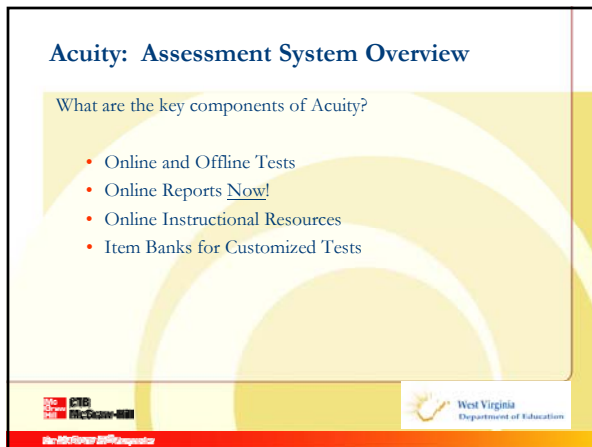


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Acuity Benchmark Assessments

<p>Diagnosics (from CTB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 per grade level per content area • Assess student retention and knowledge of core content areas • Aligned to West Virginia's New CSOs • Broad Curriculum Mapping 	<p>Custom Assessments (WV)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customized to county needs • Created by teachers • Aligned to West Virginia's New CSOs • Created from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Acuity Item Bank (25,000 items) ▪ WV Custom Item Bank
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State Authored Benchmark Assessments



Acuity: Assessment Features



Designed to be administered in one-two class periods online or offline





Test items are research based. They have been developed and subjected to rigorous test item analyses for reliability and validity.

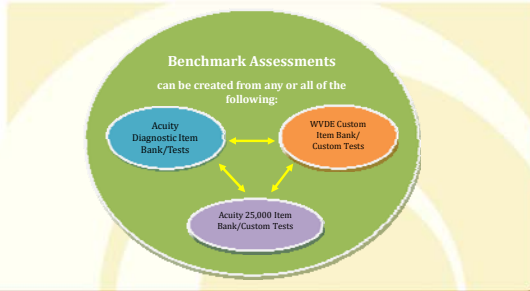



Terminology –Acuity Specific

- Role – a defined user with certain access privileges
- Permissions – level of access given to each role within Acuity
- Assignment – allows an individual (student, educator) access to perform a particular function within Acuity.
- Instructional Resources – online tutorials
- Custom test – refers to the function to create a test regardless of its intended purpose
- Diagnostic – refers to the CTB created tests (NOT USED)
- State Authored Benchmarks – refers to the replacements for the Diagnostic tests created / published by the WVDE
- Tiers – used in reporting student performance

Item Banks



Acuity Assessments: Custom Test Builder

- Two Item Banks
 - 25,000 Item Bank (RLA, Mathematics and Science)
 - CTB authored
 - WVDE Custom Item Bank (RLA, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies)
 - WVDE and WV teacher authored
- Aligned to new WV CSOs
- Multiple choice, constructed response, and fill-in-the-blank item formats
- Offline or Online



Acuity Reports: Online



- Roster Report
- Assessment Reports
- Item Analysis Reports

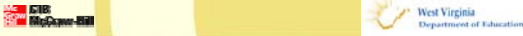
*Permission Based



Acuity: Instructional Resources


- Online exercises for customizing learning activities by WV CSO or skill group
- Easily assigned from reports
- Three components:

Screens that introduce and teach a given skill	Guided Practice	Mini-summative assessment to evaluate progress
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Technical Specs

- Compatible with both PC and Apple computers
- Supported Internet Browsers:
 - Apple – Safari 1.2 + and/or Firefox 1.5 +
 - PC – Internet Explorer 6.0+
 - Cookies Enabled
 - ActiveX Enabled
 - Autocomplete Set to “OFF”
 - Allow Pop-ups





Technical Specs

- QuickTime 6.0+ /RealPlayer 6.0+ or Windows Media Player
- Adobe Reader 5+
- Flash 7+



Rostering



- WVEIS Scheduling Data
- Possible Weekly Data Refresh



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Servers



- Numbers / Placement
- Server Types
- Data Locations



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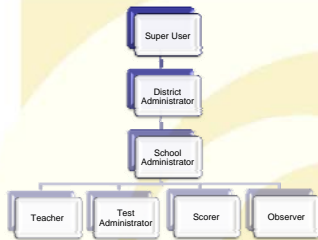
User IDs / Passwords

- Uniformity
- Webtop
- Teach 21



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Permissions



- Super User
 - WVDE (John Miller)
- District Administrator
- School Administrator
 - Teacher
 - Test Administrator
 - Scorer
 - Observer
 - Student



Acuity: Assistance

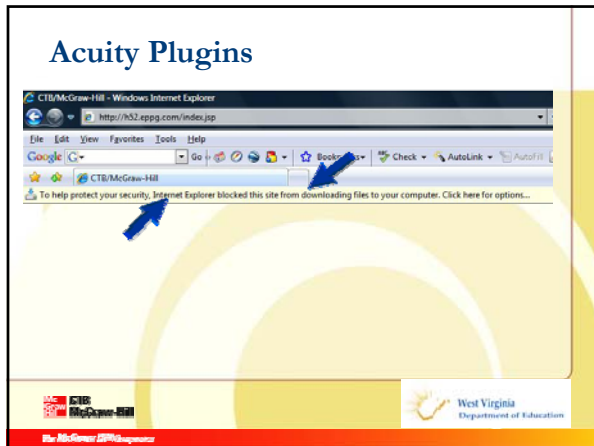
- Online Help within Acuity
- County Administrators contact WVDE
- Professional Development on a Continuing Basis as Requested
- Telephone Support

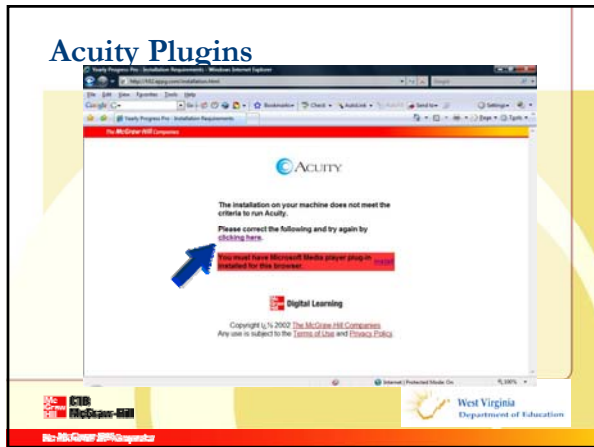


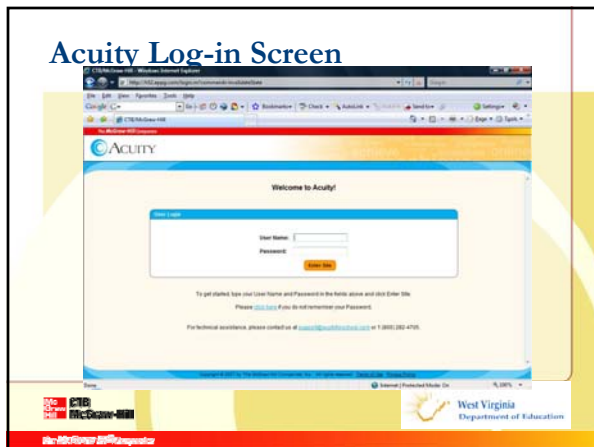
How to Contact Acuity Support

- For help with Acuity, CTB has staff available 8:00am Monday through Friday. All calls are returned within 24 business hours.
- You may contact CTB's Acuity support at:
 - Telephone: (866) 282-2250
 - Fax: (800)428-2329
 - E-mail: Submit your questions using a web-form from the Acuity Help menu.











 ACUITY

<http://acuitytraining.ctb.com>



Timeframes

- March 17 – WVDE Benchmark 3 was released
- January 15 – WVDE Benchmark 2 was released
- November 17 – WVDE Benchmark 1 was released
- Benchmark 4 will be released during the summer
- Social Studies Benchmarks will be added during the summer
- Additional Science items will be added during the summer
- Ongoing – Continue to write/upload items in all content areas and all grade levels

Additional Information

- OAA Site:
 - <http://wvde.state.wv.us/oaa/acuity.php>
 - File Cabinet
- CTB Site:
 - <http://www.acuityforschool.com>

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Thank You

- Questions/Comments
- Evaluations

