WHAT'S NEW IN QUIZXPRESS 5

Overview of new features in Q5

We are happy to announce a new major QuizXpress release. This document describes what's new in version 5. Published September 2017 (update for 5.1)

Contents

QuizXpress version 5 2

Support for new QuizXpress hardware 2

QuizXpress Studio enhancements 3

Embed mini games in your quiz 3

Timed shapes 3

Pack a quiz 4

New advanced slide properties 4

New slide type 'Majority Rules' 5

Multiple correct answers 5

New high quality backgrounds 7

Optimized storage of quiz files 7

Improved shuffle function 8

Change aspect ratio on the fly 8

Drag and drop support 8

Text alignment 8

New 'zoom' picture effect 8

Other small enhancements 9

QuizXpress Live enhancements 9

Last man standing now works 'per round' 9

Round scores 9

New right/wrong screen 10

General score overview (leaderboard) is now scrollable, supports more than 20 players 10

New response view in info panel 11

Background music during keypad registration screen 11

Improved shuffle mode 11

Improved skinning options 11

New minigame module: Randomizer 12

Smaller changes in QuizXpress Live 12

Other changes and enhancements 12

QuizXpress version 5

We're happy to present to you QuizXpress version 5. This version introduces several new software functionalities as well as integrated support for new wireless scoreboards and wireless RGB LED devices (such as wristbands) that give the audience real time feedback.

Support for new QuizXpress hardware

In version 5 we support two new types of hardware that are now fully integrated with QuizXpress

1) Wireless scoreboards capable of displaying scores ranging from -99 to 999.

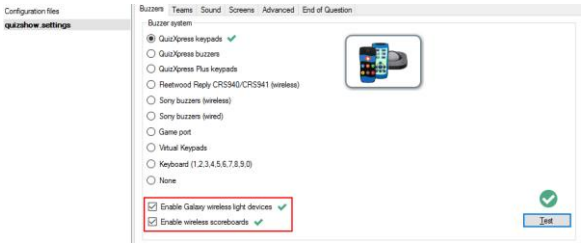
2) QuizXpress Galaxy: wireless rechargeable RGB devices

Wireless RGB wristbands

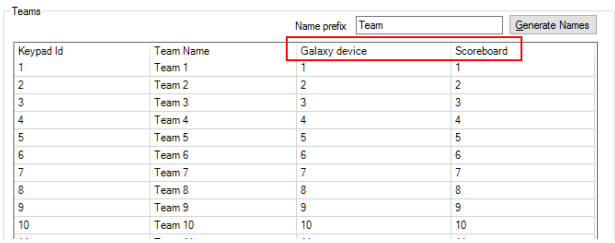
Wireless RGB sphere

Players get feedback on their wristband such as whether their response was received by the system, whether their answer was correct or incorrect and if they're still in when running a last-man-standing round and more.

The devices can be configured in Quiz Setup including a mapping between the keypad number and the scoreboard or Galaxy device.



Enabling Galaxy and scorer support



Keypad Id	Team Name	Galaxy device	Scoreboard
1	Team 1	1	1
2	Team 2	2	2
3	Team 3	3	3
4	Team 4	4	4
5	Team 5	5	5
6	Team 6	6	6
7	Team 7	7	7
8	Team 8	8	8
9	Team 9	9	9
10	Team 10	10	10

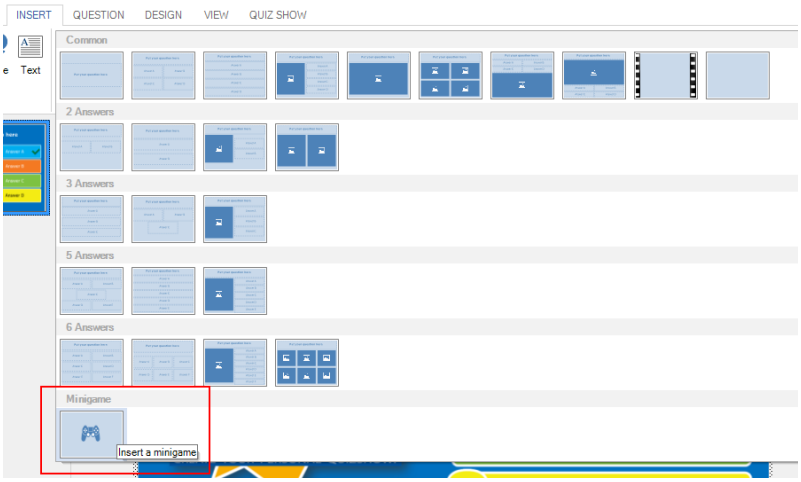
Mapping with keypad number

Beside these new devices there are new cube shaped buzzers (20*20*20 cm) with a single button. The buzzers are rechargeable and have a bright RGB LED giving feedback to the player in different colors.

QuizXpress Studio enhancements

Embed mini games in your quiz

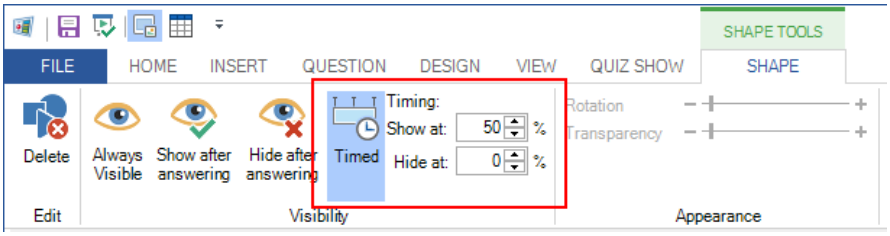
In the versions prior to V5 you could only start a mini game from within QuizXpress Director during a quiz. Each game had one configuration that was used when running the game. In QX5, you can insert a mini game directly into your quiz slides and you configure the mini game from within Studio. There is a new slide layout that you find in the insert slide dropdown:



You can even test the mini game and configuration directly from within Studio with the slide preview function (F5)

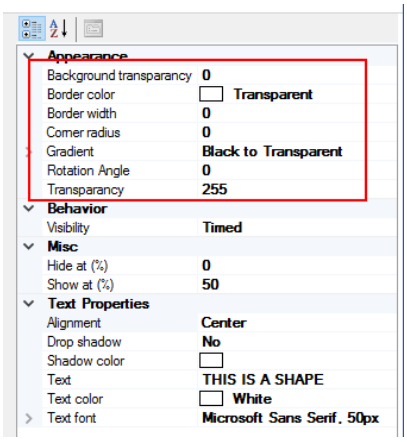
Timed shapes

There is now a new Visibility setting for shapes that make it possible to show/hide a picture- or text shape at a given percentage of the countdown time



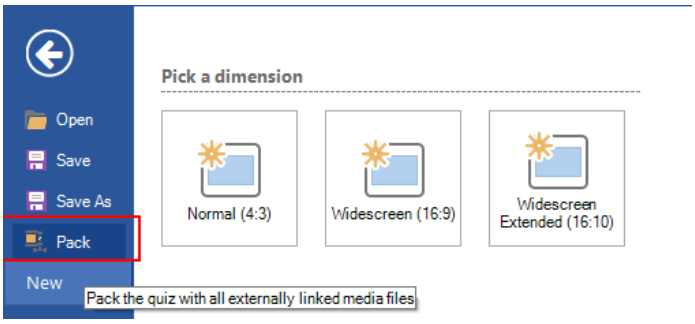
You can use this for example to provide hints for a question that appear over time when the countdown proceeds. Or you can slowly remove elements that occlude parts of a photo.

There are also new enhanced formatting settings for the text shape so you can make nice looking panels around the text. To get to this, make sure to show the properties grid (VIEW->Properties), then select the text shape and you can change things like the background gradient, panel corner radius, border color and width etc.



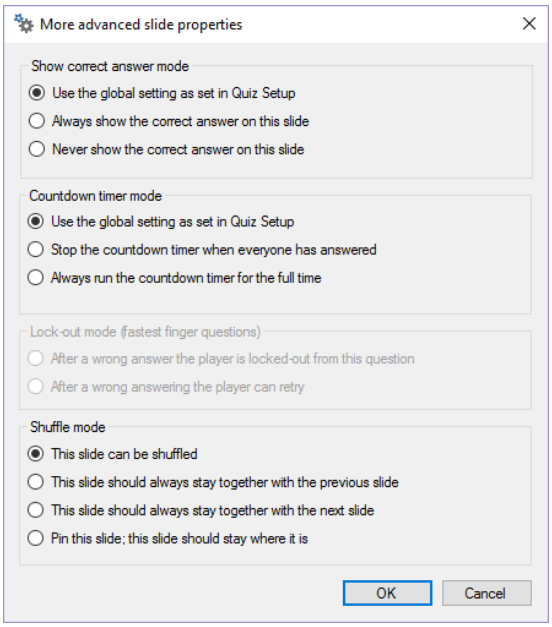
Pack a quiz

When using a lot of videos and sound files, the quiz can quickly become large and slow to work with. To prevent this, it is advised to keep media files external and 'link' the files from the quiz. The disadvantage of this however is that when distributing the quiz to other people to be played, all external files need to be copied as well. We have now made this much easier with the 'pack' function that takes all your external media files and puts them in one big quiz file. So as a quiz writer, during development, you can work efficiently using external files and once done, you simply pack your quiz and send it to your end users. You find this new function in the FILE backstage menu



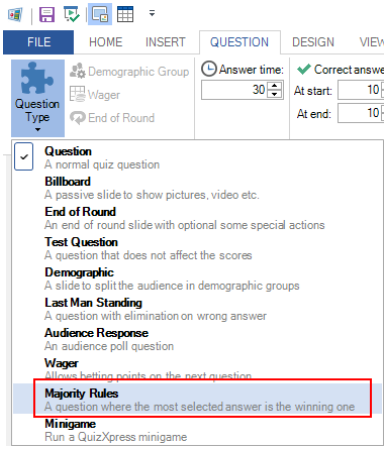
New advanced slide properties

There are several new settings that you can apply to your slides. On the QUESTION ribbon tab you find a new button 'More advanced' that opens the following dialog (note: you can also edit all these settings in the properties grid)



New slide type 'Majority Rules'

There is a now a new type of slide where the correct answer(s) depend on what the audience responds. If the player has chosen the answer that is the most chosen by the others, he/she wins the points assigned to the question. This can obviously result in more than one 'correct' answer in which case players that choose one of these answers get the points. You find this new slide type in the Question Type dropdown:

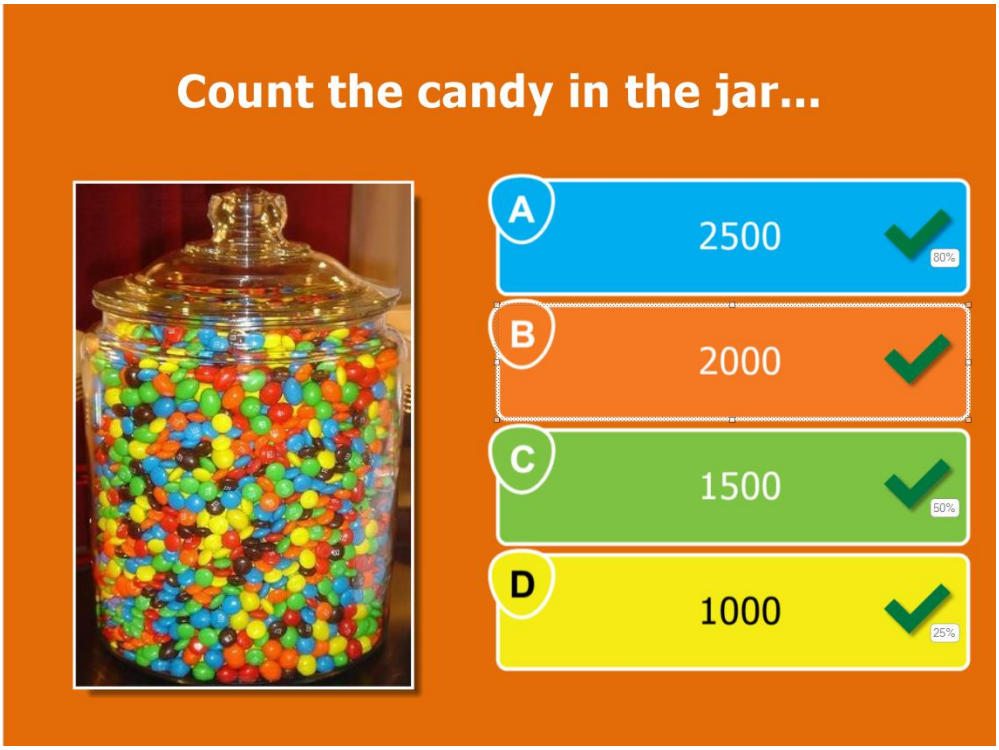


Multiple correct answers

QuizXpress now supports multiple correct answers. The following options are available:

Multiple (1 reply)

In this mode the question can have multiple correct answers but the players can only choose one of these answers. For each answer you can set a different correctness if applicable. You can use this to create questions where players can gain more points if they are 'closer' to the correct answer such as (2000 is the exact answer):

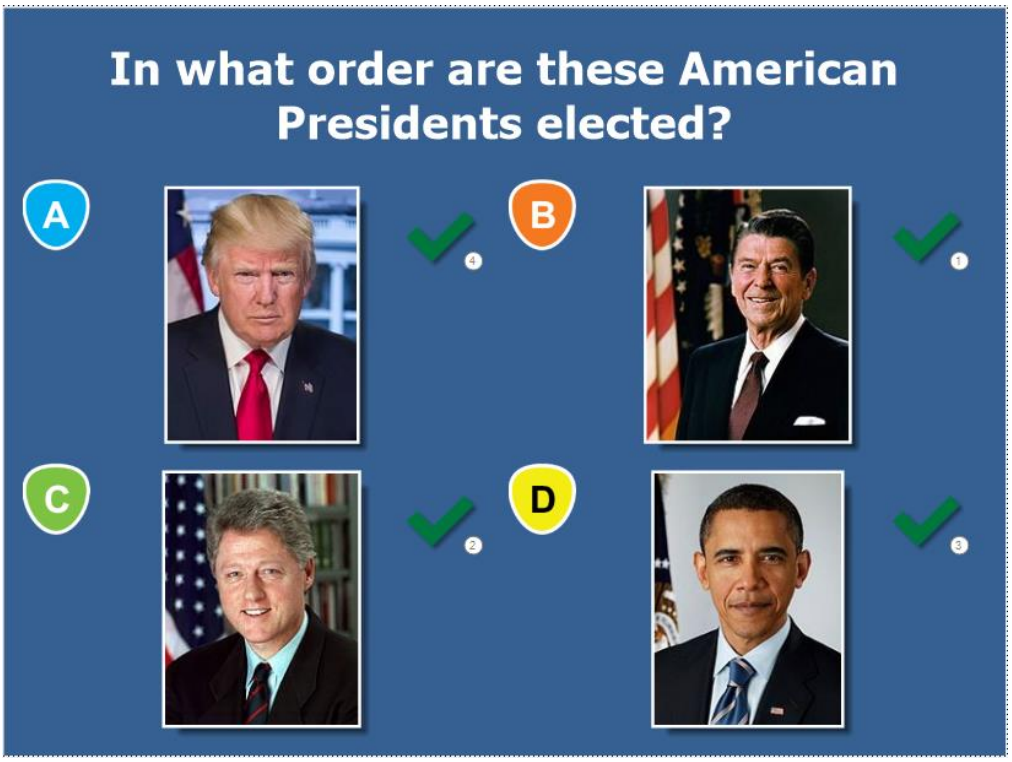


Multiple (>1 reply)

In this mode the question can also have multiple correct answers each with a different 'correctness' but now the players can select more than one answer. So for example when answer A and C are both set to correct (each with 50% correctness), the players can then earn 100% of the points by responding to the question with *both* A and C. If they would respond with A and B they'd only gain 50% of the points.

Ordered

In this mode you can mark a specific order for the answer. The players gain points only if they respond with this exact order. You can make questions such as shown in the following example (correct response would be B->C->D->A):



New high quality backgrounds

QuizXpress 5 is packed with a collection of new high quality backgrounds for your quiz slides. (note that the 'Home' version only includes a subset). You find the new backgrounds on the DESIGN tab in the *Background Image* section.

Optimized storage of quiz files

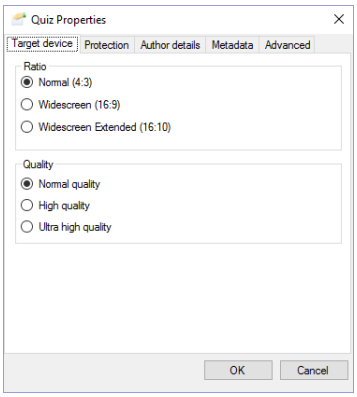
In version 5 your quiz files will be a lot smaller. When using the same background pictures on different slides, QuizXpress will only store one copy of your picture reducing disk space, runtime memory and save- and load times. There is nothing special you have to do for this, QuizXpress will automatically recognize similar pictures.

Improved shuffle function

In QX4 you could only shuffle the entire quiz. In QX5 you can also shuffle just a part of the quiz (like a round). To do so, select the slides you want to shuffle in the thumbnail panel and click the shuffle button. The shuffle function will now also follow the shuffle rules that you can set per slide (like 'pinned', 'stay together with next slide' etc.)

Change aspect ratio on the fly

You can now change the aspect ratio of the quiz slides without resetting the entire quiz. All slides and there contained graphical elements will be resized to fit the new aspect ratio. It is important to choose the right aspect ratio for the presentation device you're targeting. A beamer usually has a 4:3 ratio while a large TV screen has a 16:9 ratio

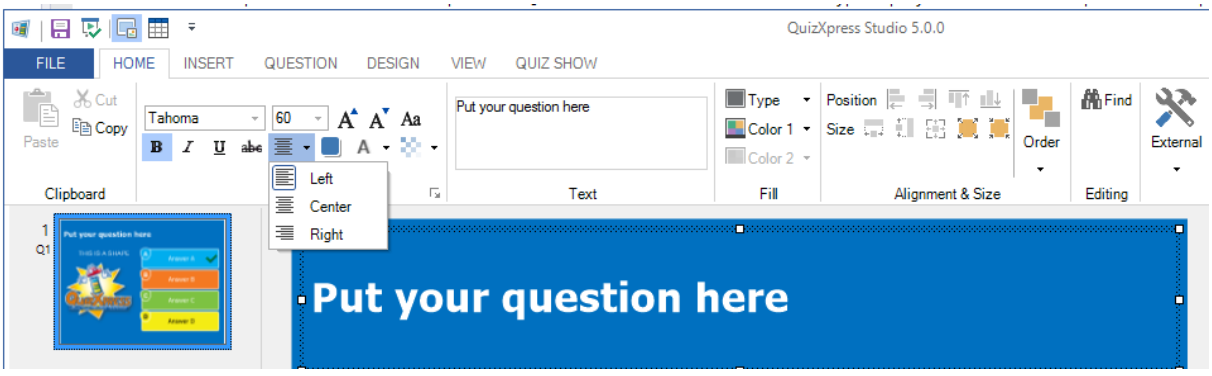


Drag and drop support

Now you can simply drag & drop pictures, videos and sound files from the Windows Explorer directly onto your quiz slides. Dragging a picture on the slide sets the slide background. Dragging the image or video file onto a picture placeholder sets that image in the placeholder.

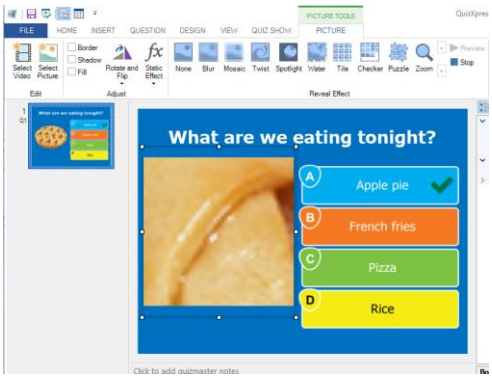
Text alignment

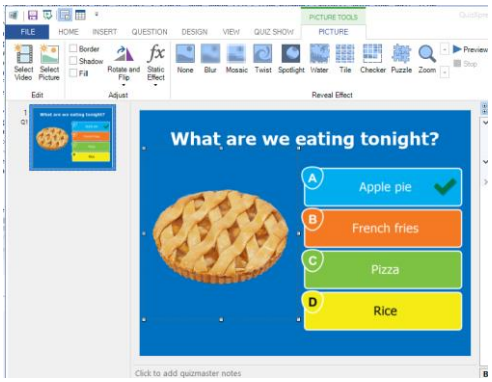
In QX4 all text alignment was centered by default. In QX5 you can change text alignment to *left, center or right*.



New 'zoom' picture effect

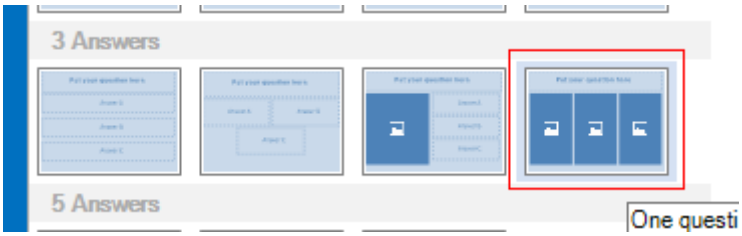
With this new live effect, a picture slowly zooms out over time challenging the audience to guess what's in the picture.





Other small enhancements

- You can now create bigger quizzes because we fixed a bug where the thumbnail panel would start behaving weird when there were more than ~300 slides.
- When importing from Excel you can now explicitly mark the correct answer for multiple choice answers by placing the answer between '[' and ']'. The system will not shuffle the answers in this case.
- There is a new slide layout with three pictures horizontally:



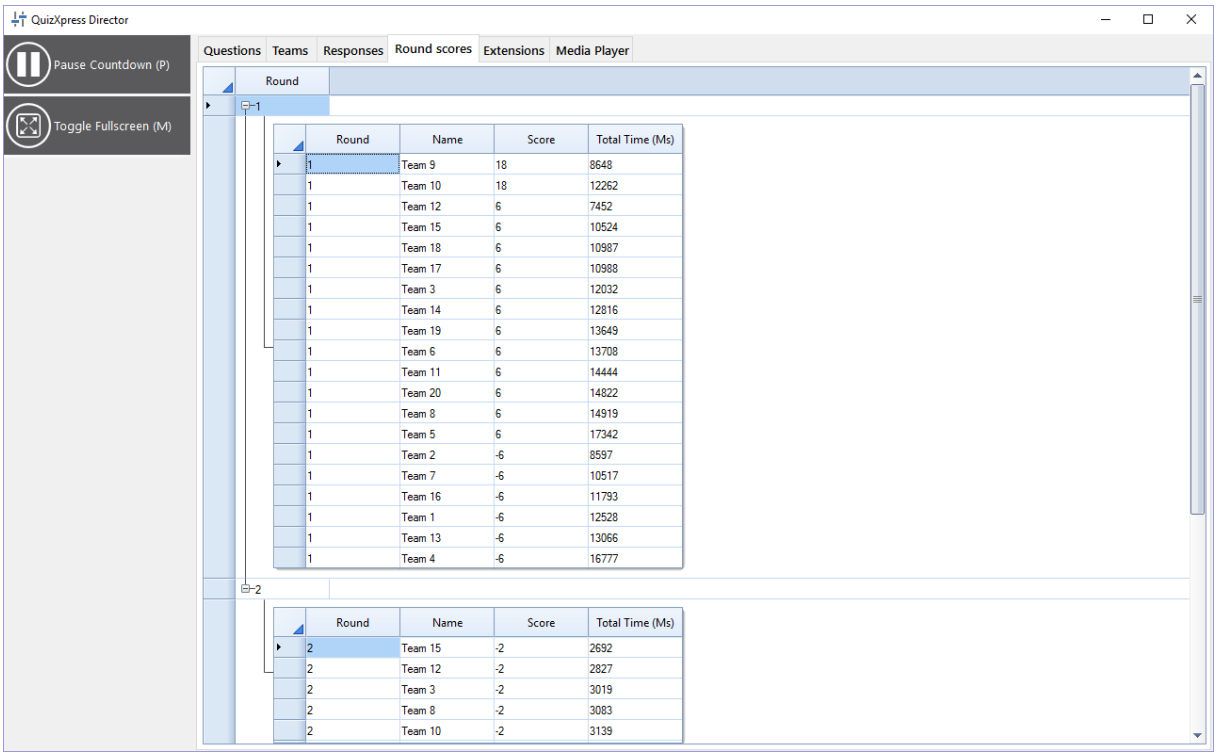
QuizXpress Live enhancements

Last man standing now works 'per round'

In previous versions, when using last-man-standing questions and there was only one player left, the system would jump to the end the quiz. This limited the functionality to be useful only as the final round of a quiz. In version 5, you can use an end-of-round slide to mark the end of a LMS round. When there is only one player left, the system will look for the first end-of-round slide and jump there. All players that were disabled in the round will be enabled again and the quiz can continue.

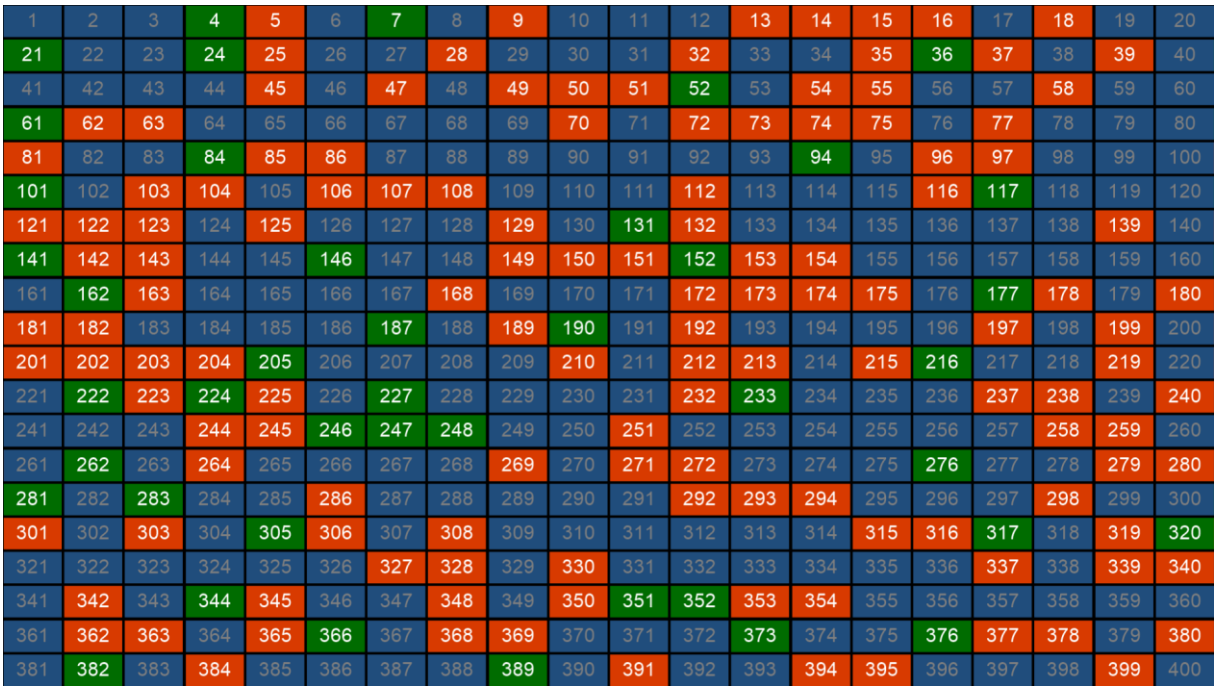
Round scores

QuizXpress now supports round scores. By using end-of-round slides rounds are created. After each question the score of players or groups of players can be shown. Besides this, an overview can be shown of the winner of each round. QuizXpress Director shows the score details of each round.



New right/wrong screen

A new screen was added that shows a grid for each player indicating if the last (multiple-choice) question was answered correct or incorrect. You can open this screen with the F6 key when the question is over.



F6 response grid

General score overview (leaderboard) is now scrollable, supports more than 20 players

The general score screen ('S' key) used to show up to a maximum of 20 players with their scores. It still does, however now you can scroll up and down to show the scores of the rest of the players. Use

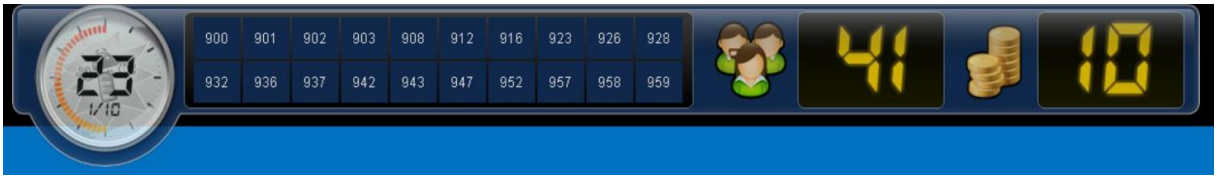
PageUp/PageDn or the arrow keys on the keyboard, or use the arrow keys on the quizmaster remote control. When opening the screen with Shift-S, the initial view will show the players in starting with the lowest score, building suspense when you slowly scroll up.

New response view in info panel

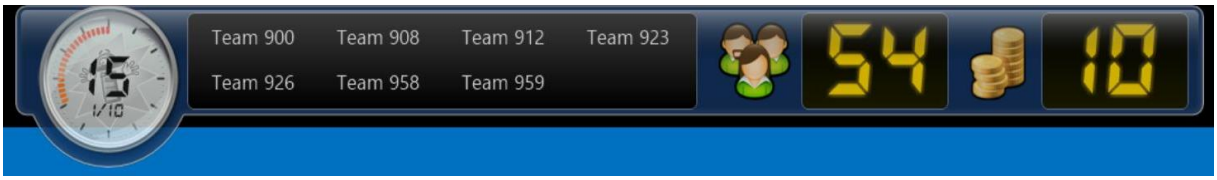
The info panel has a new way of showing who has answered which makes it much easier to identify those last players that did not give their response yet. Depending on the amount of player left to answer it shows different overviews:

First, it just shows an anonymous grid indicating the keypads that have answered (no number visible)

Then, if the remaining number of players is sufficiently low it shows the numbers as well:



And when there are only a few players left to answer, the team/player names are also shown:



Background music during keypad registration screen

Now you can configure music to be played during the keypad registration screen. You can select the file to be played in Quiz Setup, on the Sound tab

Improved shuffle mode

In the current version of Quiz Setup you can configure QuizXpress Live to draw a sub selection (specified as a percentage) from the loaded quiz and shuffle the selected slides randomly. This allows you to run a different quiz every time with the same QX file. In versions prior to V5, it was not possible to influence how slides behaved in this process. This meant that for example the order of the slides was unpredictable which was not good for certain game formats. In V5 you can set specific attributes per slide that will drive the shuffling. For example you can set a slide to be 'pinned' meaning that it will remain where it is in the quiz and always will be selected, or you can set a slide to stick to the next slide (e.g. for a wager and the wager question). You can specify these properties in QuizXpress Studio (Advanced Settings dialog).

Improved skinning options

Almost all aspects of QuizXpress Live can now be customized in QX5 in a process we call 'skinning'. It requires a bit more technical/graphical skills but if you want, you can make everything follow your

own companies branding. We even have a tool to create your very own custom slide styles. Please contact us if you want to know more about this.

New minigame module: Randomizer

In QX5.1 we introduce a new free minigame module that allows you to randomly select one or more players/teams from (all- or a subset of) the audience. You can use this module to give away a price, select people to perform some kind of contest to win bonus points or anything else you can think of where randomly selected participants are required. The module comes with two different graphical animations that run prior to the random selection; a colorful animated grid or a screen where all team names float in and out of view using different colors and fonts. You can configure various options for this module to customize it to your needs.

Smaller changes in QuizXpress Live

For questions with only pictures as answers, when the question is over, the incorrect pictures are now painted slightly transparent (similar to the textual answer panels)

The 'notes' section in the question overview in QuizXpress Director is now scrollable and there is a zoom button to enlarge/shrink the text. This helps the quizmaster reading the notes for the questions even when looking at the screen from a distance.

When manually modifying the score of a player, there is now a small calculator that does the addition/subtraction for you to reduce the chance of mistakes

In QuizXpress Director you now have the option to undo the points assigned in the last questions.

Other changes and enhancements

The clock plugin module has been renamed to 'Clock and Slideshow' as it is now capable of showing a full screen slideshow of images (with cool transitions) that it loads from a configurable folder. You can configure this source folder as well as timing info and if you want to mix the slideshow with the clock. The visuals of the clock itself have been updated and you can now also play music from a playlist while the clock is running. You can use this module during the break on your event, or in your pub to show some advertisements etc.

You can now set the location where Analyzer output files are stored. This allows for automatic processing of quiz results (for example for uploading to a web server to present a global leaderboard)

Finally, the QuizXpress start screen, the 3-2-1 countdown screen and the final score screen have been visually improved!

Thank you for being our customer. Please enjoy this new version and if you have any remarks, suggestions or issues, please contact us at info@gameshowcrew.com

QuizXpress© is a registered trademark of Game Show Crew, The Netherlands

https://www.quizxpress.com

Game Show Crew

Edisonstraat 100

3281 NC, Numansdorp

+31 6 243 73 544 (sales)

+31 6 172 56 966 (tech)