Module formats explained

Moodle Help & Support
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This help document explains the purpose of, and how each module format (set in the module settings) can be used in Moodle.

First enter the module you want to format. The module format can then be selected through the Administration block > Module administration > Edit settings

Under the heading Module format it is possible to select which format you want for the module

![Module format](image)

**Curriculum map format**

This is similar to the Timetable format but instead of displaying timetabled sessions it displays Learning Activities and associated learning outcomes set in the Curriculum Mapping System.

**Single activity format**

When this format is used the module only has 1 section. This allows one activity only to be added to the module. When the single activity format is selected, a drop down menu appears to allow the activity to be chosen.

**Social format**

This format is oriented around one main forum visible on the main module page i.e. all discussion topics are visible on the main module page. There are no other resources or activities in the module. This is suitable for non-modules where there is no content, but it is based around discussion - a bit like a social networking site.

**Timetable format**

This format relies on a feed from Syllabus+, the University of Nottingham’s timetabling system. The content section view is similar to Collapsed topics format in that all weeks are collapsed, apart from the current week. The difference is that learning outcomes associated with the timetabled event will also be displayed. Learning Outcomes are displayed through a link to the Curriculum Mapping System. Activities and resources are added in the usual way.

**Collapsed topics format**

This format is essentially the same as the Topics format but sections can be collapsed to reduce student overload when looking at a busy page.
The content sections can be toggled open or closed. There are also options to OPEN ALL or CLOSE ALL sections.

**Topics format**

This is the most frequently used module format. You can title each section as you wish and highlight an important section e.g. assessments manually to draw the attention of students at particular times during the module. There is an option for this format to show all sections or one section at a time. If the module is set to show one section at a time on the page, only the title of the sections will display. If one section is selected, a Jump to field is displayed allowing the user to jump to a chosen section. There are also options to select the previous or next section.

**Weekly format**

This format is presented in a similar way to the Topics format, but instead of section headings, the relevant week dates will be provided (start date determined in the module settings). You can still edit the section titles. If you originally had your module set to Topics format and entered section titles, by changing to Weekly format the section titles will **not** be automatically changed to the week dates, you will have to manually set this in each section title. This format removes the manual highlighting functionality; instead the current week will be highlighted automatically.

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