

M05h - Free Text (HTML) block

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What is it?

The **Free Text (HTML)** block is used to display text, links, graphics and videos inside a block.

Why use it?

It is useful for displaying supplementary information and is commonly used to display contact details for key teaching and support staff on a Moodle page.

Who can use it?

Course editors (tutors and course administrators) can add one or more HTML blocks to a course.

Students can view the content contained in the blocks and can click the links, view images and watch videos contained in them.

Before I start...

- None at this time.

Meeting the Baseline

The **UCL E-Learning Baseline** suggests the following for **Orientation**:

- **2.3 Display staff contact details** - Include name, position, telephone, email, location, drop-in hours, as appropriate.

Further information on [adding staff contact details to a Moodle Free Text block](#) and [updating Moodle profiles](#).

How do I set one up?

1. **Turn editing on.**
2. At the bottom of the right column, find the **Add a block** and select '**Free Text (HTML) block**' from the drop-down menu.
3. Click the cog icon and select '**Configure Free Text (HTML) block**'.
4. Add content to the block using the [Text editor](#). To embed HTML, click the <> HTML button to toggle the editor into HTML view.
5. Click **Save changes**.

Further help

[Further guidance on](#)

[the HTML block is available from moodledocs.](#)

Note: on [Moodle.org](#) this block is referred to as simply the **HTML block**.

If you find any inaccurate or missing information you can even update this yourself (it's a communal wiki).

If you have a specific question about the tool please [contact the Digital Education team](#).

Caution

- None at this time.

Examples and case studies

- None at this time.

Questions & Answers

- None at this time.

Further information

- None at this time.