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Moodle 4.5 Upgrade - Key Differences

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Scope and Release Notes

Wattle 4.1 to 4.5 upgrade includes many changes. This documentation intentionally highlights only updates relevant to how the system will be used going forward after it ceases supporting new teaching activities. Items related to course creation and updating, teaching, long-term development, deprecated features, backend refactoring, or functionality no longer applicable to the context are not included.

For the complete version-by-version change log, refer to the official Moodle release notes:

<https://moodledev.io/general/releases>





Gradebook


The Gradebook has been refreshed over two releases to improve clarity and navigation.

- **Clearer override status:** overridden grades no longer highlight the grade cell. Instead, an “Overridden” icon indicates when a grade has been manually overridden.
- **Faster student lookup in the Grader report:**
 - New Participant search (by name or email)
 - Cleaner student name filters
 - Improved pagination, including a records-per-page option
- **Simplified column controls:** grade item actions (hide/show, lock, grade analysis, etc.) are now consolidated into each column’s action menu, reducing clutter.
- **Streamlined Gradebook setup:** the setup page has been redesigned.
- **Always-visible save controls:** Save buttons remain visible while scrolling, reducing the risk of losing changes.

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Grader report ▾ **Filter by name ▾**

Sandpit-BENP-0000-Activity ... Hub				
First name / Last name ⬆ ...	Enrol Reason	Assignment Default Settings with Due no CutOff ...	Assignment with Due and CutOff ...	Assignment No Due with Cut Off ...
OS ...		90.00 ... Overridden Indicator 		...
 ...		78.00 ...		...
Overall average		84.00	-	-

Show 

Save changes

- Edit grade
- Hide
- Lock

Course Page

The course page layout has been refined to make content easier to scan and manage, without changing existing activities or resources.

- **Cleaner activity cards and status badges:** activities/resources now have clearer indicators (e.g., visibility and completion).
- **Updated activity icons:** icons are **smaller** and **colour-coded by activity type**, improving readability and accessibility.
- **Bulk actions for sections and activities:** a Bulk actions toggle enables checkboxes so you can move, duplicate, change availability, or delete multiple items at once.
- **Improved course index behaviour:** the left-hand index is more tightly linked to the main page. Selecting a section can focus the view, with expand/collapse-all options for large courses.

