

Course Formats and Layouts

Introduction

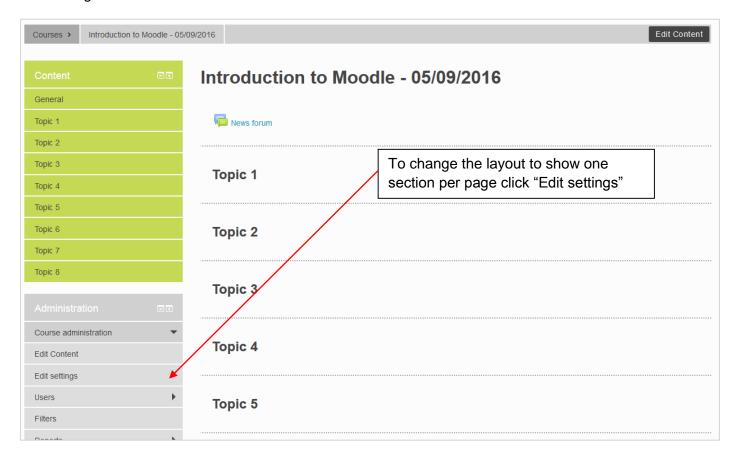
Moodle allows you to choose the way in which courses are structured and presented to the students. There are 4 different formats that you can choose:

- 1. Topic format
- 2. Weekly format
- 3. Grid format
- 4. Collapsed Topics format

There are also other ways in which you can set up your course. Adding blocks and creating your own Navigation can also be achieved. Please see <u>HTML Block List within Course Content Area</u>.

Topic Format

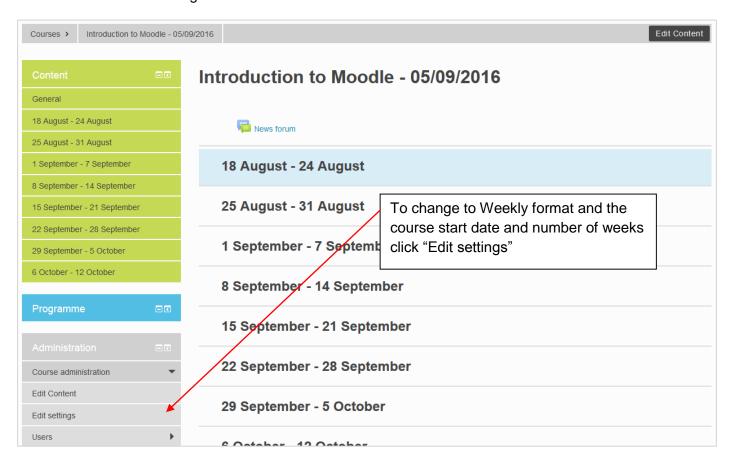
This is the default format that you are presented with when you first enter your course site on Moodle. Don't be fooled by this plain layout as there are many ways in which you can jazz this up! You can also set this to show one section at a time rather than all the content on one page. This can be achieved by selecting the Edit settings on the Administration block.





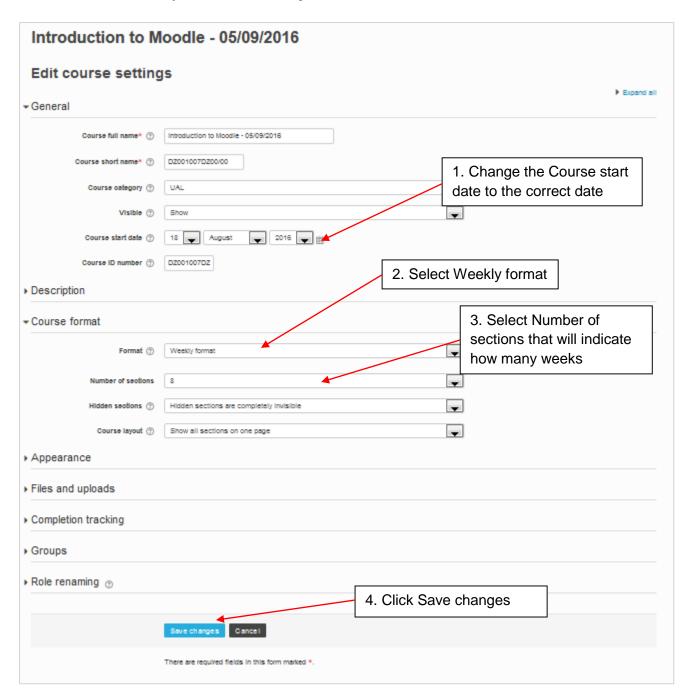
Weekly Format

If you are thinking of delivering your course on a weekly timetable you can set the course format to display the weeks of your course. You will need to change the Course start date settings and select the number of weeks the course is running for.





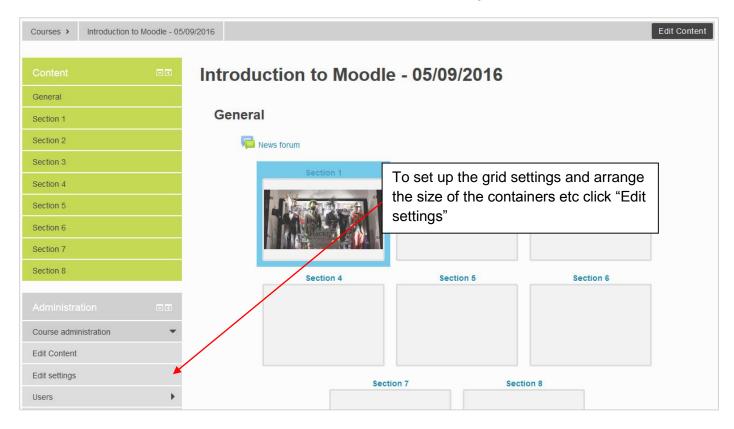
How do I set up the Weekly Format?





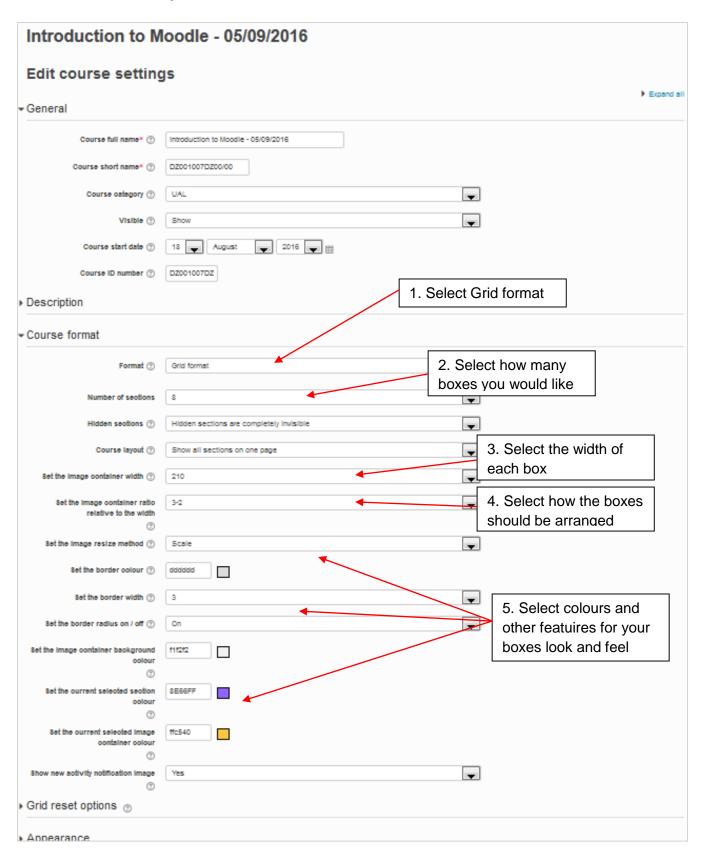
Grid Format

The grid format allows you to add images and section names to create a more visual format to your course site. You can set the size of the container, set the container ratio, change the container colours etc.





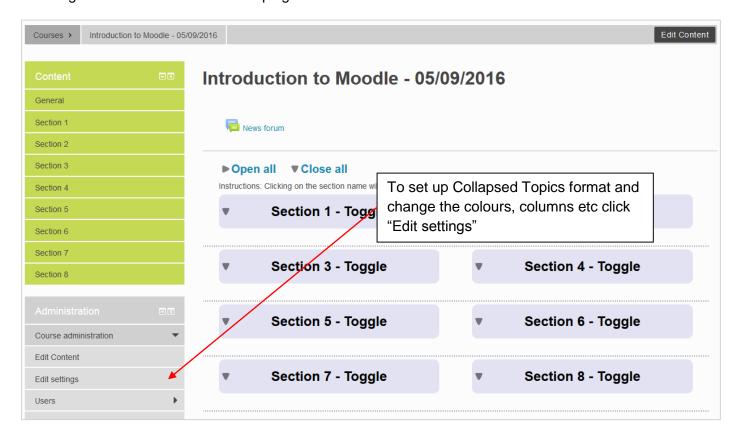
How do I set up Grid Format?





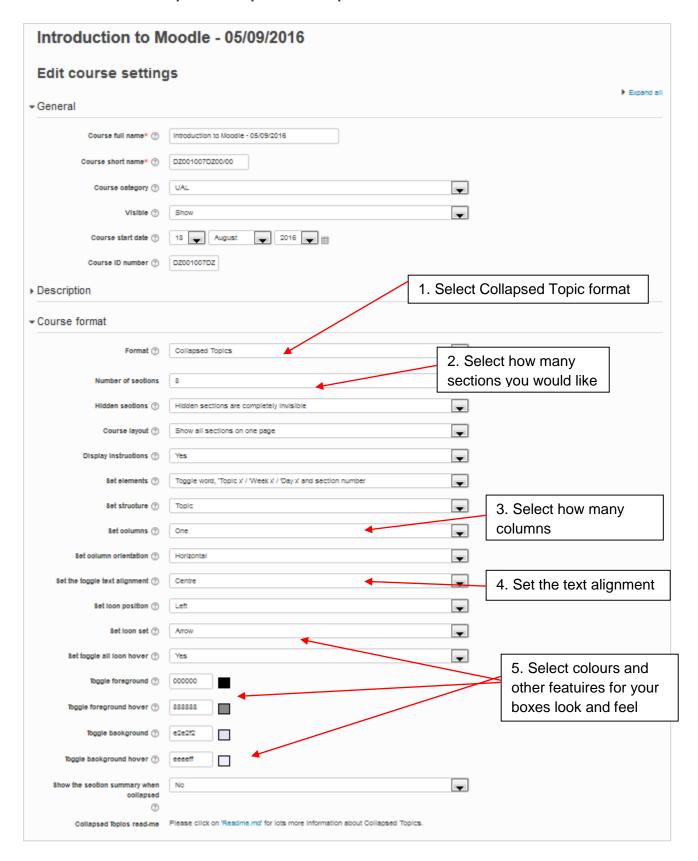
Collapsed Topic Format

This is a format that is essentially the same as the standard Topic and Weekly formats but with a 'toggle' for each section. The toggles' purpose is to reduce the amount of initial information presented to the user thus reducing the 'scroll of death' that can plague courses with a lot of content.





How do I set up Collapsed Topic Format?



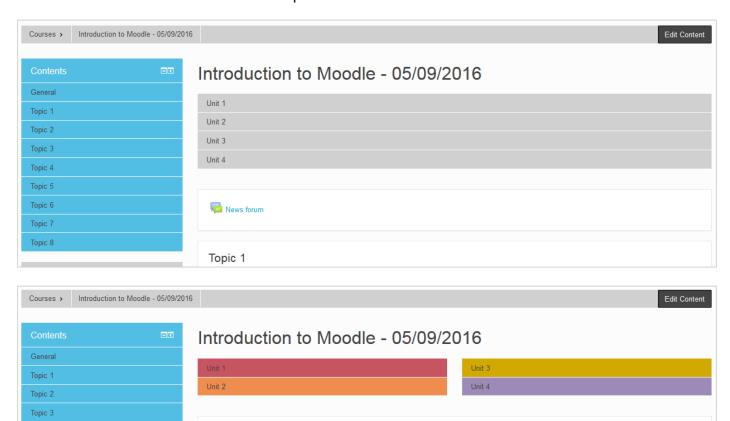


HTML Block List within Course Content Area

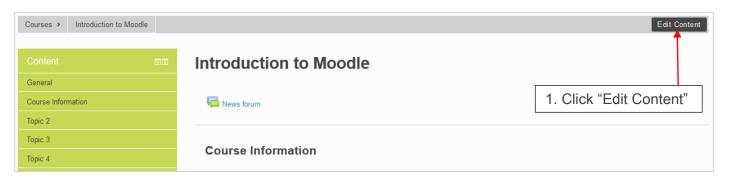
News forum

Topic 1

You can add a HTML Block list within the content area to allow links to other courses, external websites or to topic/sections or items within your course site. This can be produced as one column or you can create a two column effect. Please see below examples:



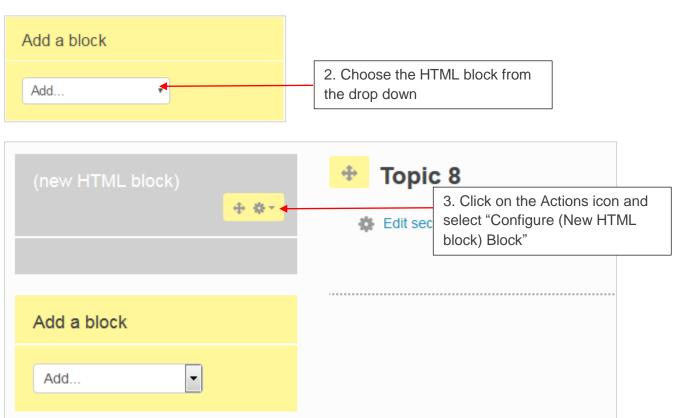
How do I set up a HTML Block List within Course Content Area?



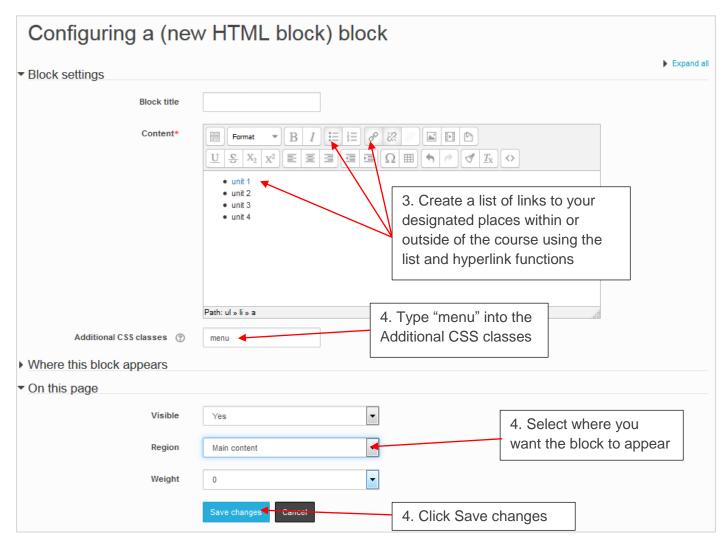
Topic 4

Topic 5
Topic 6









Further Support

Additional support is on hand should you require help. Contact the Technology Enhanced Learning team at elearning-support@arts.ac.uk



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