



# Designer

Say goodbye to boring courses.

# Designer at a Glance

Designer is an **award-winning course format** for Moodle that enables purpose-driven learning experiences.

By allowing courses, sections, and activities to adapt their layout, structure, and visual emphasis to specific learning goals, Designer helps organizations create clear, engaging, and scalable courses — from focused micro-learning to complex learning programs.

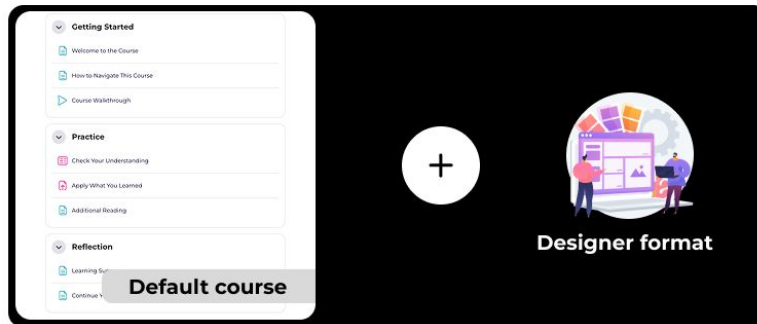


**1.300+**  
plugin  
installations

# Course Types

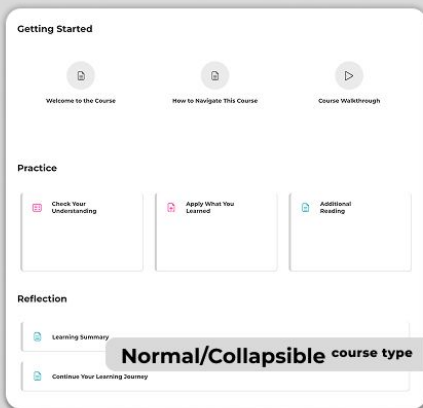
Purpose-driven course structures.

Highly flexible section layouts with extensive design options, where *Collapsible* builds on *Normal* by adding expand and collapse functionality

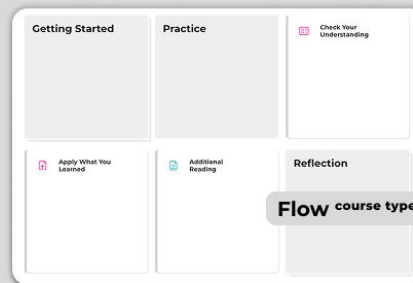


Pick a Designer course type and transform your course instantly

Course type selection

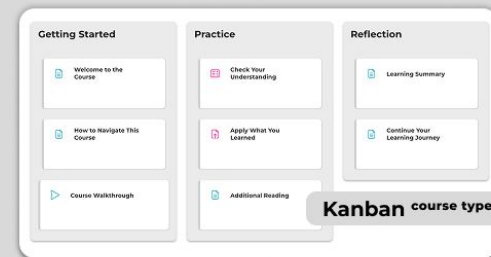


Normal/Collapsible course type



Flow course type

Tile-based layout with collapsible activities



Kanban course type

Kanban-style clarity and efficiency for courses

# Section Layouts

Layout follows learning purpose.

Mix and match section layouts to create your own course design

**Cards:** More activities per row

**List:** Simple layout with generous spacing

**Circles:** Vertical or horizontal with adjustable sizes

**Text links (default)**

**Start**

- Welcome to the Course
- How to Navigate This Course
- Best practices
- Examples

**Reflection**

- Learning Summary
- Continue Your Learning Journey
- Test

**Videos**

- Supercharging learning
- Digital learning
- UX

**Further information**

- Worksheet 1: This worksheet helps students practice and reflect on the key concepts introduced in this lesson.
- Worksheet 2: This worksheet focuses on applying the learned concepts in a new or extended context.

**Discuss**

- Forum

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**Kanban course type**

Control content and container width

Also works with the Kanban course type

Define columns per viewport for a fully mobile-optimized course

# Section Overview

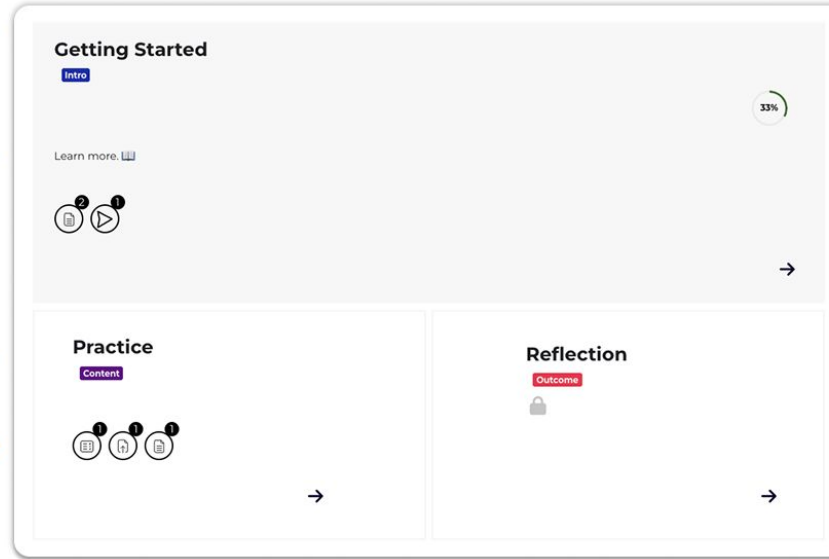
Clear orientation,  
by design.

Dynamic table of contents

Display section descriptions

Custom section labels

Purpose-based activity icons



Section progress indicators (if available)

Customizable section cards (width, color, background images)

Instant section navigation

Content locking

# Extended Activity Anatomy

Information where it matters.

Add informative and interactive elements — control their visibility per activity

Add due/overdue/ completion badges

**Practice 1**

- Quiz: Check Your Understanding**
  - Test your knowledge with a few short questions about the key concepts.
  - Overdue 4 days ago
  - Visited 2 times
  - Open Quiz >>
- Assignment: Apply What You Learned**
  - Due today
  - Not visited yet
  - Open Assignment >>
- Additional Reading 1**
  - Completed on Jan 19
  - Review Page >>
- Additional Reading 2**
  - Not yet completed
  - Open Page >>

**Practice 2**

- First check**
  - Overdue 2 days ago
- Apply What You Learned**
  - Due today
- Additional Reading 1**
  - Completed on Jan 19
- Additional Reading 2**
  - Not yet completed

Colors indicate completion status and highlight due activities

Add call-to-actions to increase engagement

Works with any section layout

# Course Header

Context at first glance.

Customize text color and background (images or colors)

Choose full-width or content-width layout

Display course description and metadata (dates, tags, custom fields)

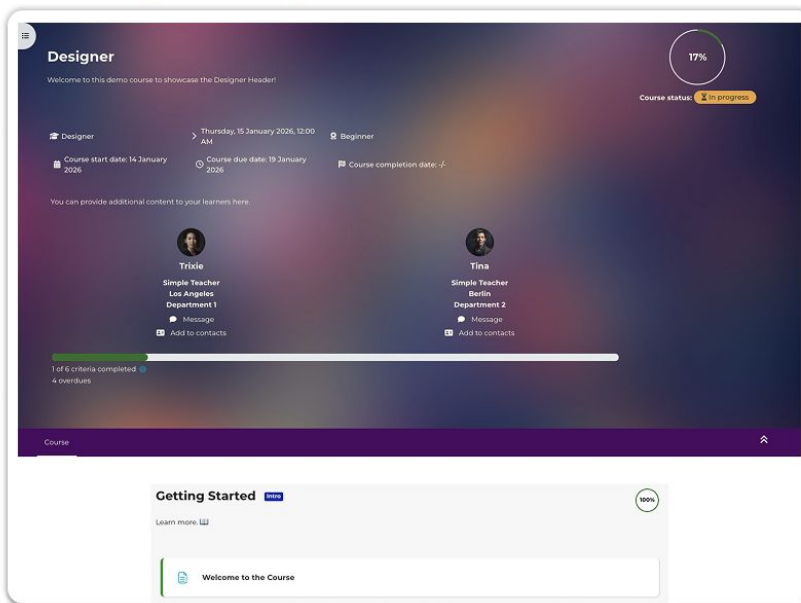
Display course progress (bar or donut)

Show *Timetable* fields (e.g. relative due dates) – requires *Timetable* plugin

Optional course status indicator

Extended progress bar (all or selected activities/sections)

Show profile fields for teachers, students, and other roles incl. direct contact



# Programs & Prerequisites

Learning paths with intention.

Connect subcourses as prerequisites within a structured learning program

Centralized progress tracking across activities and subcourses

Flexible subcourse display: standalone pages in a navigation tab or within the course layout

Define groups for subcourses with distinct group descriptions

Progress display for each subcourse

The screenshot displays a course interface with the following sections:

- Designer programs:** A progress bar showing "2 of 6 criteria completed".
- Other required courses:** A section for mandatory courses.
- Onboarding:** A section for first orientation with three subcourses:
  - Your First Week at Work (Resources): 25% Completed
  - Tools and Processes (Resources): 50% Completed
  - Welcome to the Company (Resources): 100% Completed
- Skills:** A section for professional development with two subcourses:
  - Introduction to Project Collaboration (Resources): 20% Completed
  - Time Management Essentials (Resources): 0% Completed
- First section:** A section containing a "Worksheet" activity.



Automatically enroll and remove participants in relevant subcourses upon main course registration



Automatically group learners by main course within subcourses for easy management and tracking

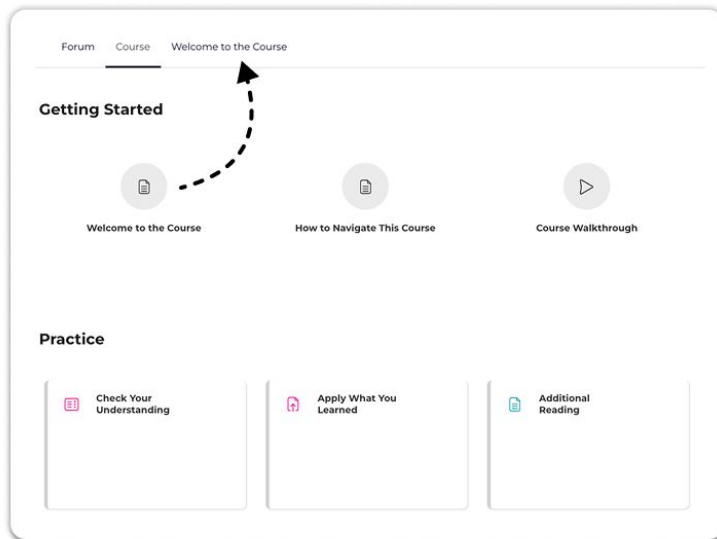


# Hero Activities

What matters, always visible.

Hero activities automatically appear as tabs in the secondary navigation

Remove the *General* section and automatically turn its activities (e.g. forums) into hero activities in the secondary navigation



Define the order of hero activities in relation to other navigation tabs

Define any activity as a hero activity to make cross-relevant content easily accessible

Control whether hero activity tabs appear only on the course main page or across the entire course

# Integrations

Activity data, visible in context.

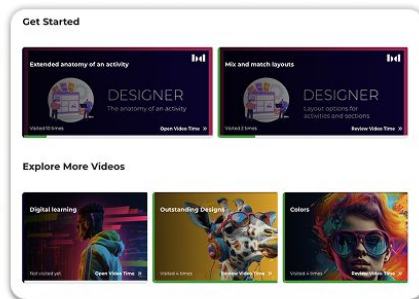
Set video thumbnail as activity image

Display watching progress directly in the activity card

Completion badges and header metadata from Timetable schedules

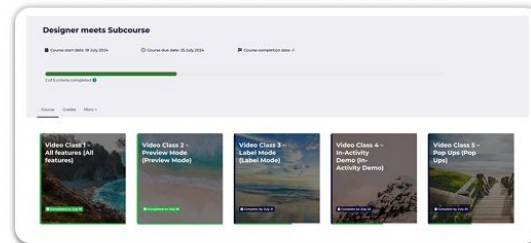
Display relative dates based on enrollment date

## Video Time



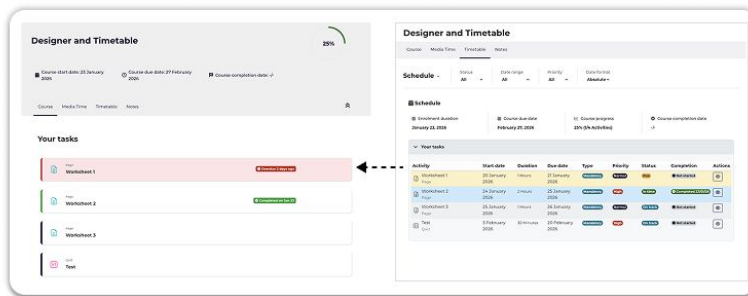
Subcourses as criteria for progress visible in the progress bar

## Subcourse (plugin by Catalyst IT)



Display subcourse progress directly in the main course

## Timetable



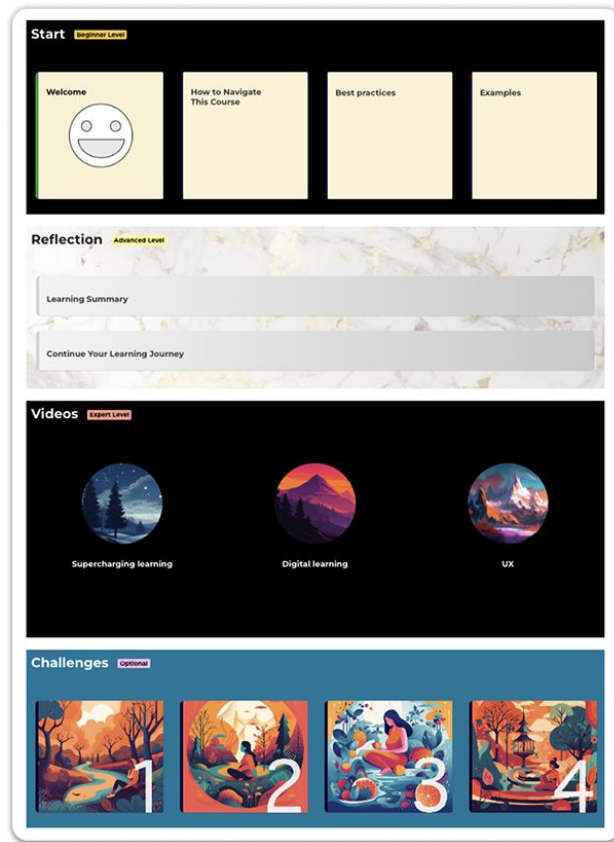
# Styling Options

Design that supports  
learning goals.

Use different background  
images for completed and  
incomplete activities

Integrate custom section labels

Use masks to hide or reveal  
image areas and create icons,  
shapes, or branded designs



Define section backgrounds:  
colors, gradients, or images/  
GIFs

Define activity backgrounds:  
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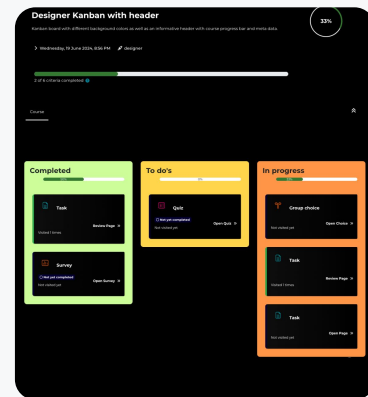
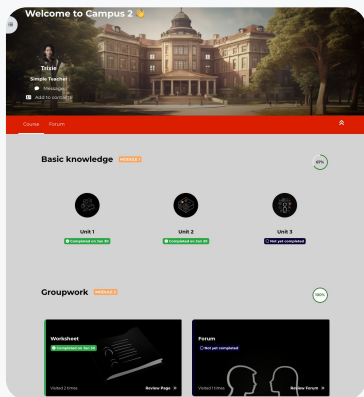
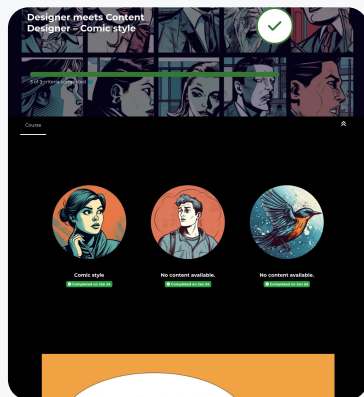
Define text colors

Define a course background  
color or image for the entire  
course

# Pricing

Plan	Positioning	Price (Moodle)	Price (Totara)
Basic	Free core features for getting started	Free	
Pro	Advanced features for professional course design	€199 / year Price for <b>one</b> production site	€399 / year

# Showcases



Join our **product hub** for  
more demo courses



# Design packages

To make it easy to style your course or explore the Designer plugin, we provide ready-to-use design packages in the **Design Studio**.



Visit our **Design Studio**



# About us

With over 15 years of experience in the Moodle ecosystem, bdecent specializes in creating innovative plugins that make learning and teaching more effective, engaging and user-friendly. Our solutions are designed to work seamlessly within Moodle, ensuring data privacy, security and a native user experience.

Trusted by many institutions worldwide, we combine flexibility, rich functionality and high quality standards to continuously improve our products. Every plugin reflects our mission to enhance education through smart, elegant and sustainable solutions — with free community versions available as our contribution to the Moodle™ project.



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**15+**

years of experience

**10.000+**

plugin installations

**15**

contributed plugins

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