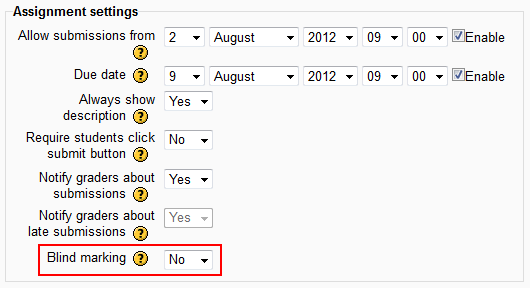
**Assignment blind marking**  
  
Introduction

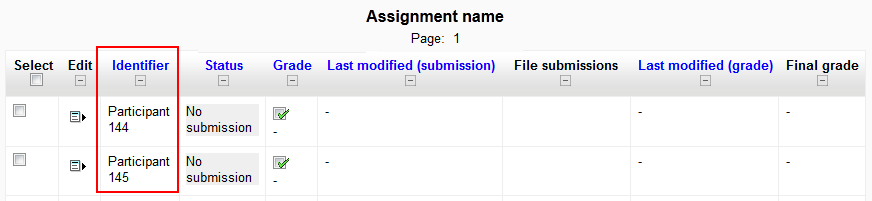
This feature hides the identity of students from markers. There should be a statement to students that the assignment is blind marked and that they should not include personal information (including file metadata) in assignment submissions.

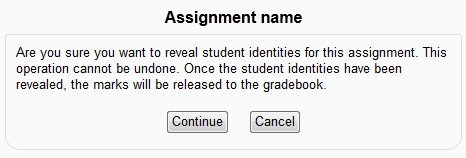
### **Assignment settings**

### The Assignment settings allow Blind marking to be enabled by selecting Yes from the drop-down menu. Blind marking settings will be locked once a submission, or grade, has been made in relation to this assignment.

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### **Blind marking**

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If Blind making is enabled the View/grade all submission page fields User picture and First name / Surname are replaced by an Identifier field.

When marking has been completed, student identities are revealed via the *Settings > Assignment administration > Reveal student identities* link. A prompt warns that this action cannot be undone as the grades will be released to the gradebook once the student identities are revealed.

## NOTES to developers

### Plugin issues

**Extensions**

If a teacher needs to grant an extension (either via the extension date setting plugin, or manually) and they have enabled blind marking they will not be able to identify the student. To find this student would require revealing all the student identities without the option to re-hide the identities prior to marking.

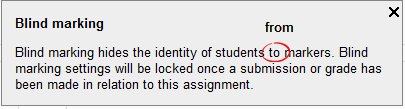
**Flexibility**

If a teacher does not chose their option to either enable or leave blind marking disabled before a student submits or a grade is entered their options are gone as the setting is locked in.

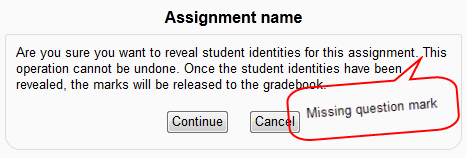
**Possible solution**

An Enable blind marking link could be provided in the Assignment administration block, which when enabled would be replaced by the current Reveal student identities link. This would allow teachers to hide the student identities just prior to the beginning of marking. As such, students requiring extensions could still be identified, late submissions could be followed-up, students who have submitted assignment file names with obvious identifiers could be asked to change them should they wish to remain anonymous to markers, and so forth.

### Typographical errors with current content

**Pop-up window associated with Assignment settings question mark icon**

**Reveal student identities prompt**

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