Creating Fill in Multiple Blank Questions

Similar to single fill-in-the-blank question, multiple fill-in answers can be inserted into a sentence or paragraph. Separate sets of answers are defined for each blank. Since Fill in the Blank answers are checked for an exact text match, keep the answers simple and limited to as few words as possible. Answers are not case sensitive, but are evaluated based on spelling. Consider the following tips:

• Provide answers that allow for common spelling errors.
• Provide answers that allow for abbreviations or partial answers.
• When creating the question, indicate to students the best way to answer the question.

Example:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Question 3</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>The month of July has [ ] days, while September has [ ] days.</td>
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</table>

(Use numbers, not text/letters spelled out in your answer).

Note: This tutorial assumes the test has already been created within Blackboard. Refer to the “Adding a Test to Test/Survey/Pool Area” tutorial for further information about this step.

1. From the Test Canvas screen, choose Fill in Multiple Blanks from the Create Question menu.

2. Type the question inserting each variable that should appear as a blank within a square bracket [x].

Note: Variables may be alphabetical characters, digits (0-9), and periods (.), underscores (_) and hyphens (-). All other occurrences of the opening rectangular brace (“[“) character should be preceded by the back-slash (“\”) character. Variable names must be unique and cannot be reused.
3. Add the desired **Point Value**.

   ![Point Value](Image)

4. In the Options area, click the **Allow Partial Credit** checkbox if credit should be given for partially correct answers.

   ![Options](Image)

5. Click the **Next** button to continue building the question.

6. For each variable provided, choose the number of possible answers and enter each of the possible solutions within each answer box.

   ![Answers for: july_num](Image)

   ![Answers for: sept_num](Image)

7. Click the **Next** button to continue.

8. Provide **Feedback** for Correct and Incorrect Answers if desired.

9. Finally, click **Submit** to save the completed question.