

Basic Moodle – Viewing



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About the Devon ACL ‘Moodle’

- A website where users can access items put there by tutors and others
- Fairly small scale at present – but likely to grow
- Includes a few ‘public’ items that anyone can view
- But most areas of the site require a username and password to ‘get in’
- Properly called a **VLE** or Virtual Learning Environment – run using Moodle software
- Moodle is short for **M**odular **O**bject-**O**riented **D**ynamic **L**earning **E**nvironment

Each area of the website is referred to as a ‘**course**’ in Moodle although it may not relate to an actual course of learning. There are a number of courses in the ‘**For learners**’ part of the site and these generally DO tie in with ‘real’ courses. There are also a number of ‘courses’ that are NOT real courses but are used as a way of tutors keeping in touch – these are in the ‘**For tutors**’ part of the site.

To view the Moodle site

1. Go to www.dacl.org and have a look at what’s there at present.

Anyone can view things in the ‘**Public**’ part of the website, but for the ‘**For learners**’ or ‘**For tutors**’ areas, you need to have a username & password.

2. If you have a user name and password, click ‘**login**’ (eg top right of screen) and type in:

Your **Username**
Your **Password**

Note that both are ‘case-sensitive’ ie capitalisation of letters is important.

If you have forgotten your password – or haven’t got a username and password and think you should have – please email ralph.cullimore@devon.gov.uk and explain this.

3. Once logged in, you should be able to get in to at least one course as a ‘proper’ user and you may be able to look in others as a ‘guest’ – depending on how they are set up. Ones that allow guest entry have a ‘square face’ picture next to them. To get in to a course, just click on its name.
4. When you are in a course you can click on items in the wide central column of the page and, hopefully, see information relating to those items. To go back, use the Back button in your web browser, or click on the ‘DACL’ line near the top of the page.
5. When you have finished, remember to **logout** – usually there is a ‘Logout’ link at the top right of the screen that you can click.

Good luck!