

New Gradebook Features in Moodle 1.9.5

Several much needed improvements to the Moodle gradebook have been deployed and are ready for you to use now.

This quick summary document attempts to visually orient faculty to the changes.

The screenshot shows the Moodle Gradebook interface. At the top is a red header with the 'myWABASH' logo and a 'Jump to...' dropdown. Below this is a breadcrumb trail: 'Wabash > sandbox1-gradebook > Grades > View > Grader report'. A 'Turn editing on' button is in the top right. A 'Choose an action ...' dropdown is on the left. The main section is titled 'Grader report' and contains a tabbed interface with tabs: 'View', 'Categories and items', 'Scales', 'Letters', 'Import', 'Export', 'Settings', and 'My preferences'. Below the tabs are links for 'Grader report', 'Overview report', and 'User report'. The main content area shows a table with columns for 'Class assignments', '3 major papers', and 'Quizzes'. The first row of the table is a header row with columns: 'First name / Surname', 'Online Text assignment - ...', 'Online Text assignment - 2 ...', 'Category total', 'Upload single file - let's ...', 'Category total', and 'Category total'. The second row shows a student named 'a student' with a grade of 90.00. A tooltip is visible over the 90.00 grade cell, showing 'a student' and 'Online Text assignment - ready for the semester'. The third row is a red 'Range' row with values '0.00-100.00'. The fourth row is a blue 'Overall' row with values '90.00 (1)'. A horizontal slider is at the bottom of the table. Four numbered callouts point to specific features: 1 points to the 'View' tab, 2 points to the 'Range' row, 3 points to the tooltip, and 4 points to the 'Overall' row.

myWABASH

Jump to...

Wabash > sandbox1-gradebook > Grades > View > Grader report

Turn editing on

Choose an action ...

Grader report

View Categories and items Scales Letters Import Export Settings My preferences

Grader report Overview report User report

Wabash Moodle Sandbox - ...

Class assignments 3 major papers Quizzes

First name / Surname Online Text assignment - ... Online Text assignment - 2 ... Category total Upload single file - let's ... Category total Category total

a student

a student

Online Text assignment - ready for the semester

90.00

90.00

0.00-100.00

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90.00 (1)

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Four specific things are worth highlighting on the default view of the overall gradebook (highlighted above):

1. Navigation between the various components of the gradebook has changed from a single dropdown menu to include a tabbed interface. This should make discovering the gradebook components more obvious.
2. A horizontal slider has been added to the bottom of the grade table. This is a huge win in that it allows you to scroll to see the various grade items while always having the student list/photos visible.
3. As the mouse cursor hovers over any cell in the grade table, a small tooltip is shown listing the assignment, student and feedback for that particular cell. This should make correlating the student and assignment easier.
4. A small change is that the “Range” row has been moved to the bottom of the grade table.

Name	Aggregation ?	Weight ?	Extra Credit ?	Max grade	Actions	Select
Wabash Moodle Sanbox - Gradebook	Weighted mean of grades			-		All None
Class assignments	Weighted mean of grades	15.0		-		All None
Online Text assignment - ready for the semester	-	40.0		100.00		<input type="checkbox"/>
Online Text assignment - 2 without inline	-	60.0		100.00		<input type="checkbox"/>
Category total	-			100.00		
3 major papers	Simple weighted mean of grades	20.0		-		All None
Upload single file - let's begin	-		<input type="checkbox"/>	100.00		<input type="checkbox"/>
Category total	-			100.00		
Quizzes	Simple weighted mean of grades	2.0		-		All None
Category total	-			100.00		
Tests	Simple weighted mean of grades	40.0		-		All None
Category total	-			100.00		
Class participation	-	5.0		100.00		<input type="checkbox"/>
summer reading	-	0.0		10.00		<input type="checkbox"/>
winters in Indiana	-	0.0		10.00		<input type="checkbox"/>
Course total	-			100.00		

Save changes

Move selected items to

The other substantial change is to the “Categories and Items” tab. Viewing the overall weighting and grade calculation is much easier!

1. The Course Categories can be weighted. Within the Categories, the Items can be weighted. Plus, all of the “weights” are visible from this layout!
2. In the example above, the Aggregation is set to “Weighted mean of grades.” This allows me to weight each category of grades. In this case to: 15, 20, 20, 40, and 5.
3. Each category can have its aggregation method selected from this one screen. In this example, you can see that the “Class assignments” category has been set to “Weighted mean of grades.” Once that type of aggregation has been set, the items within the category provide space where the specific weights can be set. In this case to: 40 and 60.
4. Using the check boxes at the right of the screen and the dropdown selection at the bottom, you can easily move one or more items between categories.