

Entering and exiting Press-to-Test mode (Tutorial G4)

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To disable documents or features on a TI-Nspire family handheld so that they are not accessible during an exam,

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you can use the Press-to-Test feature. Before you begin, first review the process for getting your handheld back

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out of press-to-test; it is possible to lock yourself out of those features and functions if you can't turn it off.

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You will need another TI-Nspire handheld, TI-Nspire Software or the TI-Nspire Navigator software to exit press-to-test

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mode. To activate Press-to-Test mode, turn off the TI-Nspire handheld. With the handheld off, press and hold the escape

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key. If you're using the TI-Nspire with Touchpad family or the TI-Nspire CX family handheld, with the escape key

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still held, press the home/on key. If you're using the TI-Nspire with Clickpad family handheld, press the on key.

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Once the handheld powers on, you can release all keys. This will bring up the Press-to-Test menu. By default, the settings

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are set to the most restrictive, but you can move through this menu to adjust the settings and allow access to certain

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documents or features. At the default, Press-to-Test will:

1. Prevent access to pre-existing Scratchpad data, documents

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and folders. 2. Limit geometry functions 3. Disable function and conic grab and move 4. Disable vector functions, including

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eigenvectors and eigenvalues 5. Disable the “isPrime” function 6. Disable differential equation graphing 7. Disable inequality

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graphing 8. Disable 3D graphing 9. Disable implicit graphing, conic templates, conic analysis and geometric conics 10.

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Limit trigonometric functions 11. Disable the logbx template and summation functions 12. Disable the Polynomial Root

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Finder and Simultaneous Equation Solver. Once you’ve chosen the settings, select Enter Press-to-Test. To put many handhelds

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into Press-to-Test mode at once without a computer, you can use a single handheld that’s been preset with the correct

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Press-to-Test configuration for your test. To do this, enable Press-to-Test on the “sending” handheld, and enter the

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settings appropriate for the test. Then connect the “sending” handheld to a “receiving” handheld, and be sure both devices

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are turned on. On the “sending” handheld, select the Transfer Press-to-Test button and click to select it. The “receiving”

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handheld will restart, and Press-to-Test is enabled. While in Press-to-Test mode, you will see a lock icon on the

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top of the screen, and a flashing light on top of the device on some models. After the test is complete, you can exit

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the mode with either another TI-Nspire handheld or with the TI-Nspire software. To use another handheld, plug the

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mini-USB-to-mini-USB cable into both devices to connect them. With both handhelds turned on, using the device with

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Press-to-Test enabled, press the on or home/on button. If you have a Clickpad, choose My Docs; for all other TI-Nspire

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devices, choose My Documents. Now open the menu. On a Clickpad device, access this by pressing ctrl-home. On all other

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devices, press the doc key. Then select Press-to-Test, Exit Press-to-Test. The handheld will then reboot. To exit Press-

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to-Test on several devices simultaneously, you can use the TI-Nspire Navigator Teacher Software's Transfer Tool.

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First, create an empty .tns file named "Exit Test Mode.tns" and save it in your default TI-Nspire folder. Note that

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the file name is case-sensitive, so you must name it exactly as you see it here. Connect all handhelds that need to

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exit Press-to-Test mode. In the Content Workspace, go to Tools, Transfer Tool. Now click Add to Transfer List. In

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the Transfer Tool, select the Exit Test Mode.tns file. In the Edit Destination Folder field, type "Press-to-Test"

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manually; you can't navigate directly to the Press-to-Test folder on the handheld. Once that's entered, click Change,

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and then click Start Transfer. The Exit Test Mode file is sent to the connected handhelds, and Press-to-Test is

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disabled. The handhelds will all restart and reload their operating systems. If you have additional handhelds on

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which to disable Press-to-Test, disconnect the restarted handhelds and connect the other handhelds. The transfer

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process will continue until you click Stop Transfer. Once all handhelds have exited Press-to-Test mode, click Stop

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Transfer. You can click Close when all transfers are complete. Exiting Press-to-Test clears all data and files created

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while in Press-to-Test mode. All files and system settings are restored to what they were before Press-to-Test was

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enabled on the handheld. All documents created during the Press-to-Test session are deleted, so if you re-enter Press-

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to-Test mode, the Press-to-Test folder will be empty. If a document was open before you entered Press-to-Test mode,

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that document is restored to the same view when you exit Press-to-Test mode. If the open document contained unsaved

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changes, the restored open document is still unsaved. If there is no open document, the handheld displays My Documents.

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