Wattle Guide for Students

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Additional Help with Wattle
Wattle Support via IT Service Desk or phone (02) 612 54321, select option 1, 5 Mon-Fri: 9am-5pm
Moodle After-hours support Phone 1300 544 894 Mon-Fri: 5pm-10pm Sat-Sun: 9am-5pm

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Introduction

WATTLE (Web Access To Teaching & Learning Environments) is the Australian National University’s web-based teaching and learning environment. This guide provides an overview for students on how to access and use Wattle.

Student Services

The ANU Student website (www.anu.edu.au/students) provides a list of frequently used websites for students, including ANU Email, Wattle, ISIS, Timetable, Programs and Courses, and Library.

Access Wattle

1. To access Wattle, go to wattle.anu.edu.au
   
   **Note:** On the login page to Wattle, there is a System Status box which provides updates on system outages or ongoing known issues.

2. Enter your University ID (include the ‘u’) and ISIS password then click **Login to Wattle**.
3. You will be taken to your My Courses page where you will see a list of all the course sites you are currently enrolled in.
4. To enter a site, click on a course site link and you will be taken to the course homepage.

Access to Courses in Wattle

In Wattle, you should have access to the courses you are enrolled in ISIS.

Wattle course sites are generally released to students **one week** before teaching starts.

If your course site does not appear when you login:

- Check ISIS – note that ISIS indicates your official enrolments.
- Wait a day – new enrolments will have Wattle access one full working day after the enrolment is completed in ISIS.
- Check with your lecturer – some course sites are released later than the standard date.
Password Issues

As the password you use to log into Wattle is your ISIS password, the Wattle Support team is unable to reset the ISIS password for you.

For password issues, please see these instructions for resetting your password, or phone the IT Service Desk on (02) 612 54321.

Continuing Access to Courses in Wattle

Students have 6-month access to the courses after the course teaching ends. For example, if a student is taking a course in Semester 1 2015, the student can continue to access the course content until the end of 2015.

Recommended browsers

Wattle can be accessed in most browsers but the recommended browser versions are:

- Mozilla Firefox 4 or later – preferred browser for Wattle
- Google Chrome 11 or later
- Safari 5 or later
- Internet Explorer 8 or later - IE 10 required for drag and drop of files from outside the browser into Moodle

It is recommended to keep all browsers up to date.

Recommended Software

For some functions to work in Wattle, some software may need to be installed.

- Java - needed for Wimba voice tools in Wattle.
- Adobe Flash Player - needed for Adobe Connect in Wattle.

Dock the Blocks

A block in Wattle is a window that loads on the right-hand or left-hand side of the course page. Blocks can be docked. The docked blocks become tabs along the left margin attached to the page.

- **To dock a block**
  
  Click the docking icon at the top right of the block: [Docking Icon] or [Docking Icon]

- **To undock a block**
  
  Hover over the docked block’s tab and click the undocking icon: [Undocking Icon] or [Undocking Icon]

- **Undock all blocks**
  
  Hover over the bottom left of the left page margin and click the undock all icon: [Undock All Icon] or [Undock All Icon]

There are two default blocks in Wattle: Navigation and Administration blocks. They provide different links and will change depending on whether you are at a course level or a resource/activity level.
Access My Profile
Profile can be accessed through your name link on the top right.

Updating My Profile
1. Go to the Administration block > My profile settings > Edit profile.
2. Edit your preferences
3. Click the Update profile button at the bottom of the page

Email digest type
When you are subscribed to forums in Wattle, you will receive forum posts in emails. You can choose from the following three types of email digest type, if subscribed to a forum.

- **No digest** - single email every time when a new post is added.
- **Complete** - one email per day after 5 pm with full copies of all posts from all the forums.
- **Subjects** - one email per day right after 5 pm with only the subjects of all posts.

Forum preferences
In each course, the News forum has forced subscription, meaning you will receive forum post emails regardless of your Forum auto-subscription preference. For other forums, you can choose to subscribe or unsubscribe. In My profile, you can change the forum auto-subscription settings.

By default, you are subscribed to forums when you add a post to that forum.

Updating My Profile Photo
You can upload a profile photo or picture in your Wattle profile. The image must be in JPG or PNG format (i.e. the names will usually end in .jpg or .png). You can also update your profile picture anytime you want.

1. Go to the Administration block > My profile settings > Edit profile.
2. Find User picture > Drag and drop a file to the New picture
3. Click the Update profile button at the bottom of the page

Privacy Notice
Some of your profile information can be viewed by other Wattle users. This includes Country, City/Town, Email address and Interests. Do not include inappropriate or private information as your profile may be viewed by other Wattle users.

Messages
In Wattle, your lecturers or tutors may send you messages which also generate an email to your email account. After the message is sent through, a pop-up message window will display in Wattle on the lower right corner at your next screen refresh or your next login to Wattle. The pop-up notification disappears after you navigate to the next Wattle page.

To retrieve the full messages, use one of the following methods:

1. Click the Go to messages link in the pop-up window -> Click on the messages you want to read
2. Go to My profile in the Navigation block, a tab located on the top left -> Click Messages -> Click on the messages you want to read

Until you read the messages in the Messages area, the message pop-up window will display when you log into Wattle.
Submit a Turnitin assignment

Turnitin is the preferred software for online assignment submission at the ANU. Your lecturer may set up Turnitin assignment links in the course for you to submit assignments.

1. In your course homepage, click on the assignment link.
2. You will be taken to the ‘My Submissions’ page > Click on the link Submit Paper.

3. Enter the details in the required fields, upload your file and tick the box for the Turnitin submission statement > click Add Submission.
4. You will see the uploading process on the screen and get a Digital Receipt when your submission has successfully been uploaded to Turnitin.
5. After you have submitted your work, you may view the Originality Report. You may be provided with a revised Originality Report for your re-submitted assignment, however, you will only see one Originality Report in each 24hr period.
6. If you are allowed to resubmit in the Turnitin assignment, you will see the Submit Paper icon. If you are not allowed to resubmit, the Submit Paper icon will not be available.

**Note:** If you do not wish to have your name stored on the Turnitin database, ensure you remove your name and/or u-number from the content of your assignment.

Instructions on how to view and interpret the Originality Report can be found on ql.anu.edu.au/turnitin

Echo360 Lecture Recording

Echo360 is an enterprise-wide system designed to record lectures and other lecturer-created video for use in Wattle. DLD will be completely decommissioned by January 2016 but DLD recordings from previous teaching sessions will remain available through Wattle based on the normal course life cycle.

Access Echo360 recordings

If your course has lecture recordings via Echo360, the recordings will be stored in the Echo360 EchoCenter Block in your Wattle courses. You do not need to log in again to access the recordings.

Available recordings

In the Echo360 block, the available recordings are listed under Course Echoes on the lower left. Select the recording you want and click Play on the right to view the recording.

Other recordings

Under the Course Echoes, you can switch to Other recordings by clicking the Available dropdown. The Other recordings will show you the upcoming scheduled recordings if they have been scheduled.
Download recordings
Generally speaking, there are downloadable Audio File and Video File for each Echo recording. You can download the recordings one at a time. Bulk download is currently not available.

Study Tools within EchoPlayer
There are a few study tools available in the EchoPlayer.
Search: If your lecturer uses PowerPoint during the lecture recording, you can search for keywords and the relevant scenes will appear in the search window.
Bookmark: You can place bookmarks at certain points in the recording and add notes to help you study.

View Grades
View your course grades in Wattle:
1. Navigate to your course homepage in Wattle
2. Grades can be accessed in the Administration block > Course administration > Grades. If your lecturer/tutor has revealed your grades they will appear on this page.

View detailed activity feedback (for Quizzes, Assignments, etc.):
1. Navigate to your course homepage in Wattle
2. Click on the relevant assignment activity link. If you lecturer/tutor has provided comments or response documents in addition to a number grade they will be available on this page.

Note: If you are unable to access your grades via Wattle please contact your lecturer for clarification.
Adobe Connect Computer Setup Guide

ANU is now using Adobe Connect 9.4.2 which works with the following devices (read requirements on the Adobe site):

- Windows 7 or later with IE 8 or later or Firefox or Chrome
- Macintosh 10.8 or later and Firefox, safari or Chrome
- Mobile: iPhone or iPad or Android

1. To participate in an Adobe Connect web conference, you will need one of the following:

   **Computer:**
   - An updated version of Flash Player installed on your computer - download it (Note: Untick that free security product option. You don't need that.)
   - Headphones – to improve the sound quality you send to other participants

   **iPhone or iPad:**
   - The Adobe Connect app - download it from the App Store
   - Headphones – to improve the sound quality you send to other participants

   **Android Tablet:**
   - The Adobe Connect app - download it from the Marketplace
   - Headphones – to improve the sound quality you send to other participants

2. The next thing you need is a reasonable network connection.

   Please test your connection by following these steps:
   - Visit www.speedtest.net
   - Click on the big **Begin test** button above a map, no need to click on any of the ads.
   - click the **Begin Test** button in about 30 seconds you will be shown 3 results at the top:
     - A good value for **ping** is something lower than 200 ms
     - A good value for **download speed** is something above 1.0 Mbps
     - A good value for **upload speed** is something above 0.2 Mbps, though you might want to be at least 0.7 Mbps if you plan on doing a lot of screen sharing and webcam broadcasting.

   **Best connection:** ANU campus network
   **Good connection:** Cable or DSL broadband
   **Variable:** Wireless 3G connection (susceptible to weather and signal strength)
   **Unsuitable:** Dial-up modem