

## Blogs

The word 'blog' is a contraction of 'web log'. Blogs are a form of online journal used by millions of people around the world for self-expression and communicating with family and friends. Blogs are usually organized as a chronological series of postings created by the author of the blog. Blogs usually are written by one person, although some blogs can be authored by groups of people.

Blogs in Moodle are user based - each user has their own Blog. When a blog entry is created, a user can select which tags they wish to associate with their new entry. Multiple tags can be selected.

Users can also select who they want the blog entry to be available to (depending on the blog visibility site setting).

## Blog Visibility

By default, all Moodle users in your courses can see your blog entries. When you create a blog entry, you can set the **Publish To** setting to "yourself" so only you can see your blog entry. When **Publish To** is set to "yourself", then your instructor can still view the entry.

## Add a Blog

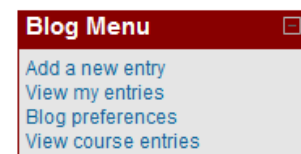
If the **Blog Menu** block appears in your course, then you can manage your blog entries from here.

Click **Add a new entry** to create a new entry.

Click **View my entries** to view your own entries.

Click **Blog preferences** to enter the number of blog entries you wish to see on a single page.

Click **View course entries** to view other course member's entries. You will only see the entries that have been made available to "Anyone on the Site" and not private draft entries as mentioned above.



## Tags

A tag is a relevant keyword or term associated with a blog entry, describing it. Typically, a blog entry will have one or more tags associated with it. You will have the opportunity to enter tags for each blog entry before posting it.

## Viewing other's Blogs

To view blog entries from other people in your course you can:

- Click the **View course entries** link in the Blog menu if added to the course.
- Use the **Participants** block to find a person whose blog you'd like to read. Clicking their name opens their **profile page** and clicking the **Blog tab** will reveal their blog entries.