Moodle Media Collection Assignment

The Media Collection activity can be setup to accept contributions from students. Students can submit a media collection as part of an assignment. These contribution can be set to link to a Moodle assignment activity, where lecturer can provide the grades and feedback.

The Media Collection activity allows a single student, or a group of students, to upload a gallery of related media items that include video, audio, image and document file types. When used for assessment, student galleries can be then submitted to a linked Moodle Assignment activity.

When setting up the media collection activity and the Moodle assignment activity, it is best practice to place them together, within the same topic/week. You can then hide the Moodle assignment activity from students by changing its visibility to **Stealth mode**. This will keep the activity available to be linked but not visible for students on their course page.

Additional information: **https://teaching.unsw.edu.au/thebox-best-practices-and-naming-conventions**

Media collection galleries and items are not treated as user data. This means Importing, restoring, duplicating and using the Sharing cart will copy all galleries and gallery items inside the collection. This will also dissociate gallery items from the user.

Why use Media Collection Assignment

Better tailored content - The advantage of using this activity over the assignment activity alone, is that it allows students to better tailor the presentation of their content to their audience.

Feedback in comments - Depending on how the instructor configures it, the media collection activity allows the instructor and potentially other students to provide their own comment feedback to gallery items.

Feedback from multiple peers, addressing specific elements of a video, can be quite powerful as students are more likely to accept the feedback and be empowered to make any necessary changes in future assignments. This also enhances their ability to analyse other peers work.
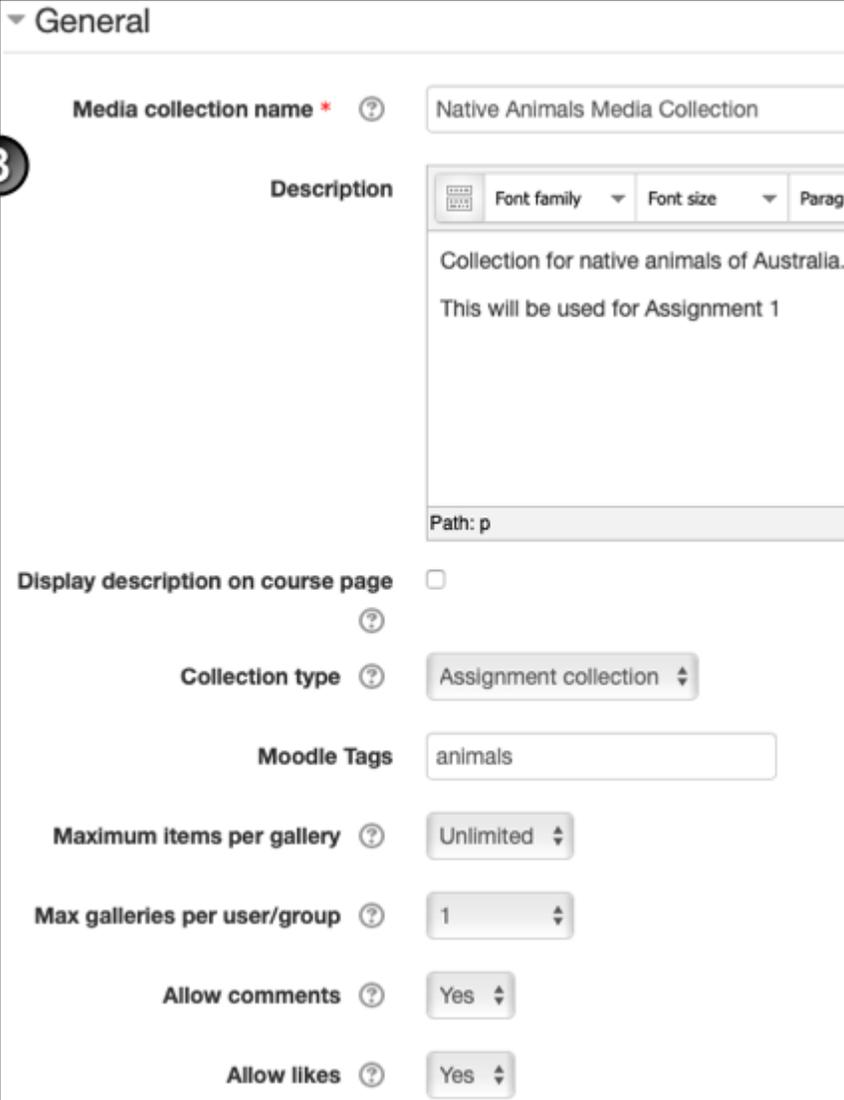
Create a Media Collection Activity

A **Media Collection** activity must first be created for students to create galleries. To create a media collection:

1. On the Moodle course home page, click **Turn editing on** at the upper right of the page
2. In the appropriate section, click **Add an activity or resource.** In the resulting pop-up window, scroll down, select **Media collection** and click **Add.**
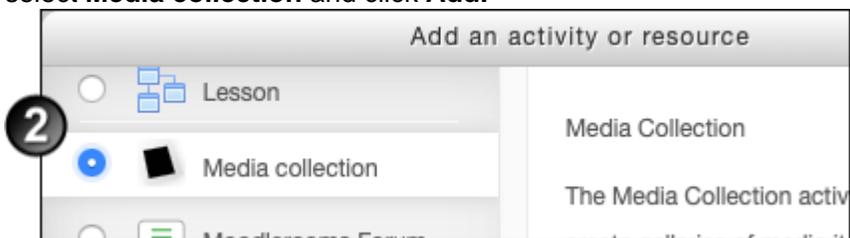

3. On the *Adding a new Media collection* page, click **Expand all** at the upper right and in the **General** section:

- Enter a **Media collection name** and any necessary **Description**.
- Choose **Assignment collection** as the **Collection type**.
- Enter **Tags** to help organise the collection.
- Choose the **Maximum items** [that can be added] **per gallery**.
- Choose the **Max galleries** [that can be added] **per user/group**.
  A media collection can contain multiple galleries however if you are setting up the collection as an assignment, it is best to allow only 1 gallery per user/group
- Set **Allow comments** and **Allow likes** depending on whether students should be allowed to comment on or like each others contributions

4. In the Display list section, select how you want the collection's thumbnails arranged, and whether and where you want captions to display with each item.
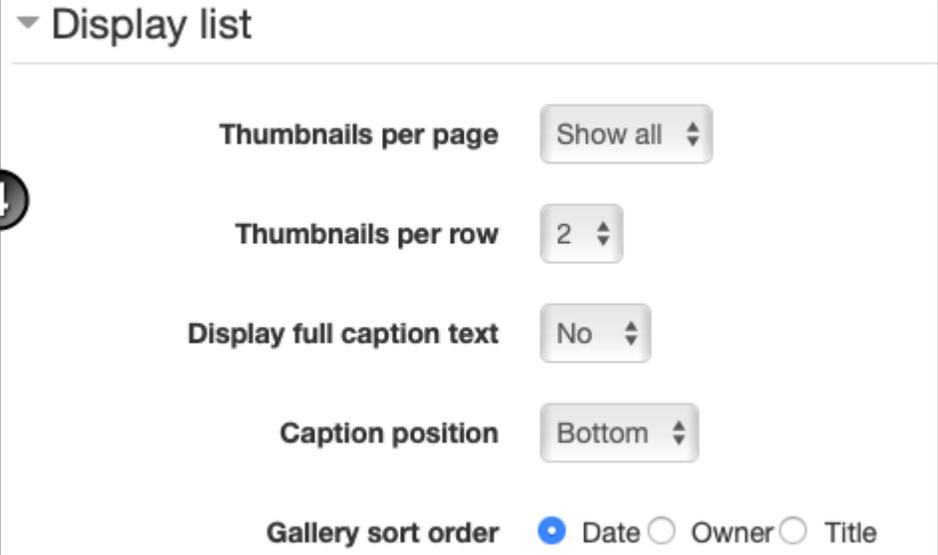
5. In the **Gallery defaults** section:

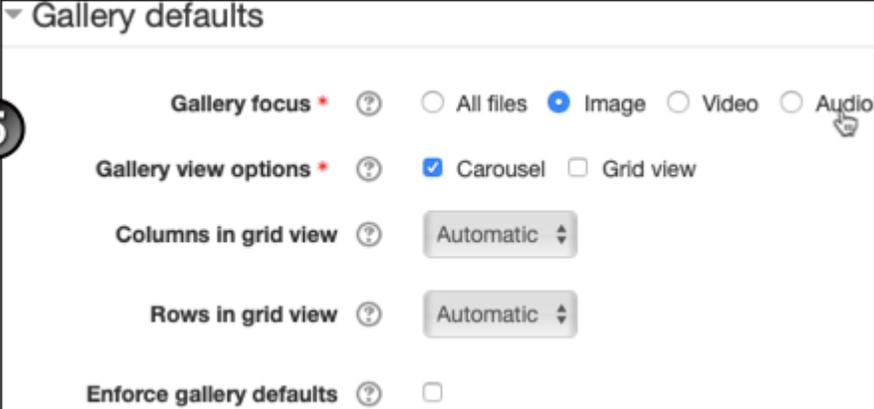
- Select the default **Gallery focus.** This option allows you to define what types of media are displayed by default. Users will have a dropdown to change gallery focus when viewing a gallery.
- At **Gallery view options**, select what view mode (**Carousel** and/or **Grid**) are available when creating a gallery. If you select **Grid view**, specify how many **Columns** and **Rows** you want the grid to contain.
- Select whether you want to **Enforce gallery defaults**.

6. In the **Availability** section, dates can be enabled to specify a period where students can only view the gallery

without being able to contribute to it.

7. Complete the remaining sections of the page as desired then click **Save and display**.

Connect a Moodle Assignment activity

After the Media collection is created, a **Moodle assignment** must be created to enable submission of galleries. To Link the media collection to a Moodle assignment:

1. Go to this **Moodle Assignment** activity page and follow the instructions to create an **assignment activity.** Remain in the *Adding a new Assignment* page.
2. On the *Adding a new Assignment* page, click **Expand all** at the upper right.

3. In the **Submission types** section, set the following settings:

   ○ For **submission types**, check the **Media collection** check box. Note that if both the **Media collection** and **File submission** check boxes are checked, students will also be able to submit files that are independent of the media collection activity.

   ○ In the **Media collection** drop down list, select the **Media collection activity** that students will be submitting their galleries from.

   ○ In the **Gallery visibility** dropdown select when other students can view each other's work (for example, in a peer review assignment).

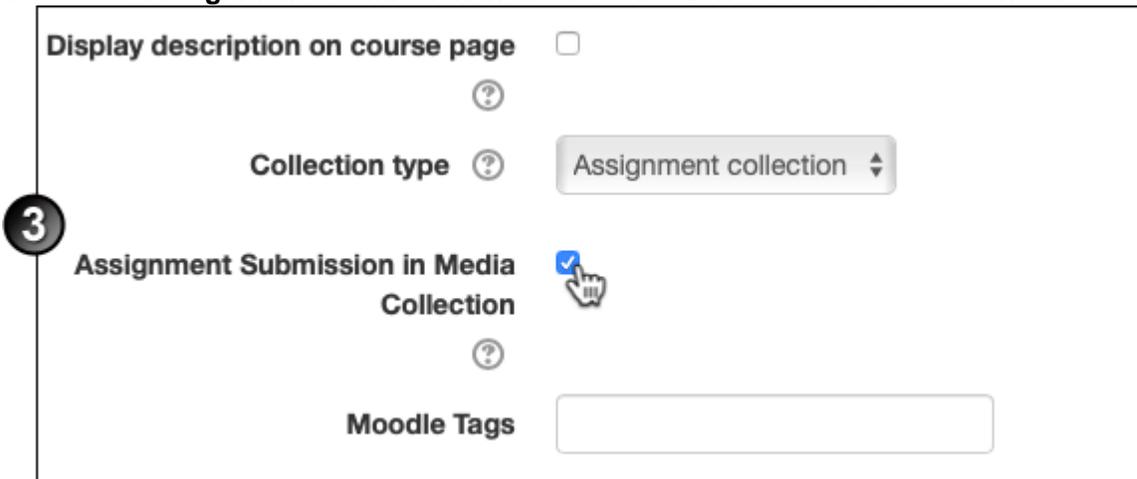# Hiding the Moodle Assignment activity

The Moodle Assignment activity can optionally be hidden to reduce confusion. To hide the Assignment activity:

1. On the Moodle course home page, click **Turn editing on** at the upper right of the page .

2. Open the "**Edit**" dropdown beside the Media Collection activity and click "**Edit settings**".
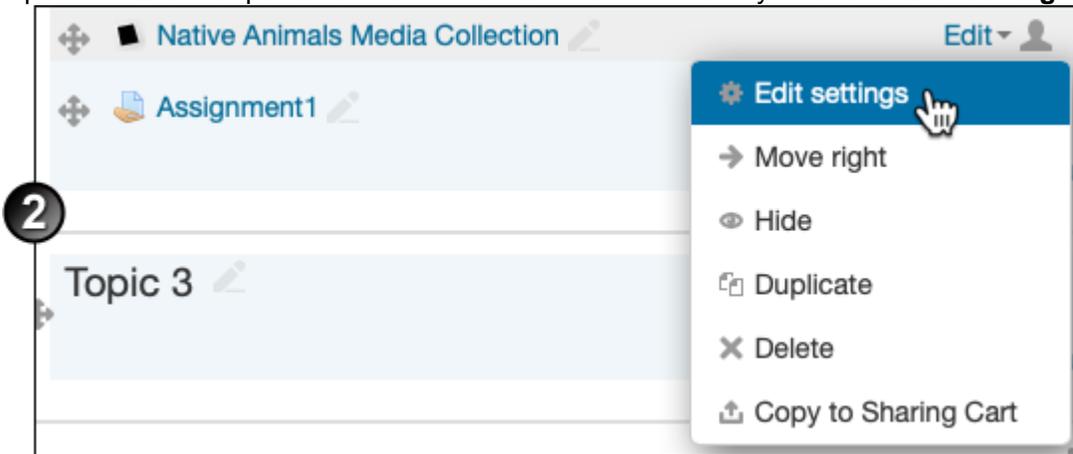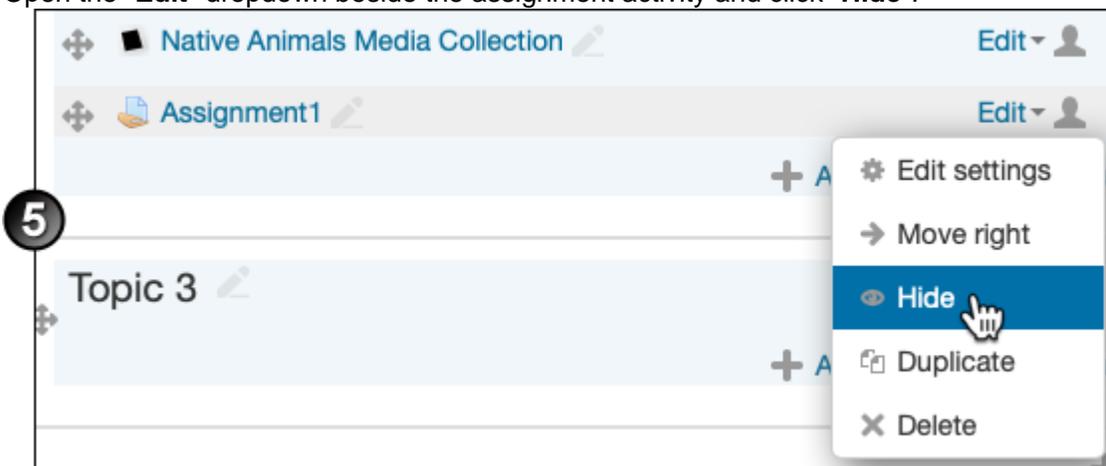

3. Check the "**Assignment Submission in Media Collection**" checkbox in the "**General**" section.

4. Click "**Save and return to course**".

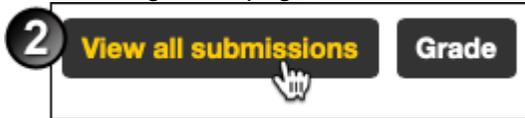5. Open the "**Edit**" dropdown beside the assignment activity and click "**Hide**".

View submitted Media gallery

To view the media gallery that a student has submitted to the Moodle Assignment:

1. On the course home page, click the link for the assignment activity.

2. On the assignment page, click **View all Submissions**

3. On the submissions page, click on the name of a Media gallery in the Media collection column to view the students submitted Media gallery within the Media Collection activity.