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Adding a database activity

To add a database activity:

1. With the editing turned on,in the section you wish to add your database, click the "Add an activity or resource" link (or, if not present, the "Add an activity" drop down menu)and choose *Database* All settings may expanded by clicking the

"Expand all" link top right.
2. Give your new database a name and a description.
3. Select your options (see below).
4. Click the "Save and display" button at the bottom of the page.
5. Define the fields or use a preset.
6. Define the templates.
7. Add one or two same entries then edit the templates as appropriate.

General

Name

Choose a helpful name as this will form the link students will click on to access your database.

Description

Type the description of the database here. Click the icon on the left to expand the toolbar to three lines.

Display description on course page

If this box is ticked, the description will appear on the course page just below the name of the Database.

Entries

(These settings are collapsed by default.)

Approval required?

If set to "yes", the entry will only be visible to everyone once a teacher has checked and approved it.

Entries waiting for approval can be shown as highlighted to the teacher and also to the user who added the entry (new in Moodle 3.0).

If approval required is set to "yes", the teacher can choose whether approved entries can still be edited or not.

Allow comments on entries

If set to "yes", users will be able to comment on database entries.

Entries required for completion (old)

In Moodle 3.3, the 'Entries required for completion' setting has been replaced by an Activity completion setting 'Require entries'. (In previous versions of Moodle, the setting had no effect on activity completion, but simply displayed a message on the view list page stating how many entries should be added to complete the activity.)

Entries required for viewing

Select here how many entries you wish the student to add before they are allowed to see entries by other people. *Note*: If entries are required before viewing, the database auto-linking filter should be disabled. This is because the database auto-linking filter can't determine whether a user has submitted the required number of entries.

Maximum number of entries

Select here the maximum number of entries you wish students to make.

Availability

(These settings are collapsed by default.)

Available from/to

Select here when you want the database to be visible to students.

Read only from/to

If you wish, select here the dates you want students to be able to see entries in the database but not be able to add their own. For example you could make a database 'available from' January 1st until March 1st, but 'read only' from January 1st to February 1st. This means students can only view entries for a month before being able to add their own.

The 'available from/to' settings override the 'read only from/to' settings. So if a database has 'read only' from 1st January, and "available from" 1st February, students will **not** be able to view its content during January.

Note that it's possible to select a precise time as well as date for these availability settings.

Grade to pass

Here you can set a passing grade for the database. This may be connected with Activity completion and Conditional activities such that a student will not be able to access a follow up activity until they have achieved the required grade in the database.

RSS

(This setting is collapsed by default and only visible if RSS has been enabled on the site and for the database.)
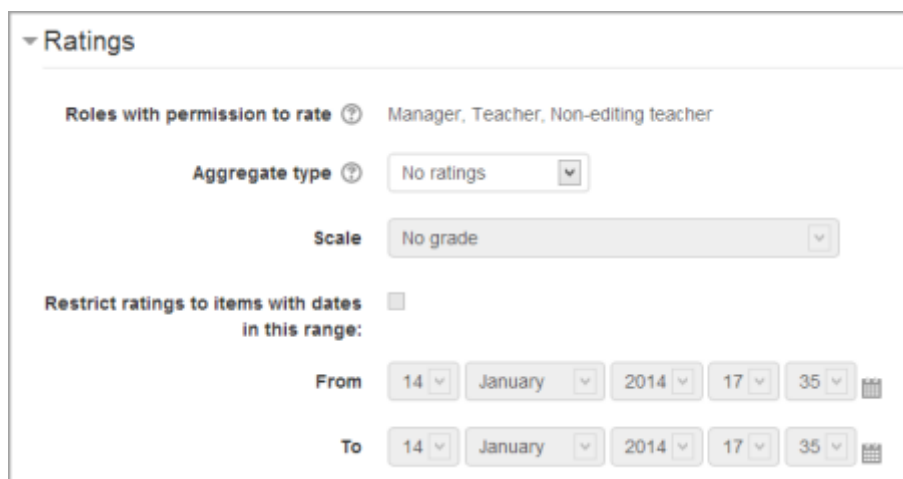
Select the number of entries you wish to appear in the RSS feed here.

Grade

(This setting is collapsed by default) Choose the category in which this database will appear if ratings are enabled.

Ratings

(These settings are collapsed by default)

Roles with permissions to rate

Database entries can be rated using a scale. By default, only teachers can rate database entries, though students can be given permission to do so if desired from *Administration>Database administration*. This is a useful tool for giving students participation grades. Any ratings given are recorded in the gradebook.

Common module settings

(These settings are collapsed by default.)

See Common module settings

Restrict access/Activity completion

(These settings are collapsed by default)

These settings are visible if Restrict access and Activity completion have been enabled in the site and the course.

Activity completion condition options are:

- Require view
- Require grade
- Require entries
- Expect completed on

Site administration settings

Database activity defaults and additional settings may changed by an administrator in *Administration > Site administration > Plugins > Activity modules > Database*.

Database activity capabilities

- Approve unapproved entries
- Write comments
- Export all database entries
- Export a database entry
- Export own database entry
- Manage database activity comments
- Manage database activity entries
- Manage templates
- Manage all template presets
- Rate entries
- View all raw ratings given by individuals
- View presets from all users
- View total ratings that anyone received
- View entries
- View the total rating you received
- Write entries
- Add a new database activity

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