

About, Navigation of, and Basic Settings in Moodlerooms

>>About Moodle and Moodlerooms:

Moodle (*Modular Object-Oriented Dynamic Learning Environment*) is a Course Management System (CMS), also known as a Learning Management System (LMS) or a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).

It is a Free web application that educators can use to create effective online learning sites. It has become very popular among educators around the world as a tool for creating online dynamic web sites for their students.



Moodle was originally developed by Martin Dougiamas to help educators create online courses with a focus on interaction and collaborative construction of content, and is in continual evolution. To work, it needs to be installed on a web server somewhere, either on one of your own computers or one at a web hosting company.

Moodlerooms is a company that provides access to a cost-effective learning management system by harnessing the world's most widely used open-source learning management system, Moodle at the core.

Moodlerooms' customers receive all of the benefits of open-source Moodle with enterprise-level deployment, implementation, value added support, services and



features. They also have the ability to integrate with other vital systems to create a connected information architecture. This gives educators the ability to create and facilitate courses with limitless possibilities and without requiring extensive technical knowledge, expensive hardware or staff.

>>Basic navigation in Moodlerooms:

Blocks are features that are similar to an app, widget or gadget. They allow navigation through the LMS environment in an efficient manner.

You can dock and undock Blocks by clicking on the docking icon in the upper right-hand corner of each block. Blocks will dock (minimize) to the upper left-hand corner of the page.

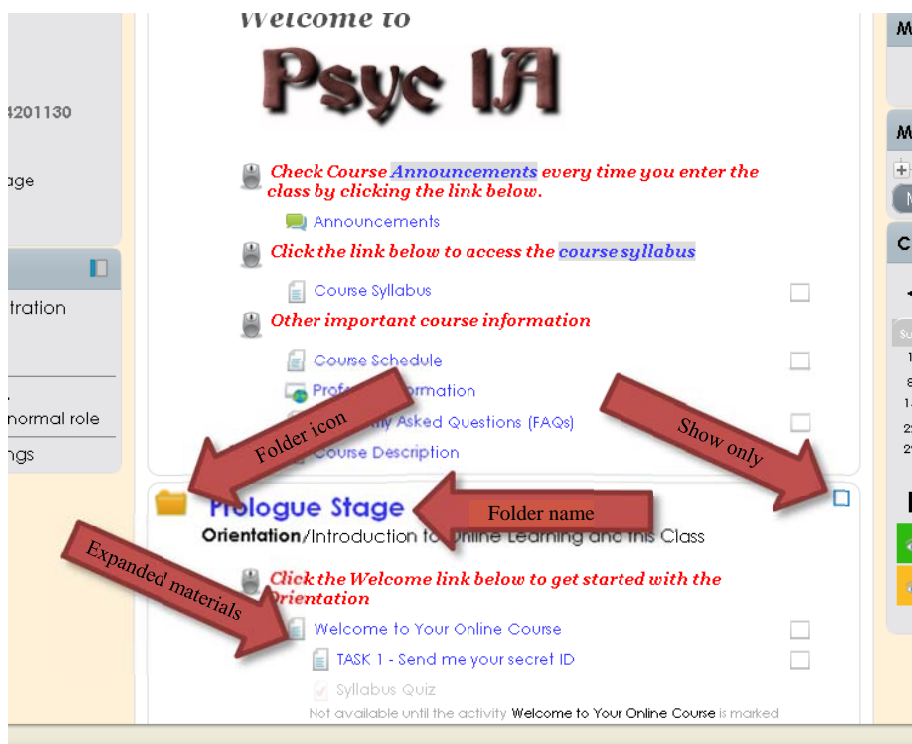
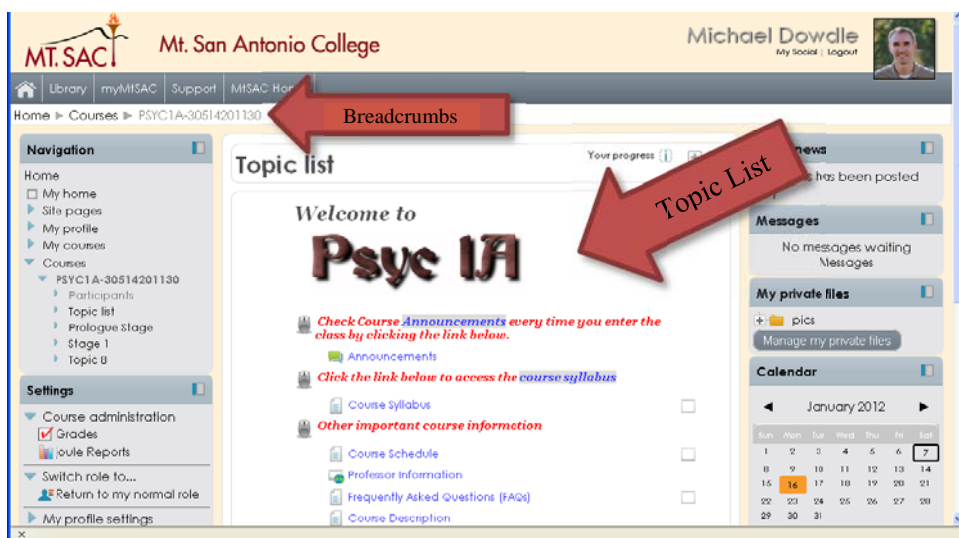


Common blocks that students will see/use:

- Navigation block
- Settings block
- Latest News block
- Messages block
- Calendar block

Breadcrumbs are also a way to navigate the course without using your browser's navigation buttons. Click on the links to navigate to past pages in the course.

Topic List (center of page) is where you will find all of the information for the course. This is where all of the resources and activities for the course, divided into topic folders, will be located.



To expand the materials in a folder (open up the folder) click on the folder icon. To open a new page containing the folder's materials click on the folder name.

To view only that topic/folder click on the "Show only Topic #" box in the upper right-hand corner of the topic area.

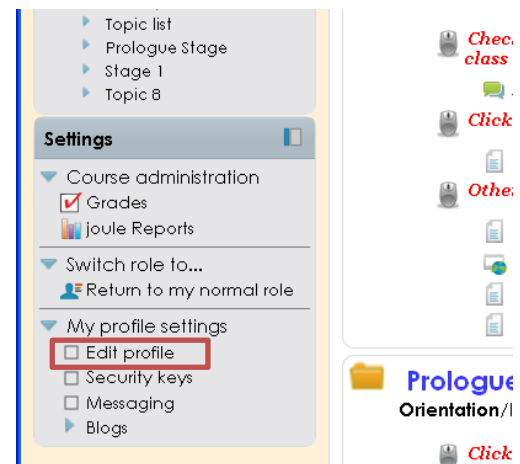
>>Customizing your settings in Moodlerooms:

User Profile – you can customize your user profile including providing a picture of yourself. Here you can:

- Edit personal details
- Upload your picture
- Modify your site preferences
- Track forum participation
- Blog
- Enter and view notes

You are highly encouraged to provide a photo of yourself as long as it is appropriate and a true representation of you. Please do not post a picture of your pet, your child, you as a child, your friends, a cartoon character, a celebrity, a landscape photo, or other inappropriate photo.

In the “Settings” block click on the little blue arrow next to “My profile settings” then on “Edit profile”.



You should set your preferences similar to the options you see in the image to the right. Pay particular attention to the “Email digest type” and “Forum auto-subscribe” options. These will decide how you receive forum posts via your email.

Home ► Courses ► PSYC1A-30514201130 ► Edit profile

General

First name	Michael
Last name	Dowdle
Email address	mdowdle@mtsac.edu
Email display	Allow only other course members to see my email address ▼
Email format	Pretty HTML format ▼
Email digest type	Subjects (daily email with subjects only) ▼
Forum auto-subscribe	No: don't automatically subscribe me to forums ▼
Forum tracking	Yes: highlight new posts for me ▼
When editing text	Use HTML editor (some browsers only) ▼
AJAX and Javascript	Yes: use advanced web features ▼
Screen reader	No ▼
City/town	Walnut
Select a country	United States
Timezone	America/Los_Angeles
Preferred language	English - United States (en_us) ▼
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Email	mdowdle@mtsac.edu
Work Phone	909.594.5611 x3160

Messaging settings – you can customize how often you receive emails related to specific events that occur in the course. These settings configure notification methods for incoming messages.

In the “Settings” block click on the little blue arrow next to “My profile settings” then on “Messaging”.

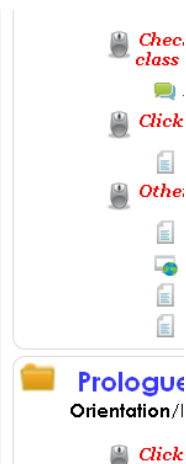
Configure notification methods for incoming messages

	Activity stream	Popup notification	Email	Alert badge notification
Assignment notifications				
When I'm logged in	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When I'm offline	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Course creation request approval notification				
When I'm logged in	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When I'm offline	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Course creation request rejection notification				
When I'm logged in	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When I'm offline	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Course grade changed				
When I'm logged in	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When I'm offline	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Glossary entry changed				
When I'm logged in	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When I'm offline	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Topic list
Prologue Stage
Stage 1
Topic 8

Settings

- Course administration
 - ☒ Grades
 - ☐ Joule Reports
- Switch role to...
 - ☐ Return to my normal role
- My profile settings
 - ☐ Edit profile
 - ☐ Security keys
 - ☒ **Messaging**
 - ☐ Blogs



You may set your settings to however you want. However it is **HIGHLY** recommended that you be sure to check the boxes to receive emails and pop-ups for “Personal messages between users” and check the boxes to receive emails for “Subscribed forum posts” and “joule Gradebook messages”.

Essay graded notification				
When I'm logged in	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When I'm offline	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal messages between users				
When I'm logged in	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When I'm offline	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Feedback reminder				
When I'm logged in	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When I'm offline	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
joule Gradebook messages				
When I'm logged in	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When I'm offline	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Activity updated or added				
When I'm logged in	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When I'm offline	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Activity completed				
When I'm logged in	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When I'm offline	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>