

The Testing Industry's Toolkit to Combating Cheating on Tests

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Abstract

Cheating is a problem that has plagued the testing industry for centuries; however, as technology has advanced over the last decade, the ways in which examinees cheat and the approaches testing companies use to address test security have changed dramatically. This presentation begins with a description of the context for cheating, including reviewing some high profile instances of test cheating and examining the variety of ways in which technology has facilitated examinees cheating on tests. Next, we discuss the tireless efforts of the testing industry to combat cheating not only on exam day, but also before and after the exam, including examining a variety of strategies to prevent, deter, and impede cheating, discussing numerous statistical and non-statistical approaches to detect cheating, and deciding how to address cheating, including investigating and determining consequences