

Moodle 2.3 allows you and your students to work with the built-in Campus Pack Blog tool or share content from external blogs.

If you want students to respond to your questions, queries, or posted article, consider using the News Forum that appears in the header block. Blogs are best used to enable peer-to-peer interaction and collaboration.

To enable students to use the CampusPack Blog for your course, add the Blog Menu Block to your course.

Here's how blogs work in Moodle 2.3:

Adding an Entry

1. Login to Moodle
2. From the Navigation Block on the right click on **Blogs > Add a new entry**
3. This opens your Campus Pack Blog interface

Alternatively, if the Blog Menu Block is enabled in a course, click **Add a new entry about this course** there.

4. Write your entry and give it a title.

If you want to attach a file, click the *Add* button to access the File Picker to locate a file. Be sure your document is smaller than the maximum attachment size. Alternatively, drag and drop your file into the box provided.

5. Publish your blog entry. Selecting publish to **Yourself** saves your post as a draft that you can continue to work on. Publish to **Anyone on this site** makes your final version available
6. Select tags for your entry and/or add your own tags—separated by a comma.
7. Click on the “Save changes” button.

The screenshot illustrates the process of adding a new blog entry in Moodle 2.3. It is divided into two main sections:

- Adding a New Blog Entry from the Navigation Block:** This section shows a 'Navigation' block on the right side of the page. Under the 'Blogs' category, the option 'Add a new entry' is highlighted with a mouse cursor. Text to the right of this block reads 'Adding a New Blog Entry from the Navigation Block'.
- or from the Blog Menu Block:** This section shows a 'Blog menu' block. It contains several links, with 'Add an entry about this course' highlighted by a mouse cursor. Text to the left of this block reads 'or from the Blog Menu Block'.

The bottom portion of the screenshot shows the 'Add a new entry' form. The 'Entry title' is 'Learning Record'. The 'Blog entry body' is a rich text editor. Below the editor is an 'Attachment' section with an 'Add...' button and a file picker interface. At the bottom, the 'Publish to' dropdown is set to 'Anyone on this site', and a 'Save changes' button is highlighted with a mouse cursor.

COURSE BLOGS

- If you click “Add an entry about this course” in the **Blog Menu Block** then you will have the option to associate your blog entry with your current course. (Note: your blogs can still be seen elsewhere in Moodle, but this is a way to filter entries about a particular course within the course)
- There is also forum type called **Standard forum displayed in a blog-like format** enables the instructor to create forums which work as course blogs.

EDITING A BLOG ENTRY

Edit your blog entry at any time, perhaps changing the publish option from **Yourself** to **Anyone** on your site, via the edit link at the bottom of the entry. You may also delete the blog entry if you wish.

PERMALINK

Clicking *Permalink* on a blog entry gives you a direct link to that particular blog posting-**in the address bar**. This is so you can send a link to this *specific* post to someone else.

EXTERNAL BLOGS

- If enabled by an administrator, you can register external blogs, such as Blogger or Wordpress so that entries are automatically included in your Moodle blog. Go to *Settings > My profile settings > Blogs > Register an external blog*.
- In the *URL* box, add the RSS feed of the blog you wish to register.

Deleting external blog entries

External blog entries can be deleted but not edited. To delete an external blog entry, click “delete” under the blog entry

Unregistering an external blog

To unregister (delete from your Moodle) an external blog, go to *Settings > My profile settings > Blogs > Register an external blog* and click the X

Working with External Blogs



Register an external blog

Add the RSS feed of your blog here!

URL* ?

Name ?

Description ?

Filter tags ?

Add these tags ?

Save changes Cancel

Get the RSS URL from the specific blogging tool that you choose.



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Unregister this external blog