



SEB User Exchange: Resource-Rich Online Examinations with Third Party Applications @ ETH Zurich

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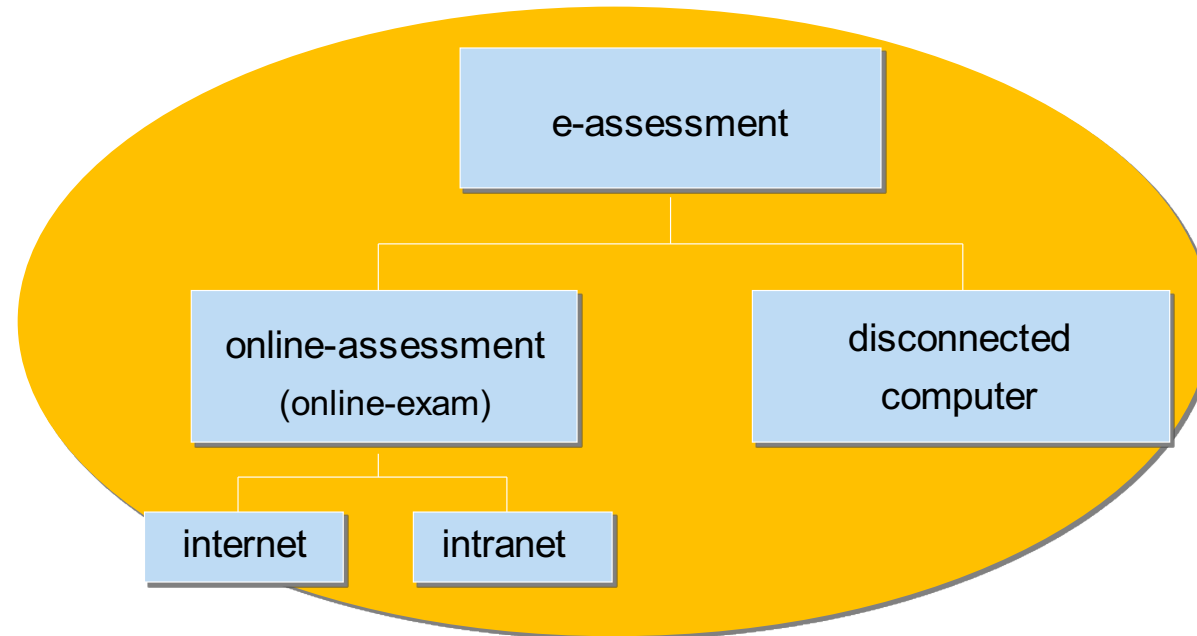
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Online Examinations @ ETH Zurich: Terminology

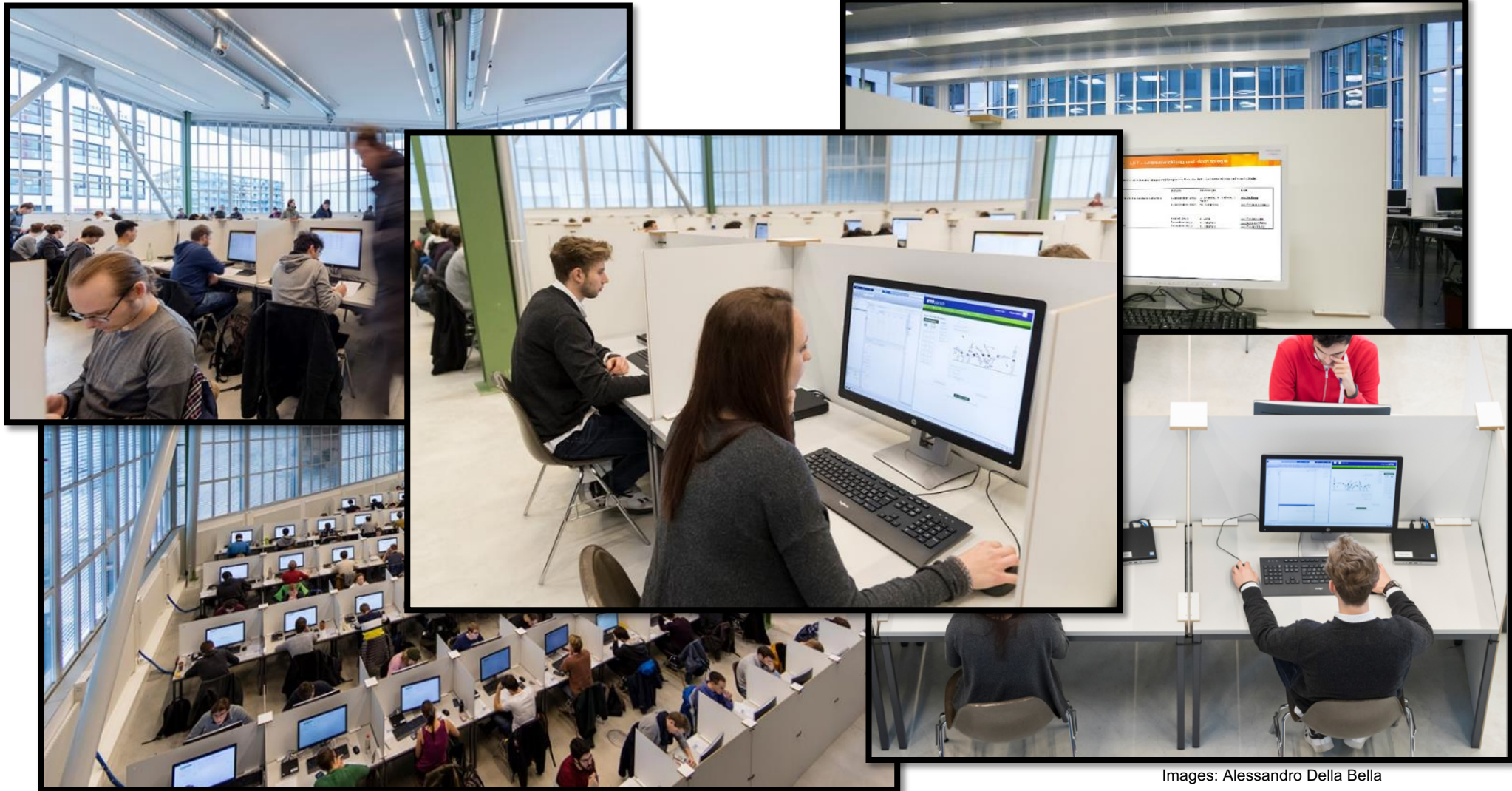
- Online
- Summative
- With credit
- Proctored
- On campus
- Managed infrastructure



Online Examinations @ ETH Zurich: Overview

- 2007 first pilots, 2010 regular service
- ~130 exams with ~10'600 students in spring term 2019
- High proportion of selective, high-stakes examinations
- Summative examinations designed by lecturers
- Important role of first year university examinations in Switzerland

Online Examinations @ ETH Zurich: Impressions



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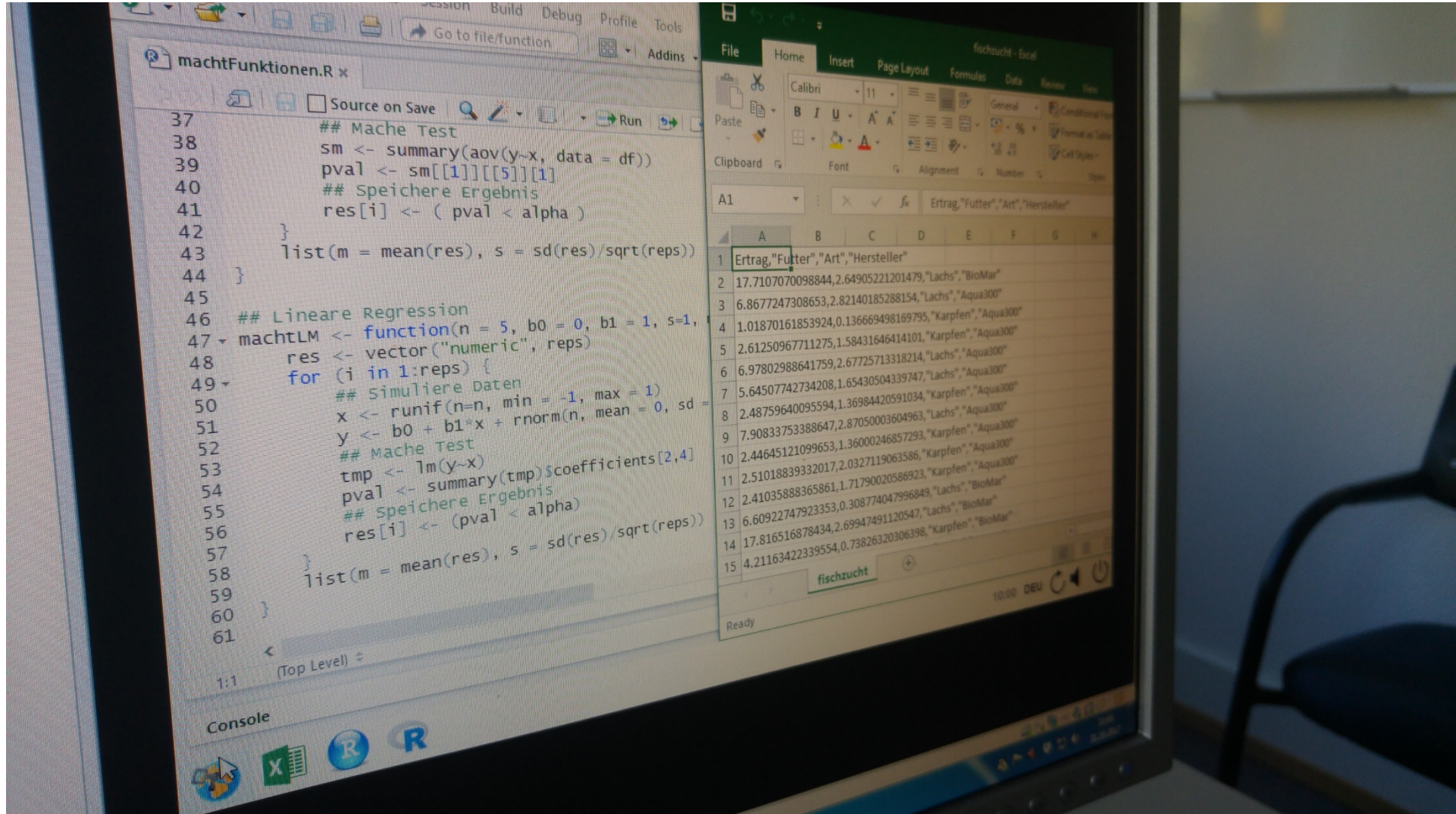
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Why Resource Rich? → Examination Quality!

1. Improve learning outcomes
by making examinations more meaningful and motivating to students
2. Improve measurement quality (i.e. validity)
of competence assessments

Resource rich examination: Statistics II – Exam in R-Studio



Resource rich examination: Online-Exam in Crop Pathology III

Preparation of specimen for analysis and diagnosis on an USB-Microscope. Upload of microscope images to a Moodle exam.





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Resource rich examination: Introduction to Software Engineering

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23 - beta = norminv(0.975, 0, 1);
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25 % Output:
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52 Smean = 0;
53 Svar = 0;
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55 % template.m ExamQ2

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normalized histogram of the standard normal distribution

Target Competence

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Always keep in mind

Online examinations need to be as secure and fraud-proof as paper based examinations (no more, no less)!

Online Examinations as a Service:

Technology + People + Processes = Service

Technology: requirements

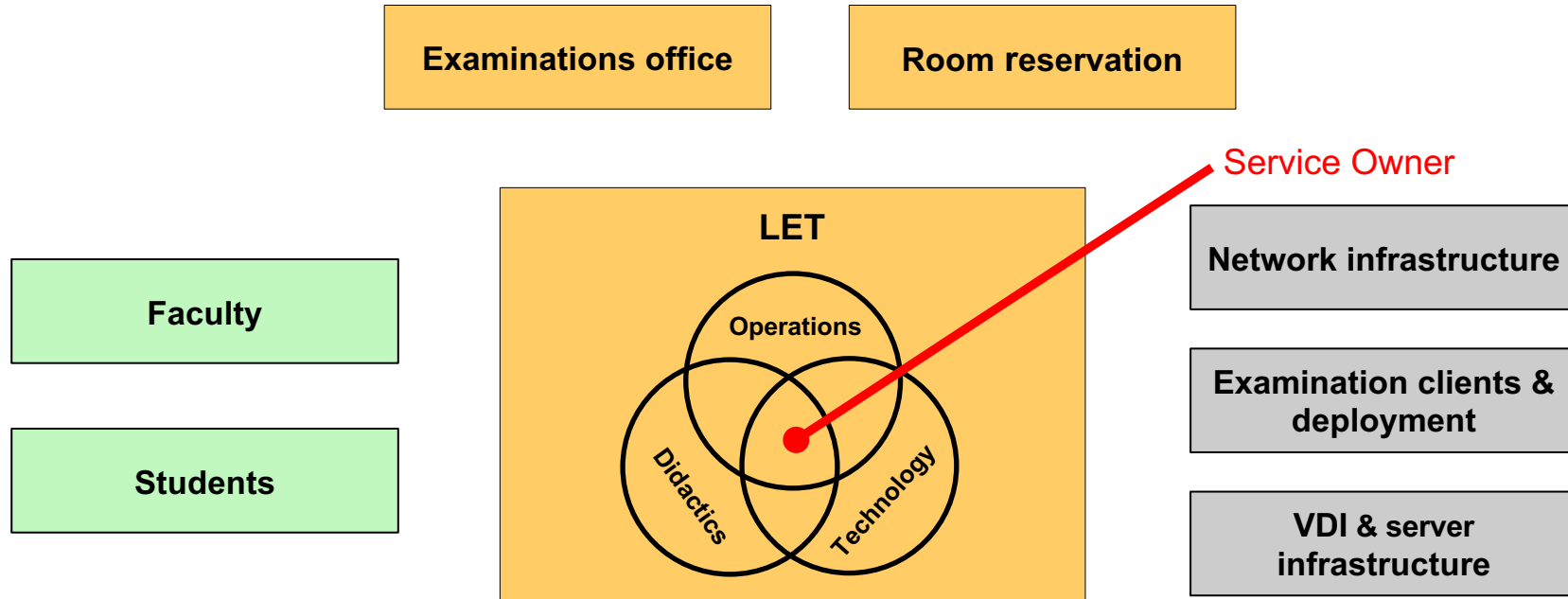
- Secure, fraud-proof
- Reliable, robust
- Easy to use, familiar (for students, for examiners)
- Easy to customize and manage (for administrators & examiners)

- → Technology & infrastructure alone do not suffice

→ People & processes required to

- monitor systems
- handle incidents
- support examiners & students
- coordinate between stakeholders
- address stakeholder needs
- implement improvements

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Legend: Rectorate Departments IT services

Examiners Tasks

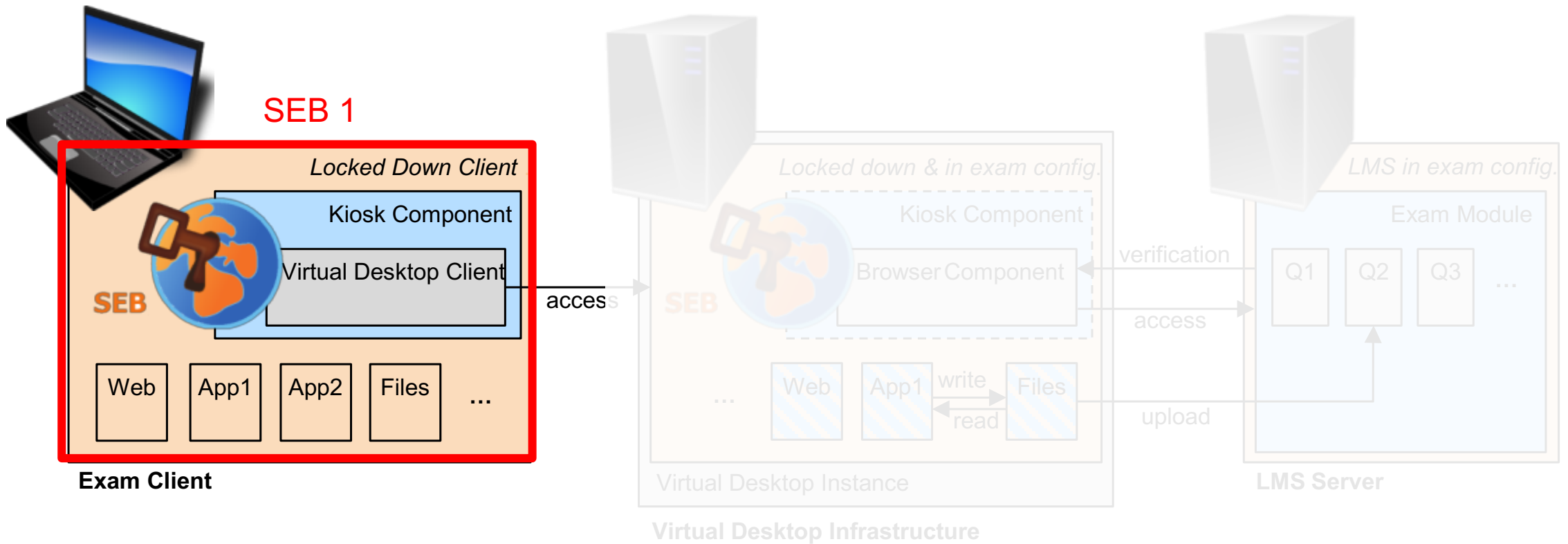
Same tasks as in paper based examinations (e.g. create questions, bring along enough supervisors, check identity....)

- + send the files for the examination to LET early enough
- + Testing and approval of VDI-environment @ LET

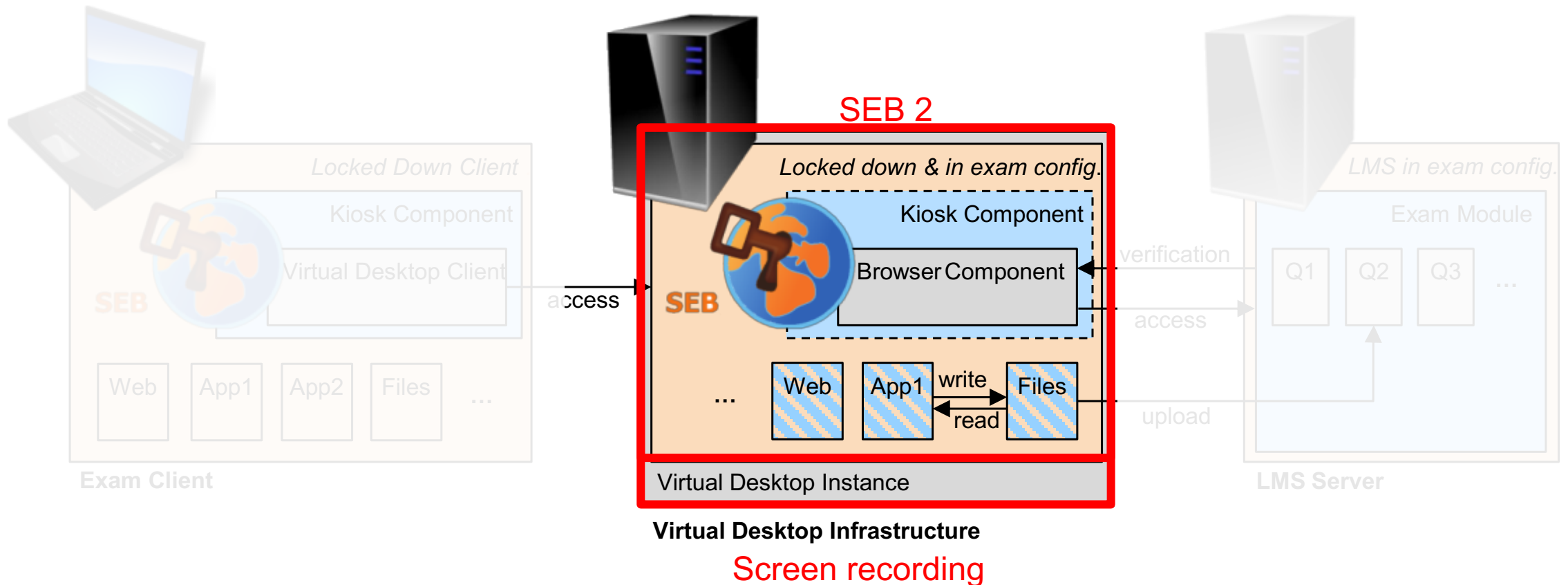
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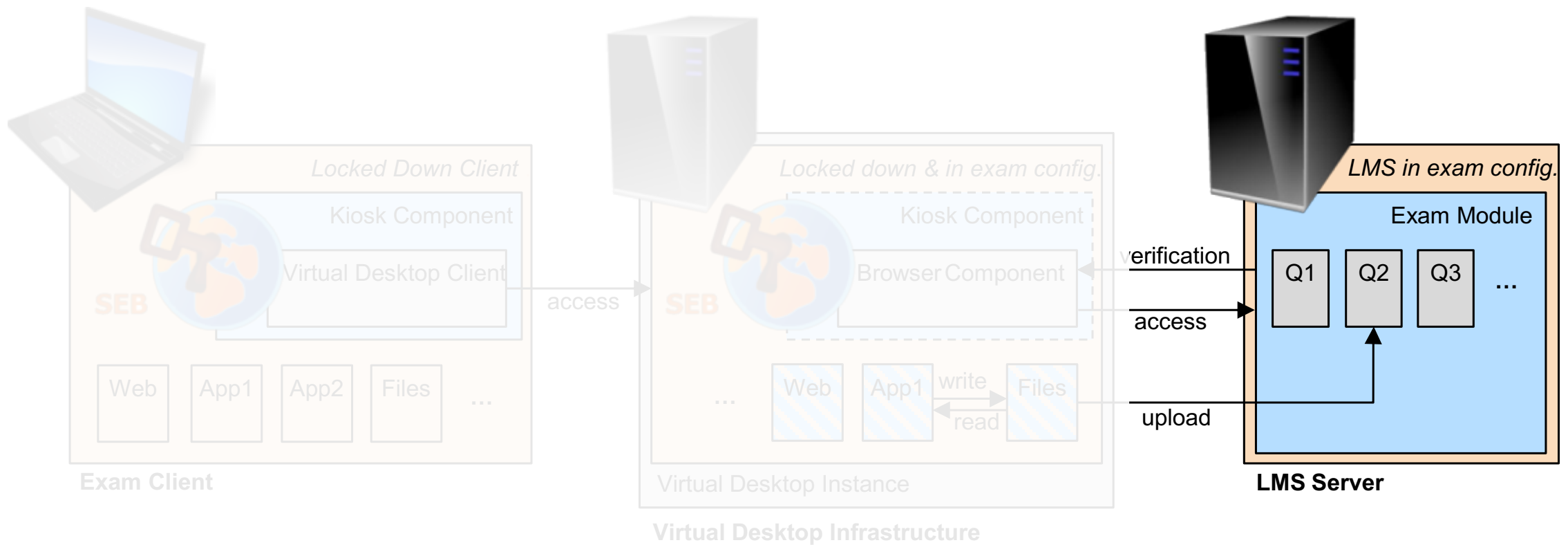
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Technical Setup: Why Third Party Applications on VDI?

- Examination client only needs OS, SEB and VDI-client
- Certified examination environment by examiner → 1:x copy
- Easy backup of files during examination
- Easy to manage software licences
- Easy to block access of third party applications to the web (e.g. built in help browser or installing additional R-packages)
- No access to student shares, drives and other private resources

Third Party Applications Used in Examinations @ ETH Zurich

- Adobe Reader
- Anaconda (Jupyter Notebook, Python)
- Berkeley Madonna
- Julia with Atom, Notepad++, Visual Studio
- MathType
- Matlab
- Microsoft Excel (incl. add-ins)
- Microsoft Visio
- Microsoft Word
- Notepad++
- RStudio / R (different packages)
- SPSS
- Stata

The image shows a computer monitor with two windows open. The left window is an R script editor titled 'machtFunktionen.R'. The right window is an Excel spreadsheet titled 'Book1 - Excel'.

R Script Content:

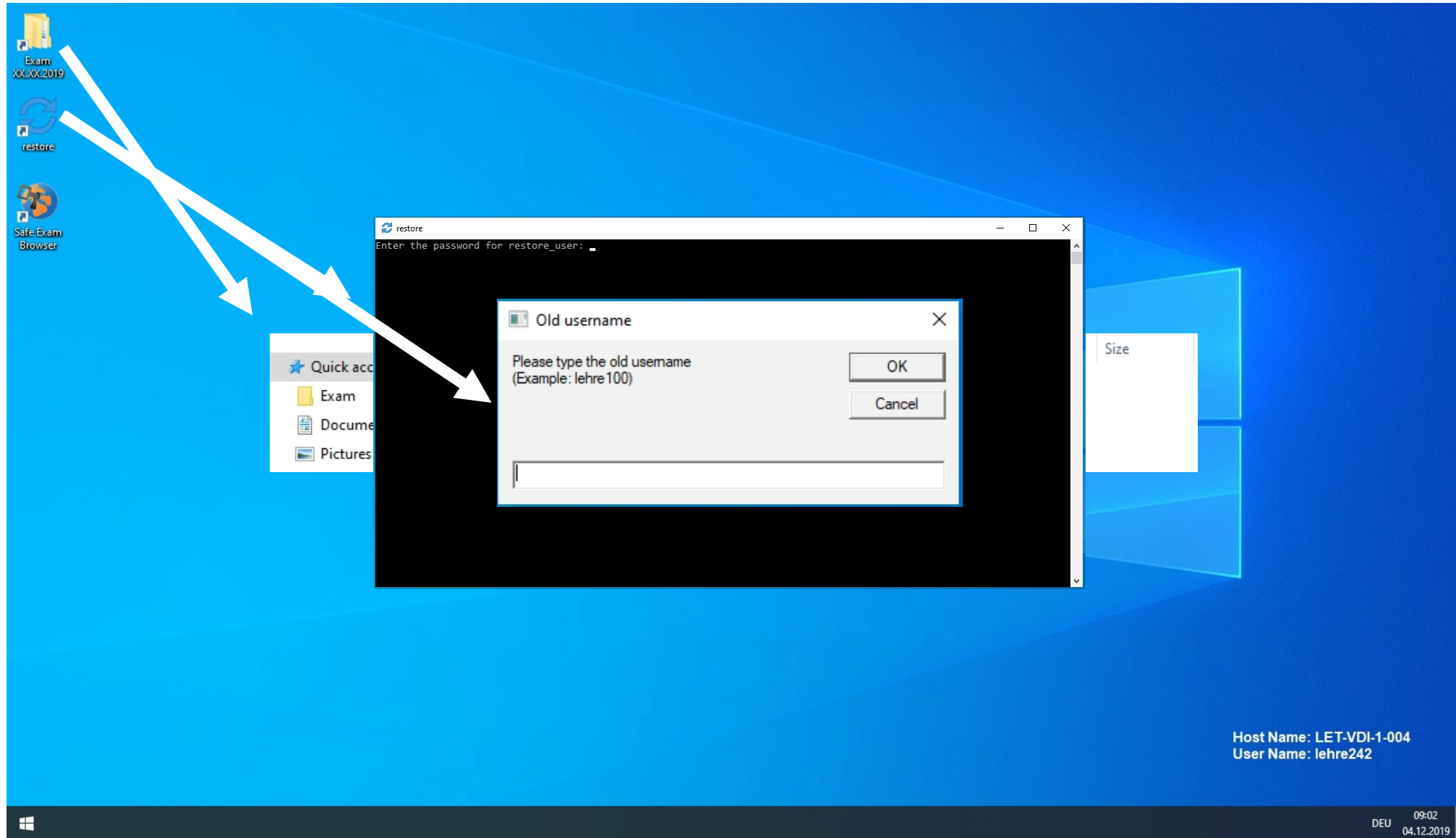
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37     ## Mache Test
38     sm <- summary(aov(y~x, data = df))
39     pval <- sm[[1]][[5]][1]
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41     res[i] <- ( pval < alpha )
42   }
43   list(m = mean(res), s = sd(res)/sqrt(reps))
44 }
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47 machtLM <- function(n = 5, b0 = 0, b1 = 1, s=1,
48   res <- vector("numeric", reps)
49   for (i in 1:reps) {
50     ## simuliere Daten
51     x <- runif(n=n, min = -1, max = 1)
52     y <- b0 + b1*x + rnorm(n, mean = 0, sd =
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54     tmp <- lm(y~x)
55     pval <- summary(tmp)$coefficients[2,4]
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Excel Spreadsheet Content:

| Ertrag | Futter | Art | Hersteller |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|------------|
| 17.71707070098844 | 2.64905221201479 | "Lachs" | "BioMar" |
| 6.8677247308653 | 2.82140185288154 | "Lachs" | "Aqua300" |
| 1.01870161853924 | 0.136669498169795 | "Karpfen" | "Aqua300" |
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The image shows two overlapping windows. The background window is a Moodle quiz titled "Demoquiz". It displays question 21, which is a "File Response" type. The question text asks for an essay on the advantages and disadvantages of online exams. Below the text is a file upload area with a dashed box and a blue arrow pointing down, labeled "Bewegen Sie Dateien in dieses Feld (Drag-and-drop)". The Moodle interface also shows the user's name "Samuel Witzig" and navigation buttons for "Vorherige Seite" and "Nächste Seite".

The foreground window is an Excel spreadsheet titled "Book1 - Excel". It is currently showing a blank sheet with columns A through M and rows 1 through 34. A dialog box titled "Close Safe Exam Browser" is open over the Excel window. The dialog box contains the text "Please enter the quit password:" followed by a password input field with masked characters (dots) and "OK" and "Cancel" buttons.



Questions



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