



## Academic Technology Services

### Moodlerooms December 2013 Updates

On December 27, 2013 Moodlerooms will enhance our LMS platform with new features. Below are some of the improvements that will be implemented.

#### New Major Improvements

**Open Badge Integration** - may be awarded manually or for course or activity completion. Users can choose to display their badges in their Moodle profile.

**Forms Improvement** - Reduced size description field with collapsible editor.

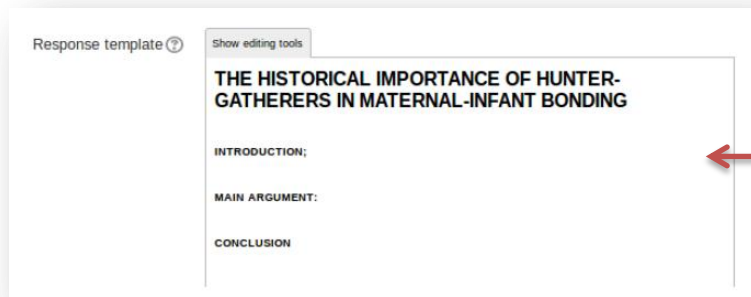
The screenshot shows the Moodle assignment settings form. A callout box points to the 'Description' field, stating: "The rich text editor is collapsed and can be expanded." Another callout box points to the 'Expand all' link, stating: "Changes have been made so that non-essential settings on forms are collapsed by default, yet you can quickly access them when you need them." The form includes sections for 'General', 'Availability', and 'Submission types'. The 'Description' field is currently collapsed, and the 'Expand all' link is visible in the top right corner. The 'Submission types' section is also collapsed, with a red arrow pointing to the 'Expand all' link.

**Assignments Activity** - New assignment settings for handling resubmissions.

The screenshot shows the 'Submission settings' section of the Moodle assignment settings form. The settings are as follows:

Require students click submit button	No
Require that students accept the submission statement	No
Attempts reopened	Never
Maximum attempts	Unlimited

**Quiz Activity** – Added an option to auto-save during quiz attempts, and essay questions can have a template, so the student starts answering from the template, not a blank editor.

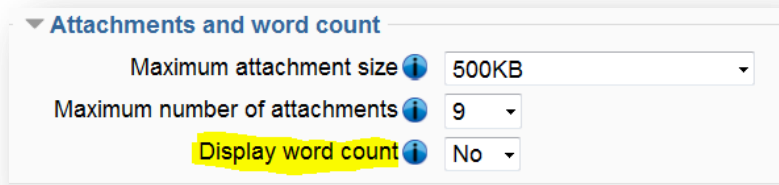


When using the Essay question type in a quiz, you can now set a template which appears in the students' text editor for scaffolding their response.

### Other Highlights

**Drag and Drop Features** - You can now drag an image or some text onto your course page and choose whether to embed in a label or as a clickable resource.

**Forum Activity** – new forum setting “Display word count”



**Setting Block Rename** -Make sure the 'Settings block' is now called 'Administration'

**Folder Display** - Folders can be displayed “inline” on a course page.

