

How to manage hidden resources, sections and modules

Moodle Help & Support

Relevant to Moodle 3.6 from July 2019 onward

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It is possible to hide individual resources, sections, topics and even entire modules. The easiest way to tell if something is hidden is the colour. Hidden items are usual shown as 'greyed out.'

In many cases, there will also be a purple message.

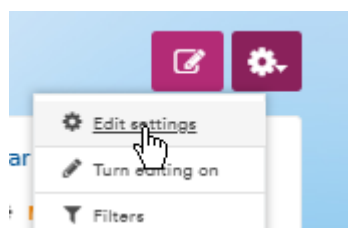
Hidden from students

How to show a module that is invisible to students

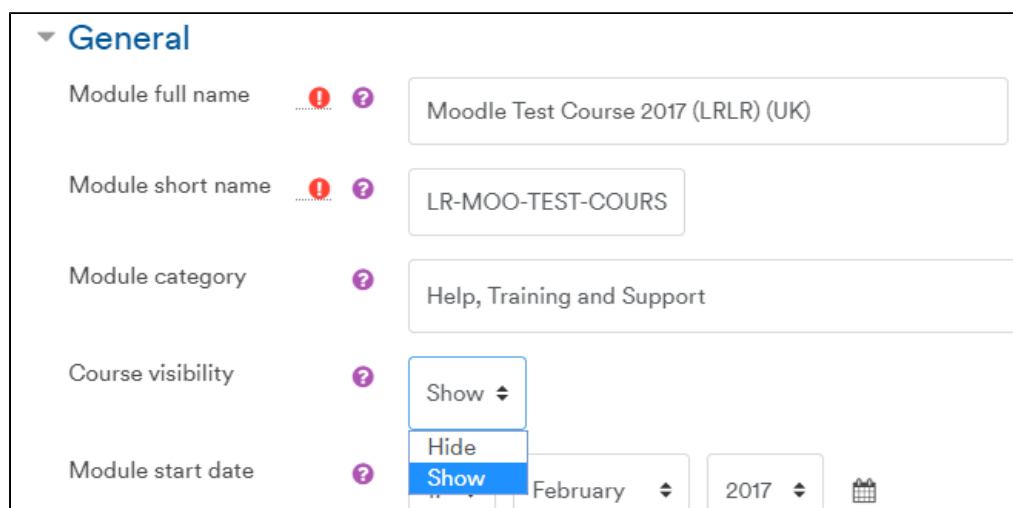
When modules are created, they are automatically hidden and will appear as 'greyed out.' This ensures that editing teachers can organise and finalise the layout of a module before making it available to students.

When the module is ready to be shown, follow these steps:

- In the **Cogwheel / Actions menu** click **Edit Settings** (you will need to be an editing teacher on the relevant module.)



- Under **Course visibility** (third item down) click **Hide** or **Show** as required.

A screenshot of the Moodle 'General' settings page for a course. The page is titled 'General' and contains several fields for course information. The 'Course visibility' field is expanded to show a dropdown menu with 'Show', 'Hide', and 'Show' options. The 'Module full name' is 'Moodle Test Course 2017 (LRLR) (UK)', the 'Module short name' is 'LR-MOO-TEST-COURS', and the 'Module category' is 'Help, Training and Support'. The 'Module start date' is set to February 2017. There are warning and help icons next to several fields.

(Clicking **Hide** again will make the entire module invisible to all students.)

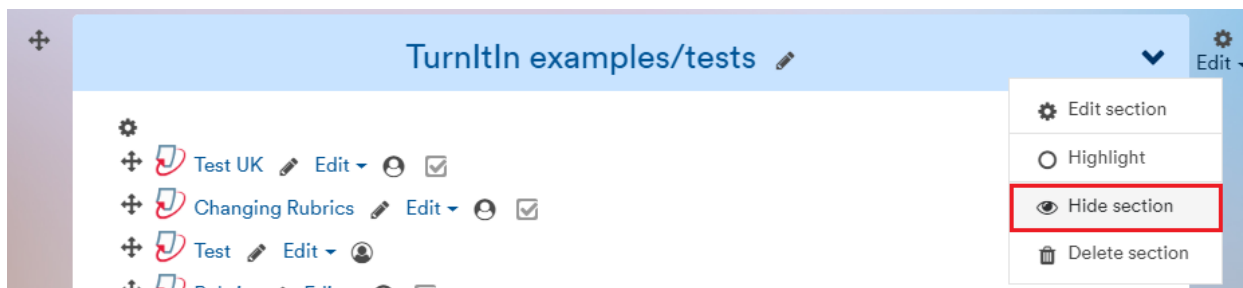
- Click **Save and display** at the bottom

Save and display

How to hide a section or topic

It can be useful to hide sections or topics from student view if there are materials you'd prefer to be unavailable.

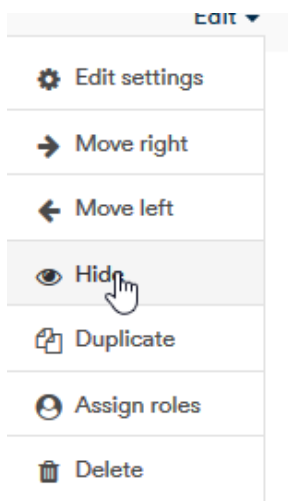
- Turn on **Editing** and click **Edit > Hide Section/Topic**. The section or topic will become 'greyed out' and will be hidden.



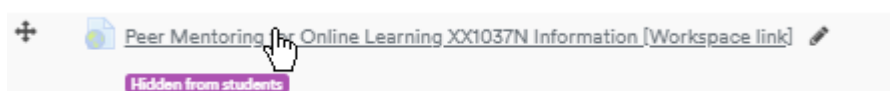
- To unhide, follow the same steps but select **Show Section/Topic**.

To hide an individual resource

- Turn on **Editing** and click **Edit > Hide**.



- The resource will now display a purple 'Hidden from students' message.



- To unhide, follow the same steps but select **Show**.