

Accessibility

Introduction

Within Moodle there are two functions that enable you to change the background colour, font size and font settings. You can also use a spellchecker, dictionary, text to speech, readability and more.

The first function is changing the background colour of Moodle across the whole of the site within your Profile settings and the second function is an accessibility block that is added to a course site that will allow you to change more features.

Changing the background colour across Moodle

The image shows a sequence of three screenshots from the Moodle user interface, illustrating the steps to access profile settings:

- Step 1:** A screenshot of the user's navigation menu. The 'Profile' option is highlighted with a red arrow pointing to it from a text box that says "1. Click on 'Profile'".
- Step 2:** A screenshot of the top right corner of the Moodle interface. The user's name, 'Jane Russell', is highlighted with a red arrow pointing to it from a text box that says "2. Click on your name in the top right hand corner of the screen".
- Step 3:** A screenshot of the user's profile page. The 'Edit profile' link is highlighted with a red arrow pointing to it from a text box that says "3. Click on 'Edit profile'".

The profile page also displays the user's name 'Jane Russell', a bio, contact information, and various settings sections like 'User details' and 'Miscellaneous'.

Jane Russell

► [Expand all](#)

- General
- User picture
- Additional names
- Interests
- Optional
- Other services
- ▼ Accessibility

Page colour: 5. Select page colour

4. Click on "Update profile"

There are required fields in this form marked *.

Courses ► Preferences

Jane Russell

- Administration ☰
- Site administration ►
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User account

- Edit profile
- Preferred language
- Forum preferences
- Editor preferences
- Security keys
- Messaging

Roles

- This user's role assignments
- Assign roles relative to this user
- Permissions
- Check permissions

Portfolios

- Configure
- Transfer logs

Blogs

- Blog preferences
- External blogs
- Register an external blog

Badges

- Manage badges
- Badge preferences
- Backpack settings

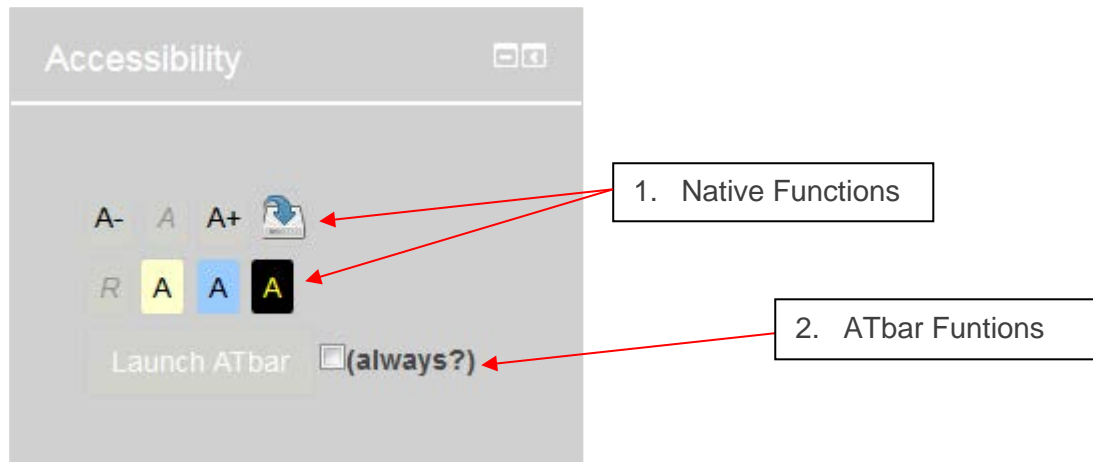
6. Moodle will turn to the colour you selected.

Note: To revert back to the default colour follow the steps above and select page colour default.

Accessibility Block

The Accessibility block allows users to customise Moodle pages to meet their accessibility requirements. The block will need to be added to the course site by the teacher responsible for setting up the course. Once this has been added you will be able to use the Accessibility block and set up the course to your requirements.

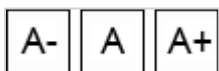
The block's functionality is split into 2 areas: Native functions, and those functions provided by the ATbar.



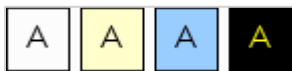
Native Functions

There are 8 buttons on the block itself.

The 3 buttons on the top row displaying an A control text size:



The bottom row contains 4 buttons, each displaying a different colour scheme:



To save your settings for this course click the save settings button:

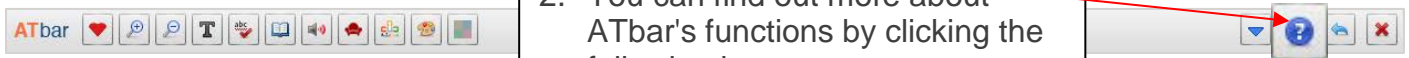


Accessibility Tool Bar (ATbar) Functions

At the bottom of the block, you'll see a button labelled Launch ATbar and a checkbox labelled (always?)



ATbar has several advanced Accessibility functions on top of the ability to change page styles, including Text-To-Speech and Dictionary lookup.



2. You can find out more about ATbar's functions by clicking the following icon.

Note: that if you change styles with ATbar, they will not persist between pages as they do with the native functions, nor are you currently able to save them. Ticking the checkbox will cause ATbar to be automatically loaded each time you visit a page containing the Accessibility block.

Further Support

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



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