Moodle: Extensions, overrides, and accommodations

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Moodle Assignment, Lesson, and Quiz activities have a User Overrides option that allows you to change settings for specific students to provide accommodations, extensions, or make-up opportunities.

Before you start, you may need access to the following:

an Instructor of record, Other editing teacher, or Non-editing teacher role in a Moodle course

About overrides

User override adjustments are generally invisible to students. For example, if you add a User override to change a **Quiz close date** to allow a student to make it up, the Quiz will simply appear open to that student (assuming they log in before their new due date) and closed for everyone else. Moodle does not inform students that their settings are exceptional or if exceptions have been made.

Settings that can be changed for an individual student through an override:

- Open (start) and close (due, cutoff) dates -- Assignments, Lessons, and Quizzes
- Time limit, number of attempts allowed, password settings -- Lessons and Quizzes only
- Retake and try question again settings -- Lessons only

Warning: We do not recommend using **Group Override**. Although it can streamline the process of making adjustments for multiple students, it has two significant drawbacks: 1) You must create a course Group to use it and since there is no way to make a Group invisible to its members there is a risk of stigmatization; 2) Groups interact with **all** activity settings in complex ways, with unpredictable consequences.

Create a User override

- 1. Open your Moodle course
- 2. Click the title of the Assignment, Lesson or Quiz that needs to be overridden.
- 3. Click on More > Overrides. Make sure you have User Override selected. You do not want to have Group Override selected unless you intend on creating an override for a group.
- 4. Select User overrides from the drop-down menu, then click Add user override
- 5. Search for and select a student's name.



- 6. Select the **Enable** check box next to **settings you want to override** and **enter the new values**. The **default activity settings** will be applied to everything else. For example:
 - To enable a student to make up an overdue Assignment or grant a deadline extension, Enable and change only the close/due date.
 - To give a student additional time on a Quiz, but require them to complete it by the class deadline,
 Enable and change only the time limit.
 - If you want to allow a student anadditional attempt, navigate to the override and select the student. From there, you can toggle the Attempts allowed setting to 2 to allow an extra attempt (given they have taken the quiz one time before).
- 7. Click Save or Save and enter another override.

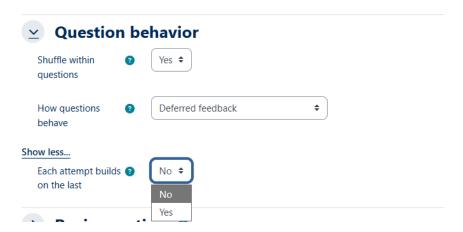
Caution: If you have set a time window on the quiz, time limit overrides cannot exceed that window. For example, if the quiz opens at 9 AM and closes at 10 AM, but you have granted a 2 hour time limit override for a student, the quiz **will close** despite the student's extra time. You must also edit the open and close window on the students override to make sure the appropriate amount of time is granted.

Re-open a Quiz attempt

Occasionally you may need to **re-open the quiz in a way that enables student can keep working on incomplete answers** (rather than reattempt it anew), for example if in-progress quiz attempt is accidentally submitted too soon due to a student's mistake, system glitch, or power outage.

Moodle does not normally allow a submitted attempt to be re-opened, so you will need to use a workaround:

- 1. First, follow the instructions above to **Create a User override** for the student, selecting **Enable** next to **Attempts allowed** and increasing the number by one, then **Save**
- 2. Next change the Quiz Settings overall to enable attempts to build on each other:
 - a. Click the Quiz title to open, then click the Settings tab.
 - b. Click Question Behavior to expand, then Show more.



- c. Change the Each attempt builds on the last setting to Yes.
- d. Click Save and return to course.
- 3. Finally, have your student open the course and restart the quiz.
 - Their new attempt will begin where the interrupted one left off. Once they submit it, be sure to grade the new attempt, rather than the incomplete one.
 - Since no other students were granted additional attempts, the Quiz remains closed for everyone else.

Videos & further reading on extensions on overrides

MoodleDocs: Override permissions []

Questions?

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