WATTLE

Moodle 3.9 Upgrade – New Features & Key Differences – Administrators and Lecturers

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1. Dashboard

- Removal of the two-tiled navigation (the two pictures in the Dashboard).
- Introduction of Recently accessed courses section – allows the users to navigate to their frequently accessed courses more easily.
- Introduction of the Courses overview section – gives users a simpler view of their enrolled courses.
- The Timeline section is now separated into its own section, whereas previously the Timeline section was in the same block with the Dashboard and Courses. In this new Timeline, the users are able to organise work, manage deadlines, and monitor due and overdue tasks.
2. **Turn Editing On and Activity Chooser**

- The Turn Editing On button is now located on the top right corner of the course site – it is no longer put under the cog button. This is a return of the previous position of the button upon user feedback.
- The activity chooser now has a tiled layout. This new design allows the users to star their frequently used activities and resources.
- Users are able to get a description of the activities and resources by clicking on the “i” icon.
3. **Participants List**

- Introduction of a combination of filters to search participants – users are able to combine different filters to look up participants in the course
- The ANU Participant filter default is set to AND, which will match All the search criteria. Users can also change to the match criteria to ANY or NONE to tailor the search.
4. **Extend Session**

- Introduction to the option to extend a session.
- Wattle session will time out after 2 hours of inactivity, but the users will have the option to extend the session with the pop up shown below.
- However, after a long period of inactivity it will still result in automatic log out, at which the user will have to log into Wattle again.

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5. **Added capabilities in the Participants list**

- Introduction of a group messaging capability
- Introduction of “Download table data as” capability. Users are able to download a list of participants of the course. However, note that the downloaded list does not include the role information of the participants in the course.
- Lecturers are able to enable group messaging option when setting up groups in the course.
- Group messaging allows the group members to interact within the group via the messaging function.
- Lecturers have the option to message the class from the participants page. This will generate an email to participants of the course.
Starring message conversation (Moodle 3.9)

Download Participants list (Moodle 3.9)
6. Elsewhere on Wattle

- Available in the File Picker when adding a folder or file into the course site
- This allows users to access their personal files that are available across the courses that they are enrolled in.
- This feature is available to lecturers and administrators only.
- When adding these files into the current course, the user is able to “Make a copy of the file” or “Create an alias/shortcut to the file”.
- When “Create an alias/shortcut to the file” is selected, any updates made to the original file, will result in updating this alias/shortcut.
7. **H5P**

- A new addition to Moodle core for interactive content.
- Upon adding the H5P activity to course site, users are able to add different H5P content to the Content bank.
- After the H5P activities have been added to the Content bank, the user will be able to add the H5P content via the file picker.
- Users are able to access the Content Bank via the navigation drawer
- Known Issue: Fill in the blank is currently insecure. The fix for this issue is pending from Moodle HQ/H5P.
- Note: Certain questions types are insecure. This issue needs to be fixed by H5P. Please discuss with your college support when setting up content types with questions and answers. H5P is also not recommended for assessments.
Adding H5P content via File Picker (Moodle 3.9)
8. Moodle Assignment

- Introduction of information on whether the Moodle assignment is hidden from the students is now made available within the Assignment’s information page.
- Note: when the activity is set to “Make available but not shown on the course page”, the information will be set to “No” as well.
- Introduction of the capability to include media or other files when providing Assignment feedback.
## Discussion Forum

- Introduction of the function of locking discussion forums.
- Introduction of the ability to bookmark/star discussions
- Introduction of the ability to reply post privately
- Introduction of the ability of adding a new discussion topic without the need to change page
- Introduction of reply forum post within the page of the original post
- Lecturers will be able to lock the forums to prevent students from posting further in the discussion forums.
- The whole forum can be locked and unlocked by the Cut off date.
- Discussion threads can be locked individually.
- By choosing to mark the forum posts using Scale or Point, lecturers are able to Grade Users page to grade individual forum posts.

- **Whole Forum grading**: this feature allows the lecturer to grade the forum as a whole. This would be useful for giving students participation grades as part of the course.

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Lock individual discussion forum (Moodle 3.9)

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Grade User page (Moodle 3.9)
10. **Collapsed Topic**

- Introduction to the ability to duplicate a topic in a course page
- This duplication is available in the Collapse topic course format
- When collapsed topic is enabled, both students and lecturers will be able to see the status of the Moodle Assignment (including due date, the number of submissions and grading required) and Quiz (including the number of attempts).

### Duplicate Collapsed Topic (Moodle 3.9)

![Collapsed Topic]

### Status of Moodle Assignment and Quiz (Moodle 3.9)

- Quiz
  - 1 of 3 attempted
- Moodle Assignment
  - Due 4 June 2020
  - 2 of 3 submitted, 2 ungraded