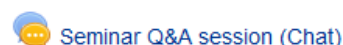


## Using the chat activity in Moodle

Click on the link to the chat room in your Moodle course to access the room.



### Seminar Q&A session (Chat)

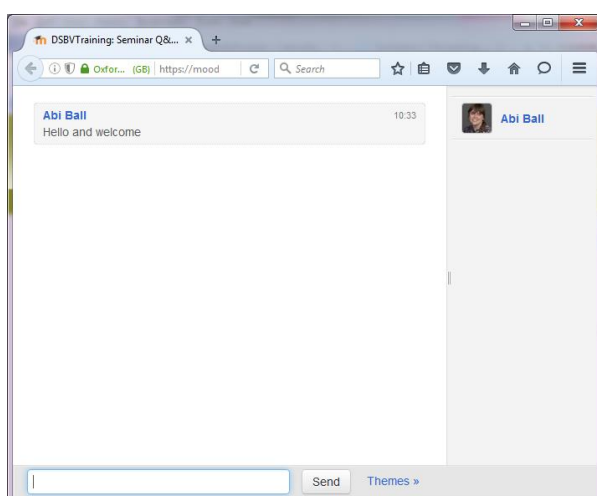
Allows participants to have synchronous discussions (real time discussions).

[Click here to enter the chat now](#)

[Use more accessible interface](#)

[View past chat sessions](#)

Depending on how the room has been set up you will see the introductory text displayed at the top of the screen and two or three options below it. If the module leader has chosen not to make past chat sessions available to students the **View past chat sessions** link will not be visible.



Click on the **Click here to enter the chat now** link to enter the chat room.

Participants will be displayed in the right hand pane.

Messages are typed into the text box at the bottom of the dialogue box. Click the **Send** button to post your message to the chat room. You cannot send private messages to individual participants, only public messages to the whole room.

The **Themes** button allows you to view the

messages in slightly different formats.

The chat room is only suitable for text messaging.

The **Use more accessible interface** link displays a slightly different type of interface (personally I don't think this is particularly user friendly but it does look a bit more professional than the basic interface).

If it has been enabled the **View past chat sessions** link will take you to a summary page listing previous chat sessions, participants and the number of messages they posted in the various sessions. Module leaders can view the sessions, download them to their Mahara portfolio or delete the sessions. Students can just view the sessions.

