**Assignment cut-off date**  
  
Introduction

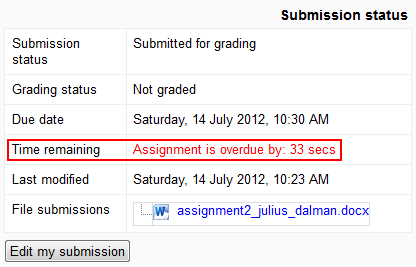
This feature enables submissions to be accepted for a set period of time after the due date has expired.

### **Assignment settings**

### The Assignment settings enable a teacher to set a day, month, year and time (24 hour clock) before which students must submit their assignment, unless they have requested an extension. By default, the Cut-off date is not Enabled. To Enable this feature ensure the Enable checkbox is checked, and a date is entered which occurs after the Due date (see the screenshot below).

### **Cut-off date**

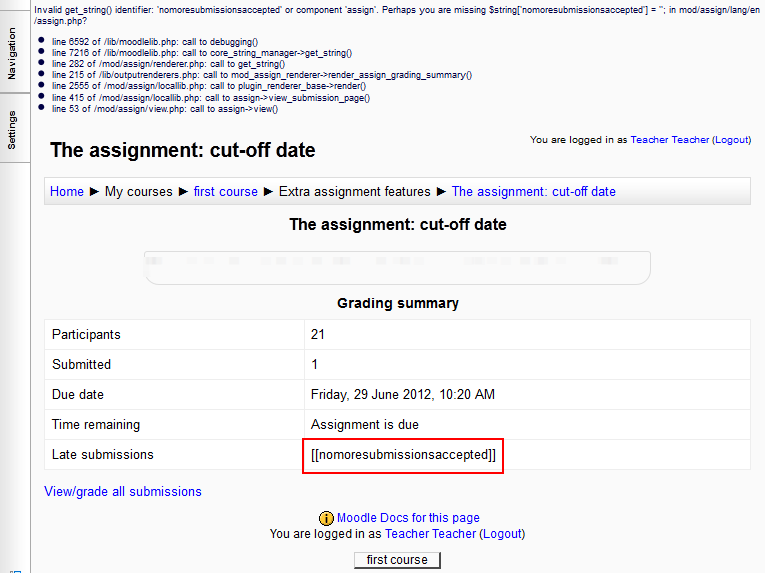
Only the Due date is shown on the Submission status page, so students need to be advised when submissions will no longer be accepted, other than if an extension has been granted, along with any penalties which may apply. After the Due date has expired the Submission status will show the Time remaining field as being overdue (see the screenshot below), but at the same time will still include either the Edit my submission button (if a student has already submitted) or the Add submission button. The Grading table shows submissions after the Due date has expired as being late, with the time overdue indicated. After the Cut-off date expires, submission buttons are no longer available.

****Note: If the Require students click submit button is enabled, the Submit assignment button is still available after the Cut-off date has expired if a student has already uploaded a draft. In this case, the lateness recorded in the Grading table is linked to when the Submit assignment button is clicked.

## NOTES to developers Plugin issues

**Errors on page**

When the Cut-off date has expired, there is an error associated with the Late submissions message on the Grading summary. This error also appears when the Require students click submit button feature is enabled in addition to the Cut-off date.



**Submission status: Time remaining**

After a Due date has passed, the Time remaining field on the Submission status screen shows the comment “Assignment is overdue by: [time]” (See the screenshot on page 2.) Even though the Submission status field may have “Submitted for grading”, the comment includes the word “overdue” (in red font), which could easily confuse a student into mistakenly clicking on the Edit my submission button (which is still available). Second language students could really struggle with this. [I have just spent the last two years with 75 post-graduate students (medical doctors and veterinarians) from six South Asian countries and this would have caused lots of problems.]

Suggestions:

* change the wording to “Assignment was due: [time] ago” and put it in black font or use the message which appears on the teacher’s Grading summary (“Assignment is due” – see the screenshot on page 3);
* make the “Submitted for grading” (as well as the alternative “Nothing has been submitted for this assignment”) more visible by using red font;
* if the Edit my subscription button is clicked once the Due date has expired provide a warning (along the lines of the one which appears if the Submit assignment button is clicked when the Require students click submit feature is enabled).

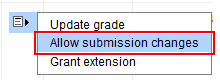
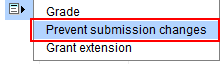
**Grading summary: Late submissions**

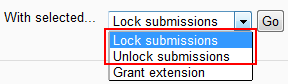
When the Due date expires the Grading summary includes the following Late submissions message - “Only students having been granted an extension can still submit the assignment” – which is incorrect if a Cut-off date has been set. This message should only appear after the Cut-off date has expired, as submissions (both draft and final) can still be made up to the Cut-off date. In addition, a draft submission can still be made final (although no editing is possible) after the Cut-off date (as well as an Extension date, if one has been granted).

Suggestions:

* add a Cut-off date field to the Grading summary; and
* have the Late submissions field appear after the Cut-off date has expired (or remove it completely).

**Grading table: Prevent/Allow submission changes and Lock/Unlock submissions**

As the Cut-off date replaces the Prevent late submissions feature, there are some actions related to the Prevent late submissions which are no longer applicable.



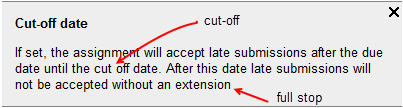
**No Due date enabled, with the Cut-off date enabled**

If the Due date is disabled the Cut-off date feature is still available. The Grade summary is the same as if the Due date had been disabled (both before and after the Cut-off date expires). After the Cut-off date expires, the Add submission button or Edit my submission button disappears from the Submission status page. In effect, apart from the message in the Submission status field, using a Cut-off date is just another way of using the Lock submissions action on the Grading table page. At least the latter alerts the student as to why they can no longer submit (“This assignment is not accepting submissions”).

Recommendation

If the Due date feature is disabled, then the Cut-off date should not be available (greyed out).

### Typographical errors with current content

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