

## **Moodle Built-in Group Feature**

Moodle has a built-in group feature that allows one course to support different learning paths. Although all participants are enrolled in the same course, Moodle can display different activities and support areas based on group membership.

At the beginning of the course, participants complete a Group Choice activity and select their role, Teacher or Administrator. Once the choice is made, Moodle automatically assigns participants to the corresponding group.

From that point forward, group settings control what participants see in the course. Teachers access teacher-focused activities and support, while Administrators access admin-focused tasks and guidance. No additional action is required, Moodle manages the process automatically so participants receive instructor-facilitated support aligned with their role from the start of the course.

Moodle allows individualized learning within a single course by using groups, so each participant can have their own private learning space.

The teacher begins by creating groups in the course. From the course navigation, the teacher goes to Participants, then selects Groups, and creates a group for each participant. Each group contains only one learner. This step defines who will see which content.

Next, the teacher sets the course or individual activities to Separate groups. This ensures that participants in different groups do not see or interact with each other within the same activity.

When lessons, forums, or assignments are set to Separate groups, each participant sees only their own learning materials, practice activities, and feedback. This allows the teacher to personalize instruction based on each learner's level, pace, or language-learning goals.

This approach is especially useful for tutoring and language learning. It saves time by keeping all learners in one course instead of creating multiple courses, simplifies content management, and provides each participant with a clear, individualized learning experience.

Here is a simple step-by-step guide for how a teacher creates groups in a Moodle course.

First, enter the course and turn Edit mode on if needed. Then open the Participants page from the course navigation. On the Participants page, open the drop-down menu and choose Groups.

On the Groups page, click Create group. Type the Group name, for example Student 1, or the participant's name, then click Save changes. Repeat Create group for each participant you want to place in a separate group.

After creating the groups, assign participants to the groups. Select a group name, then click Add or remove users. Choose the participant from the list, click Add, and then click Back to groups. Repeat this for each group until every participant is in the correct group.

When finished, each participant will belong to the group you assigned, and the course can use these groups for Separate groups activities, private discussions, and individualized learning tasks.