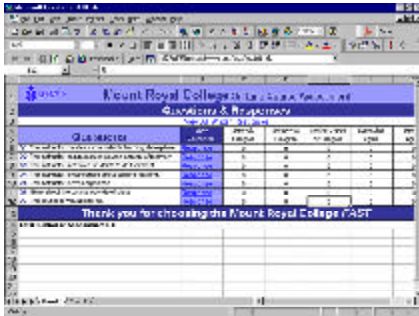
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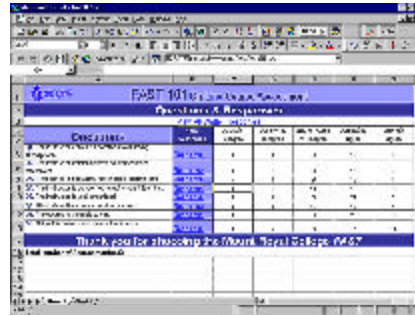


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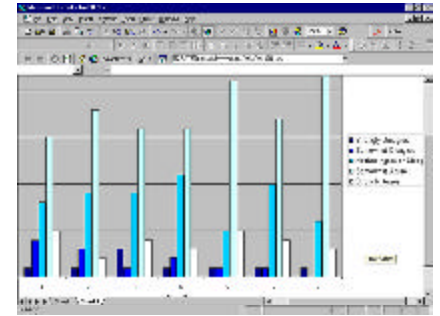
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Easy to Fill Out



Easy to Tabulate



Easy to Interpret

### **Easy to use and accessible:**

Once you register on the FAST<sup>®</sup> website at <http://www.getfast.ca>, the FAST<sup>®</sup> software will send you your password and you can start building surveys immediately.

FAST<sup>®</sup> features a simple, user-friendly interface that allows you to build a questionnaire specific to your class. The only software you need to use FAST<sup>®</sup> is a web browser and Microsoft Excel<sup>®</sup>.

FAST<sup>®</sup> not only tracks numbers, but also lets you collect valuable qualitative comments from your students while maintaining the student's anonymity. Because the data is collected in Excel<sup>®</sup>, it can be manipulated and used to produce reports, charts or graphs.

### **Licensing and Development:**

Source code for the program is available for licensing to institutions who wish to develop their own front end and incorporate their own visual identity for the program, either on their own servers or with an external host.

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