
[All Faculty/Staff] Monday Moodle Tips: Deleting the News Forum

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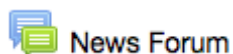
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HOW TO DELETE THE NEWS FORUM

Good morning, Moodlers!

First, a reminder: *If you are still using the archive Moodle site, don't forget that "Old Moodle" is going offline soon! These are the final hours. Please be sure to backup any desired content. We also have a few announcements about Spring Term coming up, so keep your eyes on your inbox.*

On to this week's Moodle tip! Have you ever tried to delete the News Forum, only to have it stubbornly reappear the next time you visit your course page?



We always recommend removing course clutter (activities and blocks that you do not use) in order to minimize visual distraction for your students. However, sometimes Moodle tries too hard to be helpful. The system restores your News Forum if you delete it while you still have your Latest News block in the course sidebar, because these two items are related. The Latest News block cannot exist without the News Forum, so Moodle recreates it for you.

Here's how to delete the News Forum for good:

- Starting on your course page, turn editing on
- First, click the red X at the top of the Latest News block in your course sidebar (typically on the right)



- Now, you can click the red X next to the News Forum, too, and both items will stay deleted.

If you ever want to restore your News Forum after deleting, simply use the *Add a block* menu to add the Latest News block back into your course sidebar. Refresh the page and your News Forum will have reappeared!

Happy Moodling 😊

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