

Moodle Launches Major Version Release - Moodle 3.1

The world's open source learning platform presents a major new version, Moodle 3.1.

PERTH, Western Australia — **Moodle**, the world's open source learning platform, today releases its latest and most intuitive version, Moodle 3.1. Based on the work of the core team at Moodle HQ and contributions from the global community, the popular learning management system introduces a range of useful new features together with a number of significant usability improvements.

The flagship feature of this release is support for Competency-Based Education (CBE). With Moodle 3.1, administrators can create learning plan templates and apply them to individuals or entire cohorts of students. Competency frameworks and learning plans can now be constructed within Moodle or imported from external sources using a plugin.

Some of the highlights of Moodle 3.1 include:

- Full support for competency based education (CBE)
- Intuitive assignment grading interface
- Global search function
- Assignment file conversion
- Activity sharing between Moodle sites
- In-line editing
- In-page confirmations
- Ability to pin forum discussions
- File system repository search function
- Ability to bulk download files in zipped folders for offline use

For more details about these features and the full list of improvements see https://docs.moodle.org/31/en/New_features

Also included in this release is the recycle bin feature which allows users to restore deleted courses and files to their original locations. This is the first feature to be contributed by the new community driven, Moodle Users Association https://moodleassociation.org.

Moodle 3.1 remains dedicated to the core educational mission at the heart of the open source project. Moodle is a free, accessible toolbox for educators to produce practical structures for collaborative learning of all kinds. Moodle can be used on every device, including offline mobile devices with the Moodle Mobile App.

Availability

Downloads: As a true open source community product, this latest version of Moodle is a free download https://download.moodle.org or via Git. Upgrades to Moodle 3.1 should be quite simple from any previous version of the platform.

MoodleCloud: You can also try Moodle 3.1 using the <u>MoodleCloud</u> service at <u>https://moodle.com/cloud</u>. All existing MoodleCloud sites will be automatically upgraded to Moodle 3.1 over the next week.

Moodle Partners: For paid services such as hosting, installation, customisation, training and much more, contact one of the official certified <u>Moodle Partners</u> at <u>https://moodle.com/partners</u>.

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About Moodle

First released in 2002 by Martin Dougiamas, Moodle has since developed into a full-featured, flexible open source learning platform currently used in more than 230 countries with more than 86 million users worldwide. Moodle is a true open source project with thousands of collaborators from around the world, led by Moodle Pty Ltd from Perth, Australia and financially supported by a global network of Moodle Partner service companies. The focus of Moodle is to provide educators with the best tools to manage and promote learning. For more information, visit http://moodle.org.

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