

Moodle Improvements for Spring 2014

Notice:

Editing Number of Folders in a Course

Currently the number of topic folders in a course cannot be adjusted and each course will display 25 folders. To hide any unused folders from students, first turn editing on from the course home page. Locate the unused folders and click the open eye icon to hide them:



General Improvements

My Courses

The My Course list will now appear in the center of the Home Page after logging in to Moodle to allow easier access to courses:




Assignments

Assignments can be set to allow additional submissions, either manually or once a certain grade is achieved.

Submission settings

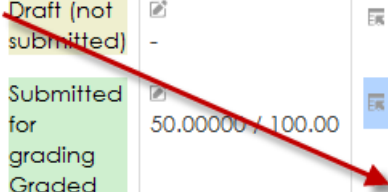
Require students click submit button

Require that students accept the submission statement

Attempts reopened 

Maximum attempts

mail address	Status	Grade	Edit	Last modified (submission)
cc.edu	Draft (not submitted)	-		Wednesday, 11 December 2013, 8:52 AM
@email.occc.edu	Submitted for grading Graded	50.00000 / 100.00		Update grade Revert the submission to draft Allow another attempt
02@email.occc.edu	No submission	-		-
03@email.occc.edu	No	-		-

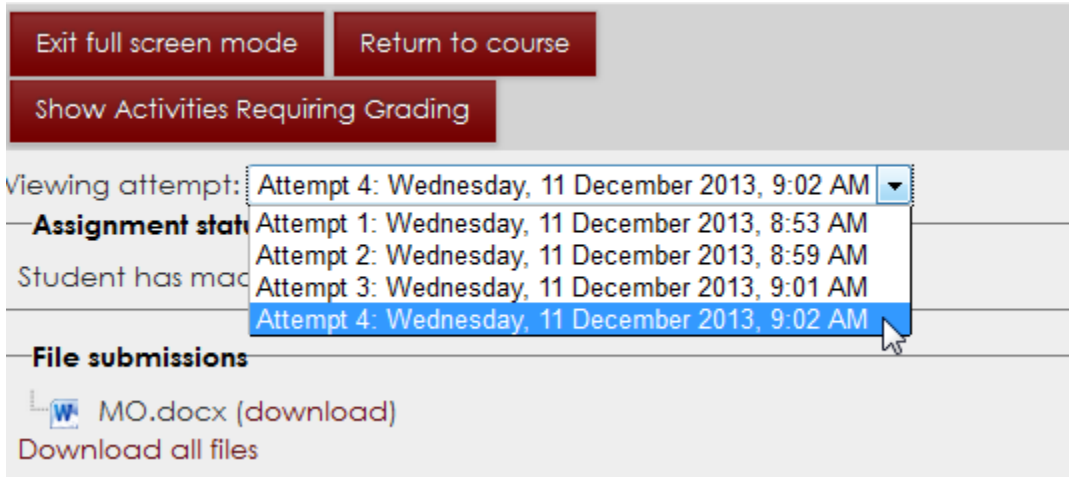


Each attempt can be viewed separately from the grading page:

Previous attempts

- ▶ Attempt 3: Wednesday, 11 December 2013, 9:01 AM
- ▶ Attempt 2: Wednesday, 11 December 2013, 8:59 AM
- ▶ Attempt 1: Wednesday, 11 December 2013, 8:53 AM

and in the joule Grader:




Exit full screen mode Return to course

Show Activities Requiring Grading

Viewing attempt: Attempt 4: Wednesday, 11 December 2013, 9:02 AM

— **Assignment status** Attempt 1: Wednesday, 11 December 2013, 8:53 AM
Student has made Attempt 2: Wednesday, 11 December 2013, 8:59 AM
Attempt 3: Wednesday, 11 December 2013, 9:01 AM
Attempt 4: Wednesday, 11 December 2013, 9:02 AM

— **File submissions**

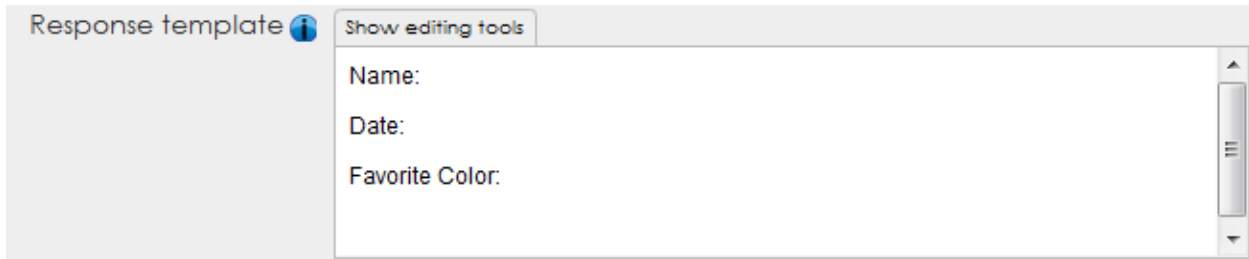
 MO.docx (download)
Download all files

Quizzes

Quiz submissions will now auto-save while in-progress.

Essay questions allow a response template to be set. This template will be displayed to students in the answer area of the question in the quiz or exam.

If an essay question is setup like this in the question settings:



Response template ⓘ Show editing tools

Name:

Date:

Favorite Color:

Students will see this when answering the question in the quiz:

Question 1 Write an essay here:

Not yet answered
Marked out of 1.00

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Name:
Date:
Favorite Color:

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Advanced Forums

Advanced Forums can now be set to display word count of posts:

▼ **Attachments and word count**

Maximum attachment size ⓘ 500KB ▼

Maximum number of attachments ⓘ 9 ▼

Display word count ⓘ Yes ▼



Arthur Dent Didn't Listen  
by *CLT Student* - Thursday, 19 December 2013, 8:42 AM

"You know," said Arthur, "it's at times like this, when I'm trapped in a Vagon airlock with a man from Betelgeuse, and about to die of asphyxiation in deep space that I really wish I'd listened to what my mother told me when I was young."

"Why, what did she tell you?"




"I don't know, I didn't listen."

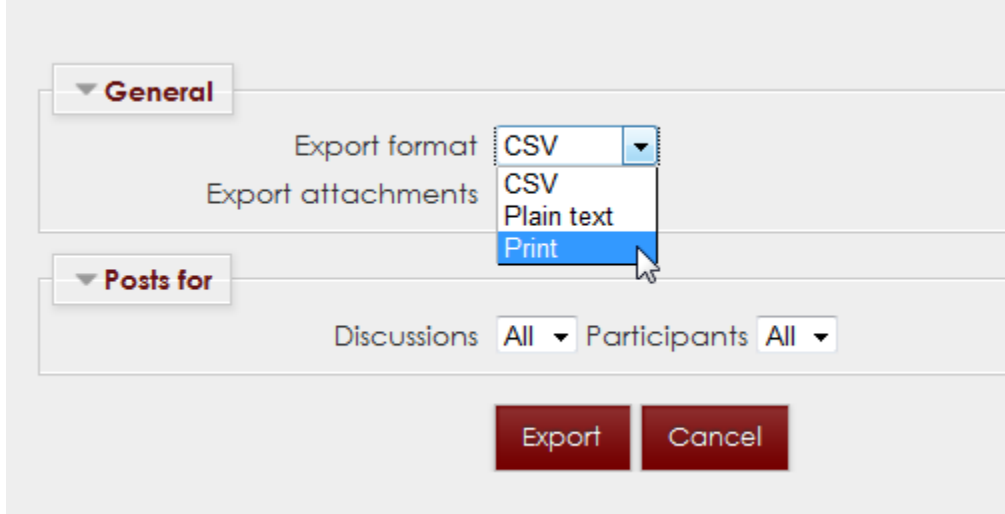
63 words 

Edit | Delete | Reply

Advanced Forums can now be exported into Excel/printed from the Settings block:

Settings

- ▼ Forum administration
 - Edit settings
 - Filters
 - Logs
 - Backup
 - Restore
 - Advanced grading
 -   Export
 -  View posters
- ▶ Subscription mode
 - Unsubscribe from this forum
 - Show/edit forum subscribers



The screenshot shows a settings interface with two main sections: "General" and "Posts for".

- General:** Contains "Export format" (set to CSV) and "Export attachments" (set to CSV). A dropdown menu is open for "Export format", showing options: CSV, Plain text, and Print (highlighted).
- Posts for:** Contains "Discussions" (set to All) and "Participants" (set to All).









At the bottom are two buttons: "Export" and "Cancel".

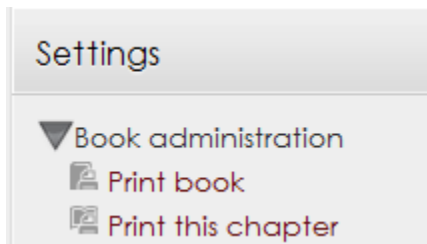
Other Resources

Book

The Book resource now provides a printing option in the Settings block:

Resources

-  Book 
-  File
-  Folder
-  IMS content package
-  Label
-  Page
-  URL



The screenshot shows a "Settings" block for a Book resource.

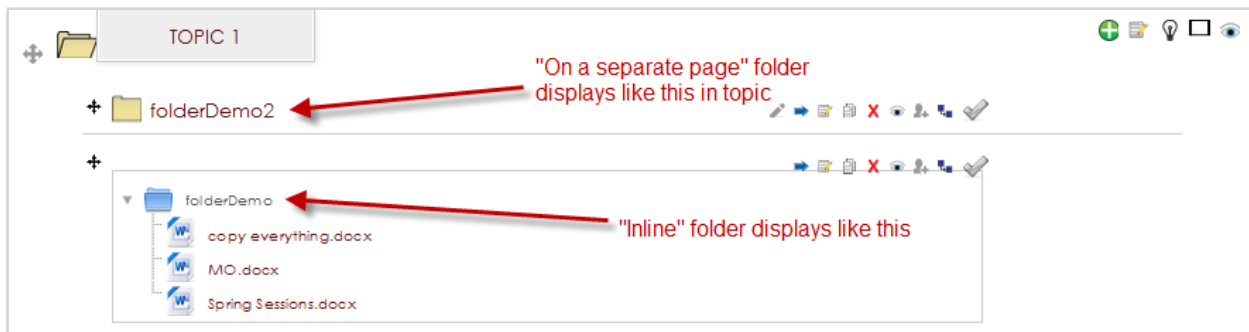
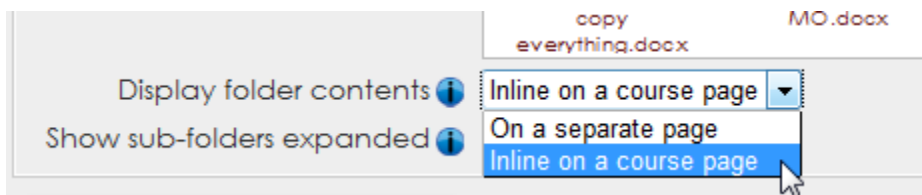
- Book administration:** Contains two options: "Print book" and "Print this chapter", each with a printer icon.

Folder

The Folder resource can now be expanded to show all files on the course home page:


Resources

- Book
- File
- Folder ←
- IMS content package
- Label
- Page
- URL



Badges (New to Moodle)

Badges can now be created and awarded manually, when specified activities or resources are completed/viewed (using an activity's or resource's completion settings), or when certain course grade conditions are met. Here is an example of a badge which is awarded to students who view a certain page:


TestBadge

✔ Access to the badges was successfully enabled.

This badge is currently available to users, and its criteria are locked. Disable access


Overview Edit details **Criteria** Message Recipients (2)

Activity completion ⓘ

The following activity has to be completed:

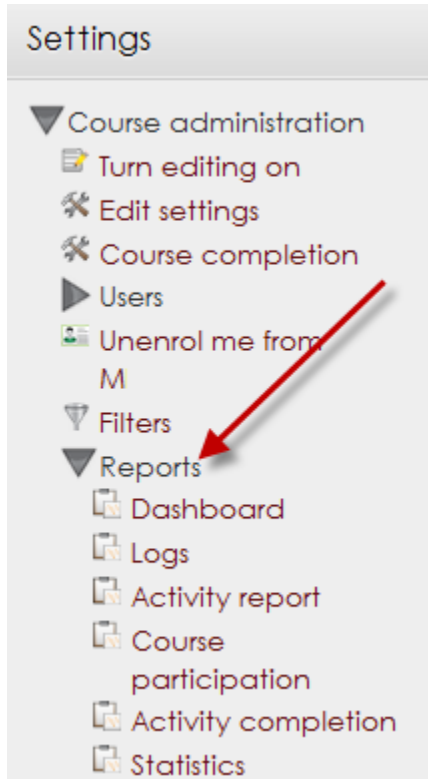
- "Page - Catch A Shark!"

Here is what the students see when they check their earned badges from the Badges link in the Settings block on the course home page:

Image	Name ^	Description	Criteria	Issued to me ^ v
	TestBadge	This badge is only a test. I repeat, this badge is only a test.	Users are awarded this badge when they complete the following requirement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following activity has to be completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Page - Catch A Shark!" 	Date: 19/12/13 ✔

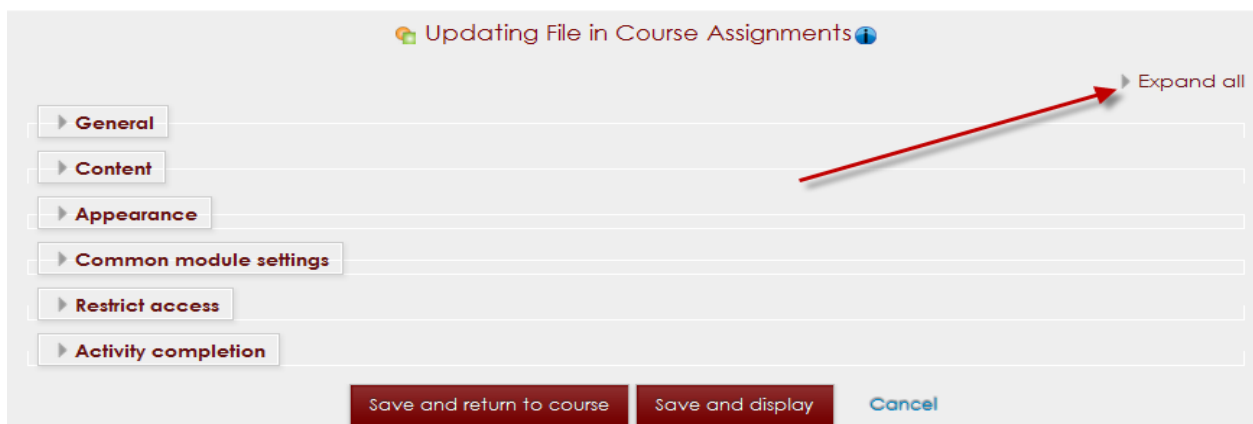
Reports

The Reports feature has been moved from the Navigation block to the Settings block.

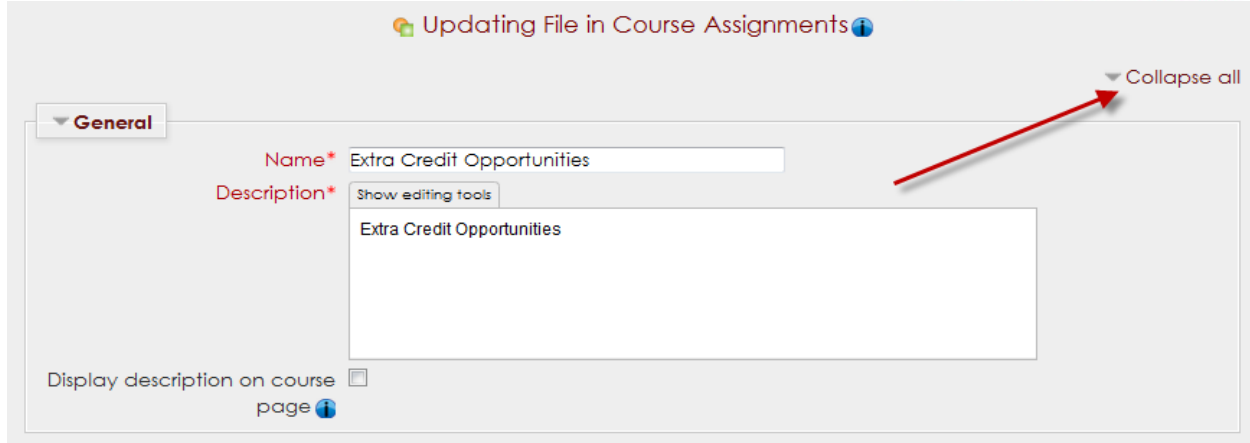


Forms

Most menu headings are now collapsible, and most pages with these collapsible headings contain an Expand all/Collapse all button. For example, here is a resource's settings page with all menus collapsed:



Clicking **Expand all** will return the page to its familiar look, but with a Collapse all link:

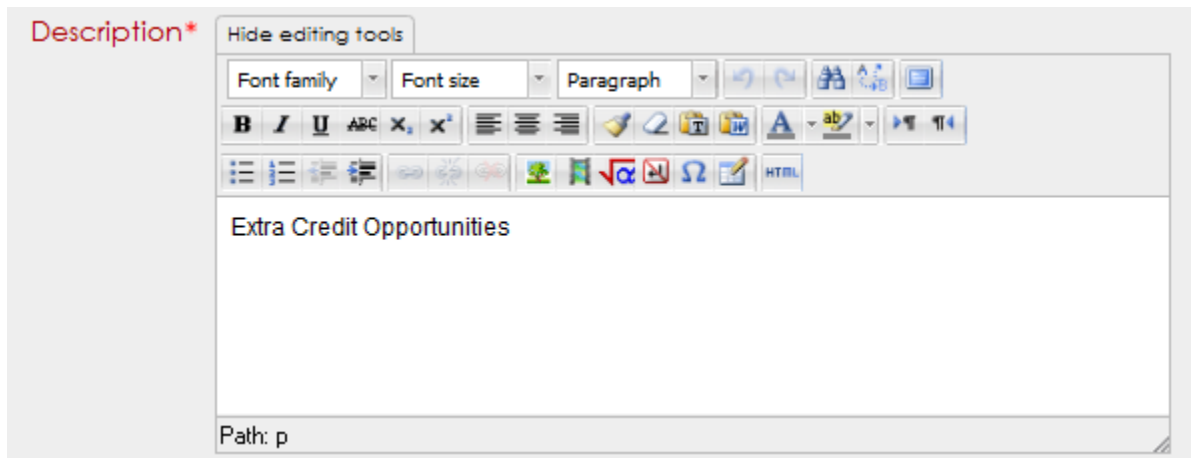


This will greatly reduce the amount of scrolling necessary to adjust settings.

In addition, the text editor on many fields is now, by default, collapsed:



Clicking the Show editing tools button will return it to its familiar look:



These fields will now spell check as text is entered instead of requiring the spell checker to be run manually.

If you have questions or need assistance please contact the CLT at 405.682.7838 or at clt@occc.edu.