How to manage hidden resources, sections and modules

Moodle Help & Support

Relevant to Moodle 3.4 from September 2018 onwards

How to: Manage hidden resources, sections and modules  EASY

Individual resources and sections can be hidden in Moodle, as well as the entire module. The easiest way to tell if anything is hidden is the colour - it sometimes shows as ‘greyed out’, or, in many cases, there will be a message on a purple background:

Hidden from students

To unhide a module - show or make it visible to students

When modules are created, they are automatically hidden.

This is to make sure that editing teachers can add materials to their module without it being available to students. When the module is ready to be shown, follow these steps:

- You will need to be an Editing Teacher in a module to be able to edit its settings.
- In the Cogwheel / Actions menu click Edit Settings
- Under Course visibility (third item down) click Hide or Show as required

Hover Tips

Hide will completely prevent students from seeing or entering the module.

- Click Save and display at the bottom
To hide a section or topic

It can be useful to hide sections from student view if there are materials you’d like to be unavailable.

- Turn editing on
- Click Edit to the right of the section you wish to hide
- Click Hide topic

The section will now turn grey and is hidden.
To unhide, follow the same steps but select Show topic

To hide a resource

You can also hide individual resources.

- Turn editing on
- Go to the Edit drop down list next to the resource you’d like to hide
- Select ‘Hide’

The resource will now have a purple message that it is hidden and in some cases will be “greyed out”

To make it visible, go back to the Edit menu and click ‘Show’.