



Sharedresource (shared resources): Teachers' User Guide

[Demo on moodle](#)

Introduction



A teacher with the “author” role can add published and shared resources to his courses via the shared library. The operation is similar to that of a local resource, with the exception of an intermediate step: the information of the resource on behalf of the library (taxonomic fields), before its integration in the course.

An “author” teacher with appropriate rights can also add a shared resource directly from the library, according to two modalities:

1. Add to the course a shared resource already existing in the library, rather than creating a new one.
2. Navigate the library from the course (the context is kept during this navigation), in order to allow a rapid deployment or publication from the search results.

Access from a course

Enable editing mode, then select **Add an activity > Shared Resource**.

The “Shared Resource” activity is generally used in conjunction with the [block Shared Resources](#).

Add and manage shared resources

The shared resources differ from the classical resources of a course by the following characteristics:

- They are referenced and catalogued in a single location of the platform.
- Their identification is independent of the Moodle context.
- They benefit from a complete documentary indexing, in accordance with the market standards.
- They can be invoked for several classes.
- They can be exposed and listed by other systems.
- They can be invoked or transferred to other Moodle instances via a network share of the library.
- They can represent documents, as well as dynamic teaching objects (see the “Resource Types” section).

As a central and documentary library, it has its own search engine, based directly on the standard metadata of the platform’s active documentary scheme.

Types of resources

- The shared library is designed primarily to host “file” type resources, but also allows you to index a resource as a URL.
- It can represent dynamic educational objects ready to be deployed in courses, in SCORM (interoperability standard) format or as “Moodle objects”, offering richer interaction and integration possibilities than the SCORM format.
- It can represent any Moodle activity in the form of an MBZ file, thanks to the “Activity Publisher” component. [See activity exporter block documentation.](#)

Case of use

The main use cases are:

- Add a new resource to the library (direct addition in the holdings) : [consult corresponding documentation.](#)
- Add an existing shared resource to a course : [consult corresponding documentation.](#)
- Add a new shared resource to a course : [consult the corresponding documentation.](#)

Complementary use case (documentalist)

The role of documentalist gives access to additional features of managing the holdings. [See the documentation of the shared bookstore engine.](#)

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