Survey of Exams

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Commercial On-line Exam Providers

- Orzone: 7
- Pearson Vue: 4
- UCAN: 1
- Prometrics: 1
- ERS/Swiss: 1
- (Speedwell optical sheets: 1)
Conclusions

- Gradual progression towards on-line exams
- All but one of our exams are written, most also add oral
- Commercial providers make on-line exams easier to manage
- Minimum candidate volume needed for commercial providers to be viable
- In house solutions tend to use optical mark sheets
- Need advice from those who’ve gone down the route before!