How to use a Forum for blogs or learning journals

Moodle Help & Support

This refers to Moodle 3.8 from September 2020 onward

Moodle does have a blog feature, but for blogs to be visible to fellow students they must be visible to all users of Moodle.

More on Moodle blogs

A Forum can be used within a particular course or module for students to keep blogs or learning journals.

- Each has their own “thread”
- Users can post via email, and use all the other features of forums.
- They and teachers can respond to one another
- Teachers and students in the course can subscribe to the blog threads.
- The blogs are private to the users in that particular course.

How to: add a Moodle forum for use as a blog or learning journal

1. On your Moodle page, click on the ‘Turn editing on’ button in the top right of your page
   ![Turn editing on button](image)

2. Click + Add an Activity or Resource in the section you want to add the forum

3. From the window, select Forum then click on “Add”
4. Give the forum a “Name” and a “Description”

The description should include the detail students need to understand what to use their blogs for, how to post, and how to respond.

5. Under “Forum type choose ‘Each person posts one discussion’

6. Select subscription (and other) options as appropriate (recommended: For “Subscription mode” as ‘Optional Subscription’)

7. Click ‘Save and Return to module’

8. Click on the ‘Turn editing off’ button you your main Moodle page when finished

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  - How to use a Forum for blogs or learning journals