

Title: Tabs Course Format with ATS (Activity Tracking System)

Status: Stable (feedback welcome)

Type: **Course Format + Block**

Moodle version required: **2.3**

Git Repository – Tabs Course Format: <https://github.com/fernandooliveira/moodlefn-tabs>

Git Repository – Tabs Controller Block: <https://github.com/fernandooliveira/moodlefn-tabsadmin>

Support and Feedback: www.moodlefn.knet.ca

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A. Notes:

- The **Tabs Course Format with ATS** is part of the MoodleFN plug-in series for Moodle 2.x, which can be found on www.moodlefn.knet.ca.
- The My Progress block was also created to work with the ATS system. Courses that use the ATS should also use the My Progress block, which can be found here: https://github.com/fernandooliveira/moodlefn-myprogress/blob/master/MoodleFN_My_Progress.pdf?raw=true

B. Installation Instructions:

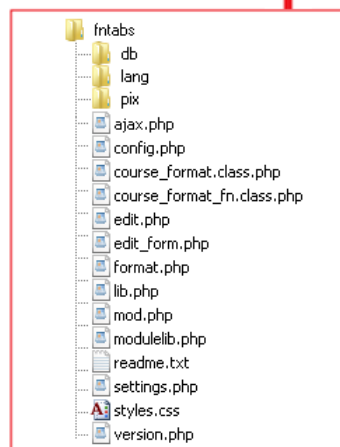
Tabs Course Format :

1. Click on the following link to download the files for this plug-in:
<https://github.com/fernandooliveira/moodlefn-tabs/zipball/master/>
2. Unzip the downloaded file and rename top directory to **fn_tabs**
3. Copy the **fn_tabs** directory to **yourmoodlesite/course/format/**

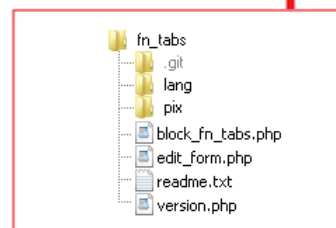
Tabs Controller Block:

1. Click on the following link to download the files for this plug-in:
<https://github.com/fernandooliveira/moodlefn-tabsadmin/zipball/master>
2. Unzip the downloaded file and rename top directory to **fn_tabs**
3. Copy the **fn_tabs** directory to **yourmoodlesite/blocks/**

yourmoodlesite/course/format/



yourmoodlesite/blocks/




C. Overview of Tabs Course Format:

The Tabs Course Format Block controls the following settings:


- Main Heading: Text shown in bar directly above the tabs
- Topic Heading: Text shown on left side of tabs
- Max tabs shown: Number of tabs to show at one time. For example, if a course has 32 weeks/topics and max tabs is set to 12, then the tabs will be shown in increments of 12 with previous/next links
- Show Section 0: Show/hide the section above the tabs
- Show Only Section 0: Completely hide the tabs section and only show section 0


Tab Course Format


 [Settings](#)

Edit course settings


FN Course Tabs


Main heading* 

Topic heading* 

Max tabs shown 

FN Other

Show Section 0 

Show Only Section 0 

This course has 10 weeks:

Week:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	All

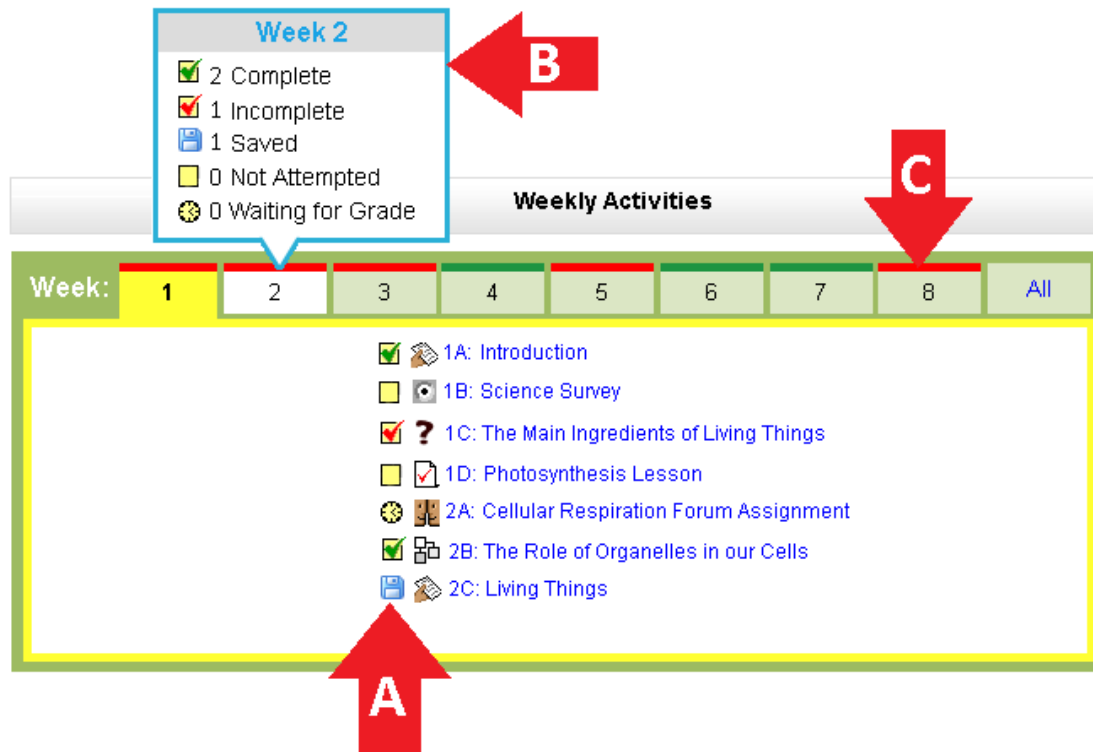
This course has 32 weeks. The “Max tabs shown” value is set to 12 (notice the previous/next links):

Previous	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Next

D. Overview of Activity Tracking System

- The ATS uses one of five icons to indicate the status of a given activity, as shown below.
- When the mouse is rolled over an unselected week, a “tooltip” bubble provides a summary of the activities in that week/section.
- Each tab has a green or red bar which indicates if a week/topic is complete or incomplete

Student View:



Week 2

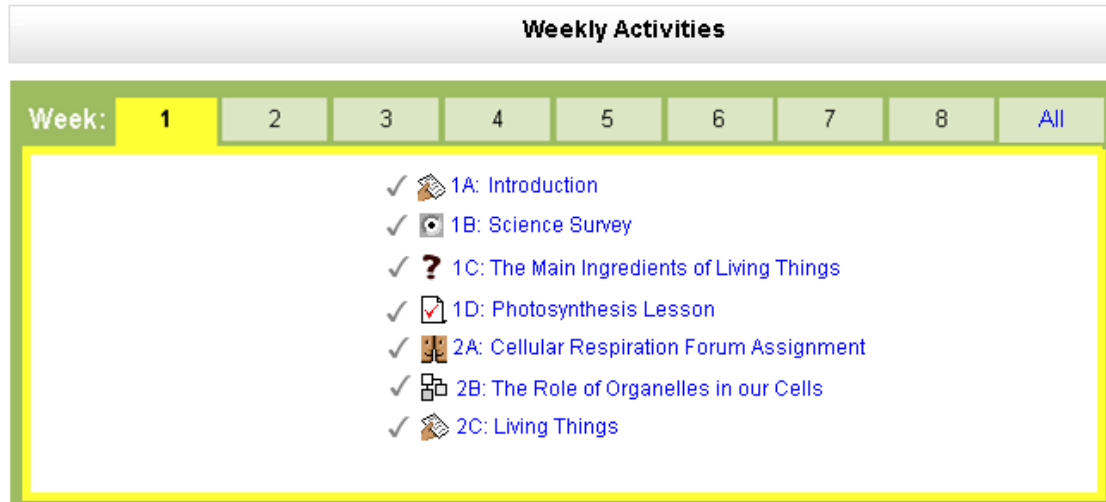
- ✓ 2 Complete
- ✓ 1 Incomplete
- 📁 1 Saved
- 🟡 0 Not Attempted
- 🕒 0 Waiting for Grade

Weekly Activities

Week: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 All

- ✓ 1A: Introduction
- 🟡 1B: Science Survey
- ✓ ? 1C: The Main Ingredients of Living Things
- 🟡 ✓ 1D: Photosynthesis Lesson
- 🕒 2A: Cellular Respiration Forum Assignment
- ✓ 2B: The Role of Organelles in our Cells
- 📁 2C: Living Things

Teacher View:



Weekly Activities

Week: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 All

- ✓ 1A: Introduction
- ✓ 1B: Science Survey
- ✓ ? 1C: The Main Ingredients of Living Things
- ✓ ✓ 1D: Photosynthesis Lesson
- ✓ 2A: Cellular Respiration Forum Assignment
- ✓ 2B: The Role of Organelles in our Cells
- ✓ 2C: Living Things

Notice that the status icons, tab tooltips and tab status bars are only seen by students. Instead of the status icons, a checkmark is used to indicate that an activity has completion tracking enabled.

Note 1: The ATS relies on the **Activity Completion** feature that was released as part of Moodle 2.0 (more information about this feature can be found at http://docs.moodle.org/20/en/Activity_completion). Activities that do not have the “completion tracking” turned on will not be included in the ATS.

Note 2: If an activity has a “Require Grade” condition in the Activity Completion setting, then that activity will show as “complete” when it receives **any** grade.


Activity completion

Completion tracking ?

Require view ☐ Student must view this activity to complete it

Require grade ? ☒ Student must receive a grade to complete this activity

Expect completed on ? ☐ Enable



However, if the same activity also has the “[grade to pass](#)” option enabled in the gradebook, the activity will show as “Incomplete” until it receives a grade that is equal or greater than the “grade to pass” value.

Maximum grade ?

Minimum grade ?

Grade to pass* ?

Multiplicator* ?

Offset* ?

Grade display

