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Using Moodle for groupwork

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Workshop outline

Part 1

- Why use groups?
- Issues to consider
- Moodle examples

Part 2

- Design a group activity
- *Break*

Part 3

- Hands-on workshop: Creating groups in Moodle

Why groups?

- Generic advantages:

- Motivational
- Educational
- Ideological

(Reynolds, 1994)



Why Moodle groups?

- Flexible participation
- A 'home' for the group
- Visibility
- Administrative advantages



Issues to consider



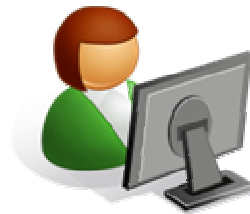
- How will the activity further the module objectives?
- Assessment?
- Group dynamics
- Composition: Size? Self selecting or predefined?
- Access to technology
- Training
- What if they don't use Moodle?
- Others?



Examples

Discussion forum examples

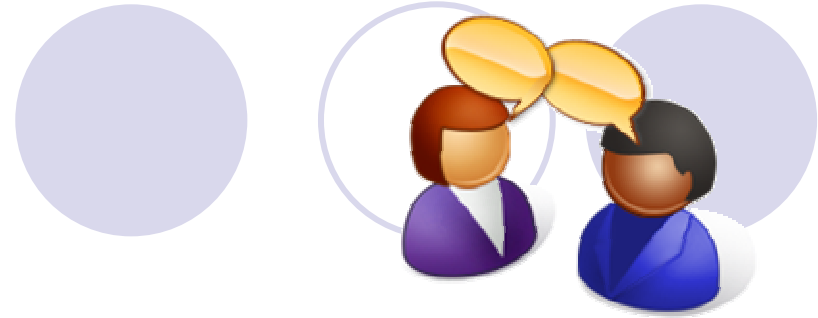
- Online debate
- Preparation for group projects/presentations
- Online role play
- Others?



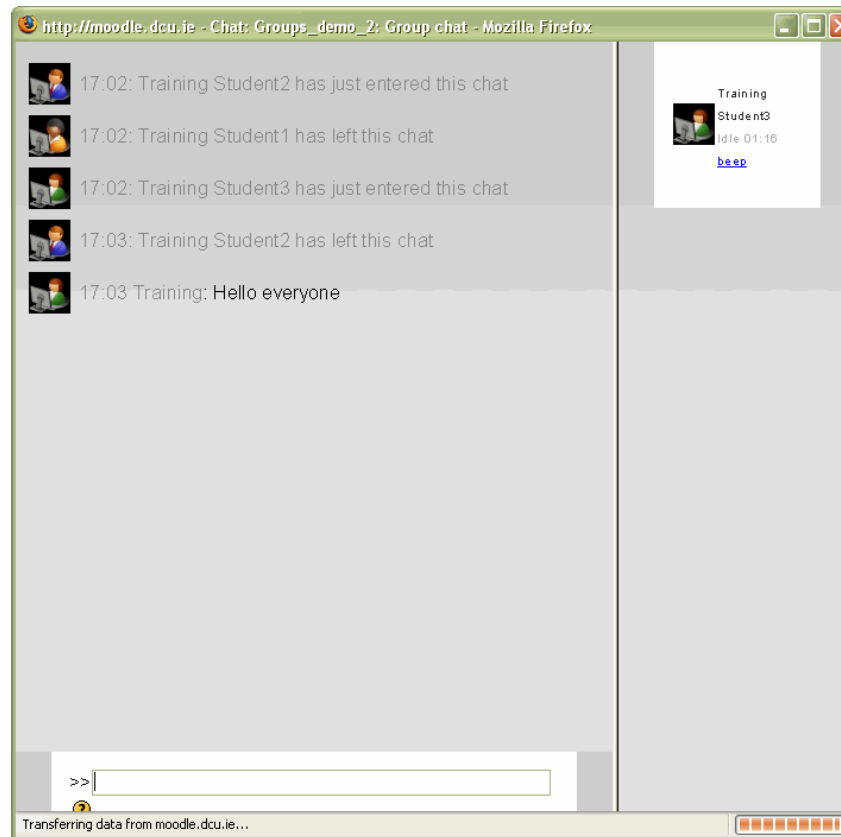
Discussion	Started by	Group	Replies
Getting started with the group project	 Training Student1	Group 1	1



Chat examples



- Brainstorming
- Decision making
- Others?



Wiki examples

- Collaborative authoring

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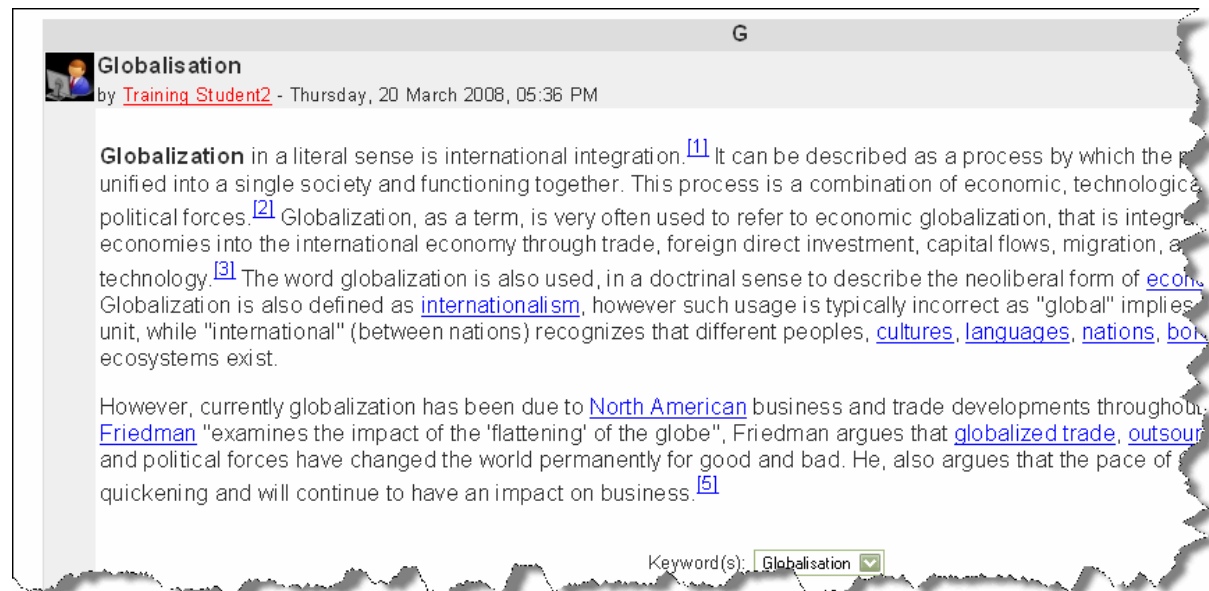
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CelticTiger? ([Irish](#): *Tiogar Ceilteach*) is a name for the period of growth in the Republic of Ireland that began in the 1990s and slowed in 2001, only to pick up pace again in 2003 and then have slowed down once again by 2006. During this time, Ireland experienced a [boom](#) in which it was transformed from one of Europe's poorer countries into one of its wealthiest. The causes of Ireland's growth are the subject of some debate, but credit has been primarily given to [free market capitalism](#): low corporate taxation; decades of investment in domestic higher education; a low-cost labour market; a policy of restraint in government spending; and EU membership - which provided transfer payments and export access to the Single Market.

Glossary examples

- Team compilation of entries
- Critique of definitions
- Others?



Globalisation

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Globalization in a literal sense is international integration.^[1] It can be described as a process by which the world is unified into a single society and functioning together. This process is a combination of economic, technological and political forces.^[2] Globalization, as a term, is very often used to refer to economic globalization, that is integration of national economies into the international economy through trade, foreign direct investment, capital flows, migration, and technology.^[3] The word globalization is also used, in a doctrinal sense to describe the neoliberal form of [economic globalization](#). Globalization is also defined as [internationalism](#), however such usage is typically incorrect as "global" implies a single unit, while "international" (between nations) recognizes that different peoples, [cultures](#), [languages](#), [nations](#), [border regions](#) and [ecosystems](#) exist.

However, currently globalization has been due to [North American](#) business and trade developments throughout the world. [Friedman](#) "examines the impact of the 'flattening' of the globe", Friedman argues that [globalized trade](#), [outsourcing](#) and political forces have changed the world permanently for good and bad. He, also argues that the pace of globalization is quickening and will continue to have an impact on business.^[5]

Keyword(s):



Activity

- Spend some time designing a group activity



Creating Moodle groups

1. Set up groups
2. Add students to groups
3. Apply groups
 - Individual activity level
 - Course level
4. Separate or visible?

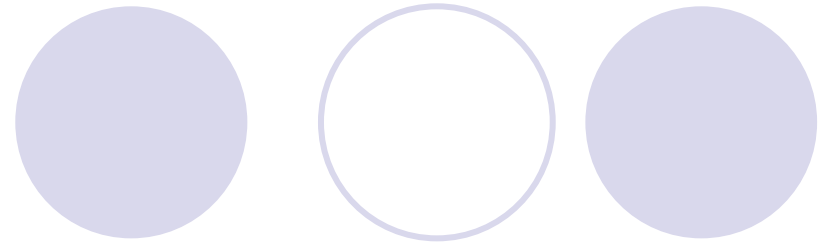


Separate or visible groups?

Moodle has two group modes:


- When **separate groups** are applied to an activity each group can only see their own group, others are invisible.
- When **visible groups** are applied to an activity each group works in their own group, but can also see other groups.

Separate groups

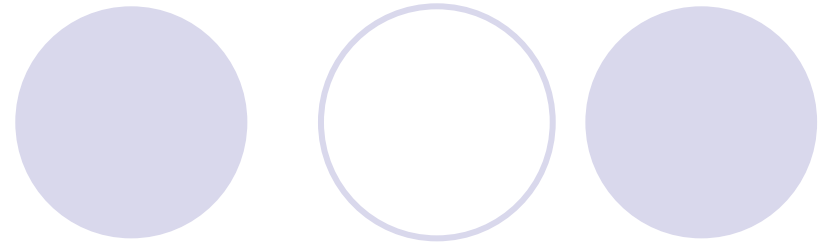


- If we apply **separate groups** to a discussion forum, when students access the forum they will only see messages posted by students in their own group.

Add a new discussion topic



Discussion	Started by	Group	Replies	Last post
Project tasks	 Training Student4	Group 2	0	Training Student4 Thu, 20 Mar 2008, 12:23 PM

Visible groups



- If we apply **visible groups** to a forum, then while students can only contribute to their own group, they will be able to see messages posted by other groups.

Add a new discussion topic

Discussion	Started by	Group	Replies	Last post
Project tasks	 Training Student4	Group 2	0	Training Student4 Tue, 25 Mar 2008, 10:05 AM
Getting started with the group project	 Training Student1	Group 1	1	Training Student2 Tue, 25 Mar 2008, 10:03 AM

Worksheet



1. Set up groups
2. Add students to groups
3. Apply groups