

# Getting Started with Moodle

## Student Guide

In addition to lectures and seminars, teaching and learning content is also hosted in online virtual learning environments (VLE). To date the University has used Camtools but from Michaelmas 2014 many courses will instead use Moodle - [www.vle.cam.ac.uk](http://www.vle.cam.ac.uk).

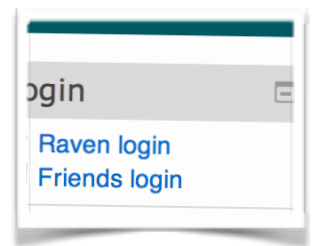
Please find below information regarding:

- Logging in and finding your course
- Customising the 'My Home' page
- Adding favourite links

## 1. Logging In

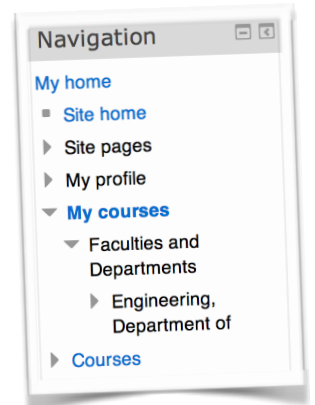
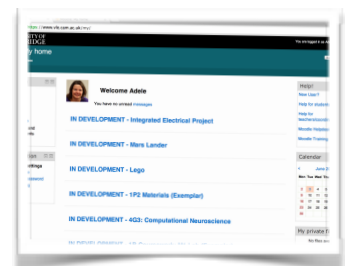
Recommended Browsers: Internet Explorer, Firefox and Google Chrome

1. Type [www.vle.cam.ac.uk](http://www.vle.cam.ac.uk) into your web browser.
2. Click **Raven login** on the right side of the page and enter your Raven username and password.



## 2. Finding your course

1. After logging in you will view the **My home** page listing courses that you are enrolled on.
2. Click on the course you wish to view.
3. Alternatively click **Courses** under **Navigation on the left**.
4. Use the **Search courses** box to search for alternative courses (remember to click **Go**).



**Note:** If you are not enrolled onto a course you will not be able to view it. Ask a member of the library staff or email [moodle-support@eng.cam.ac.uk](mailto:moodle-support@eng.cam.ac.uk).

## 3. Navigation

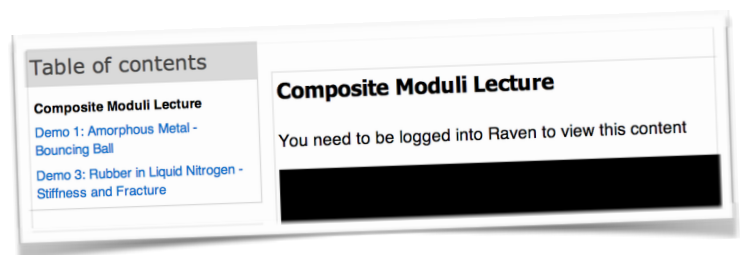
To navigate between your courses and others within the Department of Engineering, click on the breadcrumb trail at the top of your Moodle course. You can search and view other courses only where lecturers have provided guest access.

My home > My courses > Faculties and Departments > Engineering, Department of > Engineering Tripos > Part IA > 1P2 Materials (Exemplar) > Microstructure of Engineering Materials I > Lecture Extracts and Demos

Within courses you can navigate resources down the centre of the site or via the navigation block on the left.

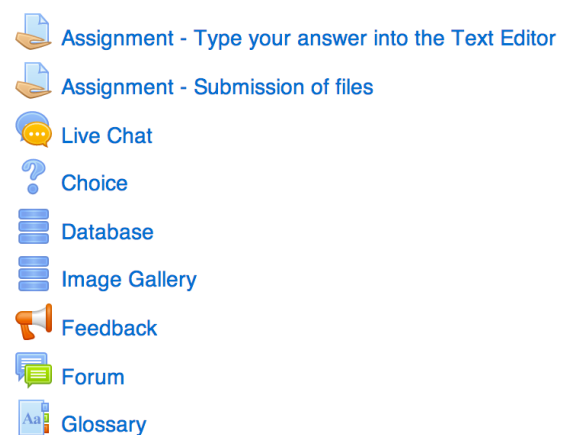


Some lecturers may have set up a Moodle book to present their content. Click on the book link and use the arrows on the main page to move through the content or use the **Table of contents** on the left.



## 4. Other features

In addition to files, books and pages you may see links to other activities. Click the links and you should see a description of what you are expected to do for each activity.



# 5. Customising 'My Home'

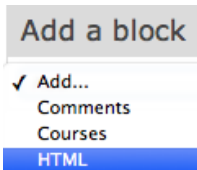
To add/remove blocks from your homepage follow the instructions on the Moodle help page for students located here:

- <https://www.vle.cam.ac.uk/mod/page/view.php?id=6092>

To add a personalised block of text/links

- Click  on the top right of **My Home**

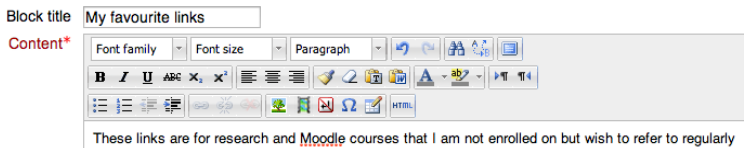
- Under **Add a block** click **Add HTML**



- Use the cog icon to edit the block and give it a title.



- Add title and content of the block



- Type the text you wish to link

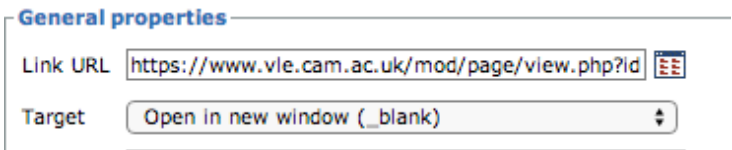


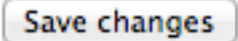
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- Paste a link using the hyperlink icon

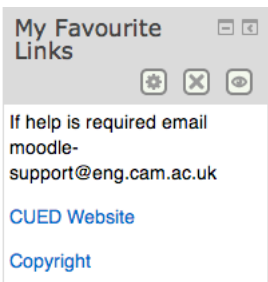


- Click Insert



- Click 

- View your block on the left of the page



## Some questions you may have:

### How will I know if my subject is in Camtools or Moodle?

Some subjects will continue to be found in Camtools, see the Teaching Office website:  
<http://teaching.eng.cam.ac.uk/>

### My Lecturer is using Moodle but I can't login or find my course

Email: [moodle-support@eng.cam.ac.uk](mailto:moodle-support@eng.cam.ac.uk) with your full name, CRSID and course.

### What happens to any work I submit?

It will be held within Moodle and archived at the end of the year. However, you should always keep a personal back up of your work.

### I am already logged into Raven why do I need to do so again to watch a video?

To view the videos seamlessly ensure your Raven settings are set to default:

The default for anyone who hasn't otherwise expressed a preference is "login and automatically authenticate to new local sites " where "local sites" are defined as ones where the host name portion of their URLs end [.cam.ac.uk](http://.cam.ac.uk). This default should mean that people who are already authenticated can access videos with no further interaction.

## Need more help?

View the **Help block** to the **right** of every Moodle course site  
Speak to a member of the Library team  
Email: [moodle-support@eng.cam.ac.uk](mailto:moodle-support@eng.cam.ac.uk)

