Creating a Needs Assessment Choice

This activity provides instructions for using the Choice module to create a poll on your course. During Stage 2, you are expected to create a Choice/poll that you can use as a needs assessment. The example below is for demonstration purposes; you should create a poll that will help you assess your own students' needs. These types of activities can be used to identify areas of interest, arrive at decision points or to help find areas for review.

Exemplar

There are four Choice activities in the Stage 2/3 Exemplar Course. They are called Reading, Job Interviews Poll, Job Search Poll, and Skills Assessment Poll. *Reading* is an example of a Choice activity that asks students to choose what kind of reading is important to them. The teacher may use this to select the type of reading media for the students during this course.
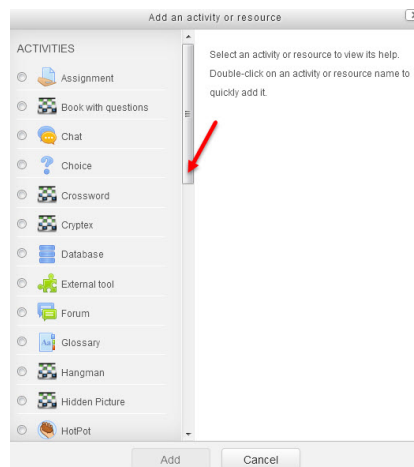
Adding a Choice to your course

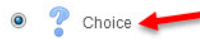1. In your course, click on the Turn editing on button

2. Locate the topic/section where you want to add the Choice.

3. Click on the Add an activity or resource link at the bottom of that topic

   The Add a new activity or resource panel appears

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4. Select Choice

○ ? Choice ←

5. Click the Add button

Add ←

6. In the General section, input a descriptive name for the Choice activity.

7. Input a Description (essentially a poll prompt) for the Choice. This prompt should be designed to elicit information about the students that you, as the instructor, can use to plan your lessons. Remember that you can make your Choice more engaging and visually appealing by adding a picture, or and audio question rather than/as well as the text.

▼ General

Choice name* Choice: Reading ←

Description

What kind of reading do you think will be most important to you over the next five years?

Listen to the question here:

reading_choice.mp3

8. Choose either Display horizontally or Display vertically

Display mode for the options   Display horizontally ▼
                                 Display horizontally
                                 Display vertically

• Useful options for the Choice activity are detailed below.

▼ Options

Allow choice to be updated   Yes ▼ ←

Allow more than one choice to be selected   No ▼

Limit the number of responses allowed   No ▼
⑦

9. In the Options section, input the choices offered to the students

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- The Limit options are used to set a maximum number of responses, although this is not normally used in a poll, though it is very handy if you want to have students choose a presentation topic in a 'first-come first-served' style Choice.

Option 1* ⑦	newspapers
Limit 1	0
Option 2 ⑦	Internet
Limit 2	0
Option 3 ⑦	technical manuals
Limit 3	0
Option 4 ⑦	magazines
Limit 4	0
Option 5 ⑦	books
Limit 5	0
	Add 3 field(s) to form

10. If more choice fields are required, click on the Add 3 field(s) to form button.

- In this case, one more option is recommended in polls. Provide an option that covers any other responses that you have not listed.

11. Input the final option

Option 5 ⑦	books
Limit 5	0
Option 6 ⑦	other ⬅
Limit 6	0

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- In the Availability section, set control times and dates for students to access the poll (if desired).
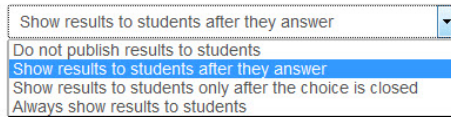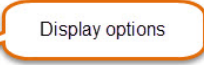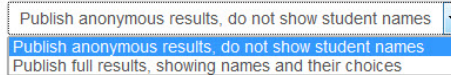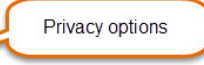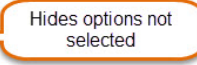

- In the Results section, privacy and poll results displayed to the students are controlled by the instructor.

12. Click on the Save and return to course button

13. Click on the Turn editing off button

- The Choice link appears on the course main page

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- The Choice appears to the students as below.

Choice: Reading

What kind of reading do you think will be most important to you over the next five years?

Listen to the question here:

○ newspapers   ○ Internet   ○ technical manuals   ○ magazines   ○ books   ○ other

Save my choice

Choice Help links
Moodle Documents: Using Choice
< http://docs.moodle.org/31/en/Using_Choice>
Moodle Documents: Choice FAQ
<http://docs.moodle.org/31/en/Choice_FAQ>