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Introduction

The [Attendance Activity](#) allows the teacher to maintain a record of attendance, replacing or supplementing a paper-based attendance register. Using this tool, the teacher can take class attendance, mark the status of a student as "Present," "Absent," "Late," or "Excused," and the students can view their attendance records. The tool can be configured to record their attendance by the students. It is possible to generate attendance reports for the whole class or individual students. Also, the teacher can provide a grade for the students' attendance.

Setting up of Attendance Activity

The following are the steps to set up an [Attendance Activity](#) in a course.

1. Click the **TURN EDITING ON** button at the top right corner of the course home page.
2. Click the [Add an activity or resource](#) link and select [Attendance Activity](#) from the list of activities and resources page (Figure 1).

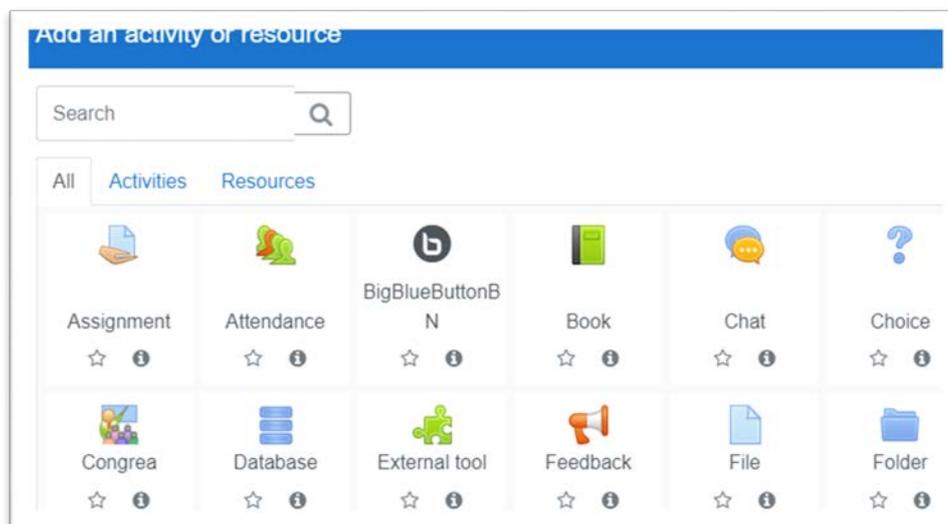


Figure 1

3. Add a [name](#) and [description](#) for the [attendance](#) and decide whether the description should be [displayed](#) on the [course page](#).

Note: A teacher can add as many attendance instances as necessary. A meaningful name must be given for each instance that indicates what it will

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be used for. E.g. Attendance for video conferencing session, Attendance for Chat session etc.

- If required, the attendance can be graded by deciding the **grade type**, **maximum grade**, **grade category**, and **grade to pass**.

Note: When grading an activity, it is possible to use a grading **scale** (in terms of **letter grading or descriptive words**), a grade **point** (numerical scale) or neither.

- Maintain the default settings for **Common Module**, **Restrict Access**, **Activity Completion**, **Tags**, **Competencies** and **Extra Restrictions**
- Click **SAVE AND DISPLAY** button.
- Now, a new window will appear with six tabs, namely **Sessions**, **Add Session**, **Report**, **Export**, **Status Set**, and **Temporary Users**. (Figure 2)



Figure 2

- Click the **status Set** button. The status Set window has six options: **Acronyms**, **Descriptions**, **Points**, **Available for students (minutes)**, **Automatically set when not marked** and **Action** (Figure 3).
 - The attendance status is given in **Acronyms** such as P, L, E and A and their descriptions under **Descriptions**, namely, P for present, L for late, E for excused and A for absent.
 - If required, an additional status can be set using the **ADD** button at the bottom. Also, the existing status options can be removed using the 

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- button on the Action menu. It is also possible to rename a current status.
- c. Points can be entered for each status under the **Points** column.
 - d. The option **Available for students (minutes)** is applicable if the students are allowed to mark the attendance by themselves (*Sl. no. 16 below*). In such cases, using this option allows deciding how long the students can record their attendance after the commencement of the Activity.
 - e. Using the **Automatically set when not marked** option, the attendance status can be decided if a student did not mark self-attendance i.e. whether he/she should be considered as *Present, Late, Excused or Absent*.
9. Click the **UPDATE** button when the needed changes are made on this page.

#	Acronym	Description	Points	Available for students (minutes)	Automatically set when not marked	Action
1	P	Present	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
2	L	Late	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	E	Excused	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	A	Absent	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
*	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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Figure 3

10. Next, add an attendance session by clicking the **Add Session** tab.
11. The default **Type** is **All students**
12. Add the **Date** and **Time** of the Activity for which the attendance needs to be recorded.
13. Give a **description** of the session, if required.

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14. If your classes follow a regular schedule which the students are well aware of, and you do not want *Upcoming Activity block of the dashboard and Course Page will be filled with the upcoming class attendance sessions* do not tick the option, **Create calendar event for the session**.
15. Click **Multiple Sessions** for recording the attendance for a recurring activity and set the frequency of the Activity. First, set the sessions' days, and then if it is repeated every week, select **Repeat Every Week** as 1, every two weeks as 2 etc. and then enter the last date of the Activity (*end date of the course*) at **Repeat Until**.
16. In case the Activity for which attendance required is happening recurring but not at regular intervals, then additional sessions have to be created using **Add Sessions** button.
17. The students can be permitted to mark the attendance by themselves by ticking **Allow students to record own attendance** option under the **Student Recording** section.
18. In case the above option is enabled, then **Automatic marking** of student attendance may be made as (i) **Set unmarked at the end of session** OR **Disabled**.
19. **Password** can be set for recording attendance by the students. The teacher has to create the password manually or it can be generated randomly. Also, QR Code for password can be generated and communicated to the students during the session.
20. If the Automatic marking is set as **Set unmarked at end of the session**, the attendance of the student who has not marked by himself can be marked as per the status (Present, Absent or Excused) by the teacher at the end of the session.
21. The settings **Require network address** and **Prevent students sharing IP address** may be ignored.
22. Click **ADD** button at the bottom.

Attendance Marking by the Teacher

In case the teacher wants to record the attendance:

- a. Go to the **Sessions tab**
- b. From the list of Sessions select the session for which you have set up the attendance and click ► button i.e. **Take attendance**(Figure)to take the attendance.



- c. From the resulting attendance table with the First name/ surname, email ids, P, A, E and remarks options, tick the P (i.e. Present) or any other option that applies to majority of the students against the **Set status for all** option on the top portion of the table.
- d. Then, change the status of the individual student who are *absent / excused or late* by clicking the corresponding status radio button against each student and **SAVE ATTENDANCE**

Editing, Exporting, Deleting etc. of Attendance

1. The newly created sessions will be found in the tab "**Session**". From here you can edit, change delete the sessions (Figure).



2. You can also use the **Select** tick box above the session list to make universal changes, such as **delete all sessions**.

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3. Also, using the **export** button, attendance reports can be generated in different formats (like excel spread sheets) and exported.