

Exabis Student-Review-Block for Moodle

1. General

The main focus of this block is a periodical review of students within an organization. The basic idea of this module (acknowledging all new features of the moodle-gradebook) is that teachers do not always have time during the year to give solid feedback to the students but seek a simple way to do this periodically – for example at the end of each school-semester. At this time the feedback can be seen as an additional information to report-cards that are given to the students.

Using the paedagogical method of cooperative open learning (COOL) a culture of reflectiveness plays an important part - this module emphasizes on this aspect. In addition to the „verbal“ review, teachers can rate their students on a 10-point-scale regarding teamwork, responsibility and self-reliability. An average point-rate from all teachers is aggregated and printed out on the student review report card for each individual student.

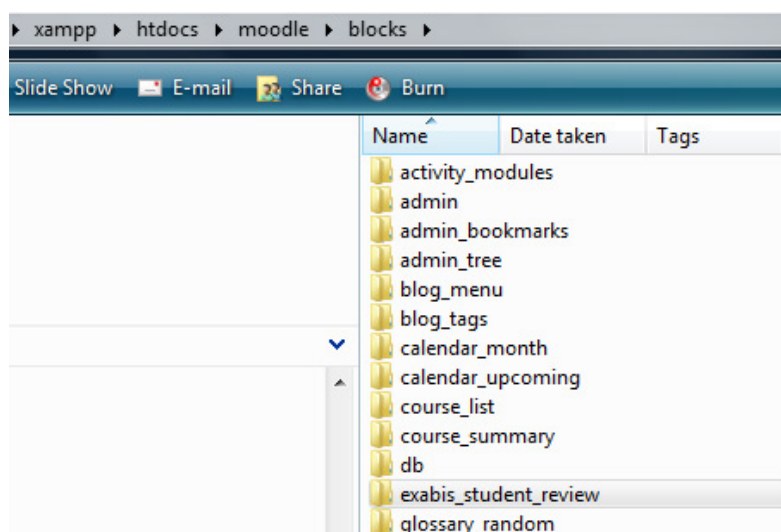
An organizational structure that can be constructed with the block is one typical for many European schools: a teacher can be a so-called „form teacher“ – which means that he/she is basically in charge of the class and its students.

A form teacher can add class teachers (other teachers that teach in the class the form teacher is in charge of) and class-students (which can certainly be more than just the students of a particular course). This should be done once during a typical school-year.

After adding teachers and students to a particular course all teachers can rate their students verbally (written). The form teacher is able to print out all ratings in an aggregated form – this output can function as a report-card.

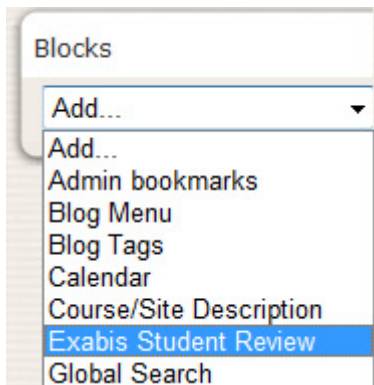
2. Installation

The exabis student review block can be downloaded as a zip-file. The zip-file contains a folder which has to be extracted to the blocks-directory of the Moodle-Installation.



Activation within a course

The module is installed as a block. The current block-module works with Moodle-Installations v1.8+. By installing the block the module is available for all courses.

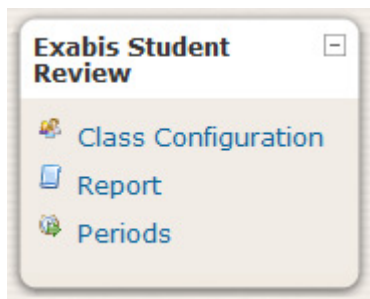


As with other third-party-tools it is obligatory to call up the admin-page to activate the auto-install-routine which creates the tables needed.

3. Obligatory roles for the block

The block needs different roles to work:

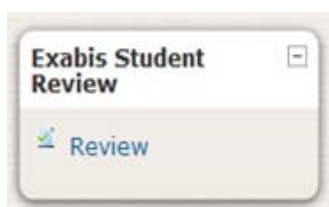
Administrator-Role – using the regular admin-access the module can be installed and the rating-periods can be created by the admin.



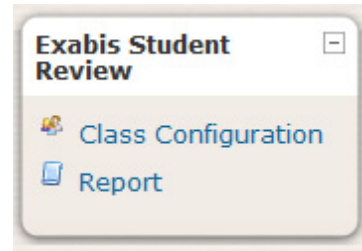
After installation of the module the administrator has to define a new global role for the form teacher – teachers who will have the status of a form teacher have to be added to this global role.

**Access has to be set/granted for the following capability in the role-system:
block/exabis_student_review:head.**

3.1. Regular teacher-role – classroom teachers that are defined a such can review the students of the class. Only this one link is available in the block for them.



3.2. Form teacher role – form teachers can add all the teachers that are in their defined class – so this administration has to be seen separated from the teacher-list within the course. Form teachers add their class teachers and students from the whole moodle-user-database. Classroom teachers can then rate their students.



4. The functionality of the block

Adding new periods

The administrator can add so-called periods. During these periods a new rating of the students can be done. After the period is over – data is archived automatically – no data is lost. A period that has expired can be re-activated by the administrator .

Periods		
Description	Start time	End time
summer semester	12. Feb. 2008 - 10:55	12. Jul. 2008 - 10:55

Adding class teachers and class-students

The form teacher can add class-teachers and class-students by using the configuration-link.


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<input type="button" value="Edit class"/>		
First name	Surname	Email address
student	one	s1@asdf.com
student	two	s2@asdf.com
student	threee	s3@asd.fcom

First name	Surname	Email address
teacher	one	t1@asdf.com
teacher	two	t2@asdf.com

Rating done by class teachers

Class teachers can rate their students on a 10-point scale on tree soft skills. These soft-skills are defined by the prinicples of cooperative, open learning: teamwork, responsibility and self-reliability. In addition a verbalized, written feedback can be given to each student. The


standard-moodle-editor is available for this functionality.

 **student one**




Team player










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 Self-reliance

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Report-card printout by form teacher

The form teacher can view the individual rating of his class-teachers and can print out student report cards (either individually or for the whole class).

Class review					
Name	Team player	Responsibility	Self-reliance	Evaluation	Action
 student one	5	7	6	your efforts have increased....	
 student two	7	8	8	you have done very well this semester...	
 student threee	2	3	4	keep on trying!	

Schülerbewertung

für

student one

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Bewertung: ⁸ (Bewertungen abgegeben)	
Teamfähigkeit	5
Verantwortlichkeit	7
Selbstständigkeit	6

Ausführliche Beurteilung:	
teacher one	
your efforts have increased...	

5. Licensing

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