Using Groups in your Moodle Course web site

Introduction

Using groups on the course or activity level will allow the teacher to:

- Completely isolate groups of students by sight and activity from each other.
- Partially separate groups, where one group can see other groups and each groups’ activity, but not interact with the other group(s). In this tutorial you will learn how to use group already created.

Using Groups in your Course

Step 1: To begin, click on Users from the Settings panel, after you have logged into your course.

Step 2: Click Groups.
On the Groups page there are three tabs you need to pay attention to:

**Groups**: organizes users into groups within particular activities. Refer to the tutorial Create Groups for further details.

**Groupings**: A grouping is a set of groups. Refer to the tutorial Create Groupings for further details.

**Overview**: An overview of groups and groupings.

Step 3: Click Overview.

The *Group Course Overview page* appears as shown below.
Step 4: Click **Turn editing on** button.

![Turn editing on button](image)

Step 5: Click **Update button** (If you don’t have an assignment created please refer to *Create Assignment tutorial* to learn how to create an assignment).

![Weekly Assignments](image)

Step 6: Scroll down to the **Common module settings** section.

There are three group modes:

**No groups:** There are no sub groups; everyone can see the same assignments.

**Separate groups:** Each member can only see their own group they are assigned to, and the groups they are not in are invisible.

**Visible groups:** Each group works in their own group, but can also see other groups. (The other groups’ work is read-only.)

Step 7: Select **Separate groups** from Group mode drop down menu.
Step 8: Select Group 1 from Grouping drop down menu. When a grouping is selected, students assigned to the groups within that grouping will be able to work together.

![Grouping Menu]

Step 9: Select Checkbox for Available for group members only. If this checkbox is checked, the activity (or resource) will only be available to students assigned to the groups within the selected grouping.

Available for group members only

Step 10: Select Separate groups Group mode drop down menu

Notice the name of the grouping (Group 1) appears in brackets after the activity name Week 1 Assignment – (Online Text) on the course page. This shows what group(s) can see the Assignment.

Weekly Assignments

Conclusion

We hope this guide was helpful.

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