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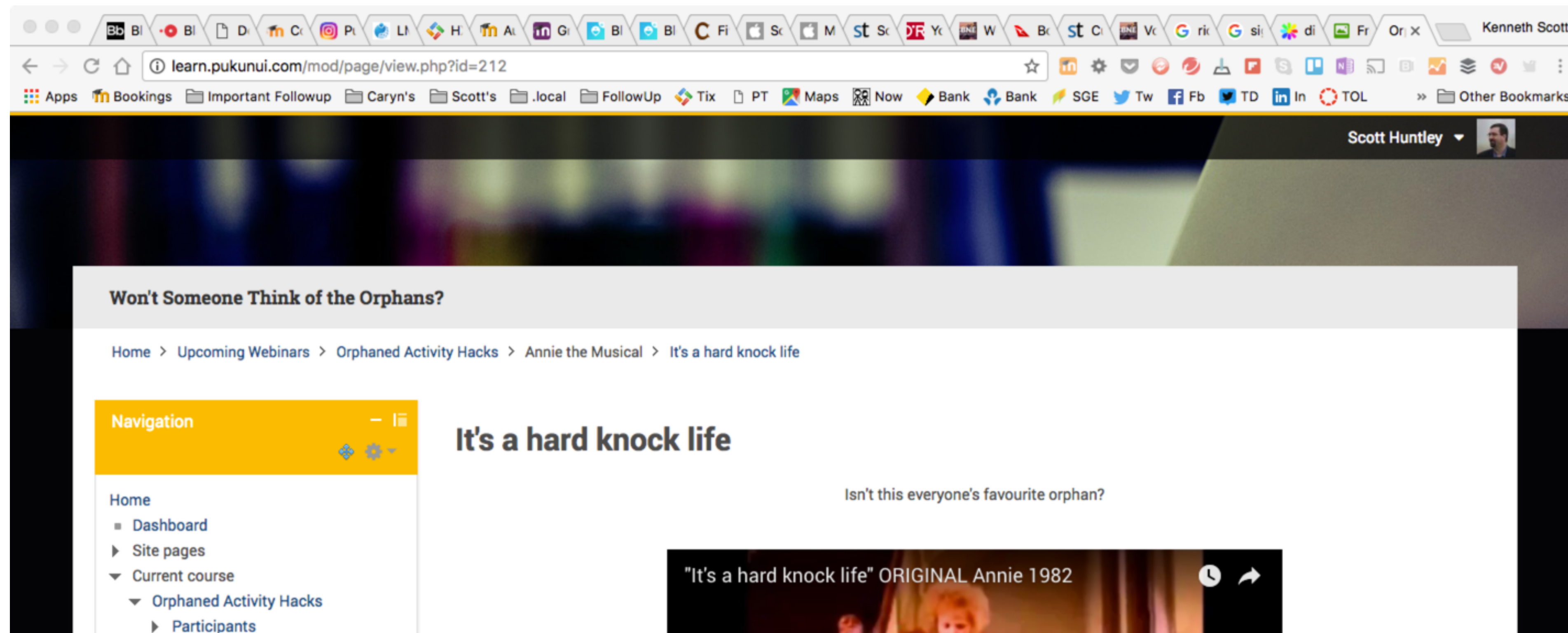
June 30, 2017: Orphaned Activity Hacks




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Okay, so here's an idea



- What if I made a page in Moodle about the musical *Annie*?



The screenshot shows a Moodle LMS interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the user's name 'Scott Huntley' and a profile picture. Below that, a breadcrumb trail reads: Home > Upcoming Webinars > Orphaned Activity Hacks > Annie the Musical > It's a hard knock life. A yellow navigation sidebar on the left lists: Home, Dashboard, Site pages, Current course, Orphaned Activity Hacks, and Participants. The main content area features the title 'It's a hard knock life' and the text 'Isn't this everyone's favourite orphan?'. Below this is a video player with the title '"It's a hard knock life" ORIGINAL Annie 1982' and a play button icon.

✦ **Annie the Musical** 

Edit

✦  It's a hard knock life 

Edit



 Add an activity or resource



- I'll add this page to it's own topic in my course.

- Can I access this page from a label?

✦ Annie the Musical

Edit

✦ The following are musical numbers from the original Broadway show *Annie*, based on the comic strip "Little Orphan Annie:

Edit



- [It's the Hard Knock Life](#)
- [Tomorrow](#)
- [Little Girls](#)
- [I Think I'm Gonna Like it Here](#)
- [Easy Street](#)
- [You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile](#)
- [I Don't Need Anything but You](#)

✦  [It's a hard knock life](#) 

Edit



 Add an activity or resource



✦ Annie the Musical ✎

Can I
make this
link to..

✦ The following are musical numbers from the original Broadway show *Annie*, based on the comic strip "Little Orphan Annie:

- It's the Hard Knock Life
- Tomorrow
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...this
page?

 [It's a hard knock life ✎](#)

Yes you can!

learn.pukunui.com/mod/page/view.php?id=212

Won't Someone Think of the Orphans

Home > Upcoming Webinars > Orphaned Activity Hacks

Navigation

Home

- Dashboard
- ▶ Site pages
- ▼ Current course
 - ▼ Orphaned Activity Hacks
 - ▶ Participants

Just link to this URL!

It's a hard knock life

Who's everyone's favourite orphan?

"It's a hard knock life" ORIGINAL Annie 1982

✦ Annie the Musical ✎

✦ The following are musical numbers from the original Broadway show *Annie* based on the comic strip "Little Orphan Annie":

- It's the Hard Knock Life
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Are you ready to take the *Annie* quiz?

✦  It's a hard knock life ✎

✦  Annie Quiz ✎

Can I do this with anything? Even with an activity like a quiz?

Sure. You can do this with anything in Moodle. Just link to the URL of the activity.

- Easy Street
- You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile
- I Don't Need Anything but You


Are you ready to take the *Annie* quiz?

What if...

...I moved these things to a different section?

✦ Topic 8

✦  Annie Quiz 

✦  It's a hard knock life 

No problem. The links you made would still work.

- Easy Street
 - You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile
 - I Don't Need Anything but You
- Are you ready to take the *Annie* quiz?

What if...
...I hid the topic so students
couldn't see these
activities?

That would NOT
work.
By hiding them, they are
inaccessible...

✦ Topic 8

✦  Annie Quiz 

✦  It's a hard knock life 

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✦ Topic 8

✦  Annie Quiz 

✦  It's a hard knock life 







...but...

- Easy Street
- You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile
- I Don't Need Anything but You

Are you ready to take the *Annie* quiz?

...it turns out if you just delete the topic, your links will still work.

Orphaned activities (section 8)





- ✚  Annie Quiz 
- ✚  It's a hard knock life 

- Easy Street
- You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile
- I Don't Need Anything but You

Are you ready to take the *Annie* quiz?

Won't students see these activities though?

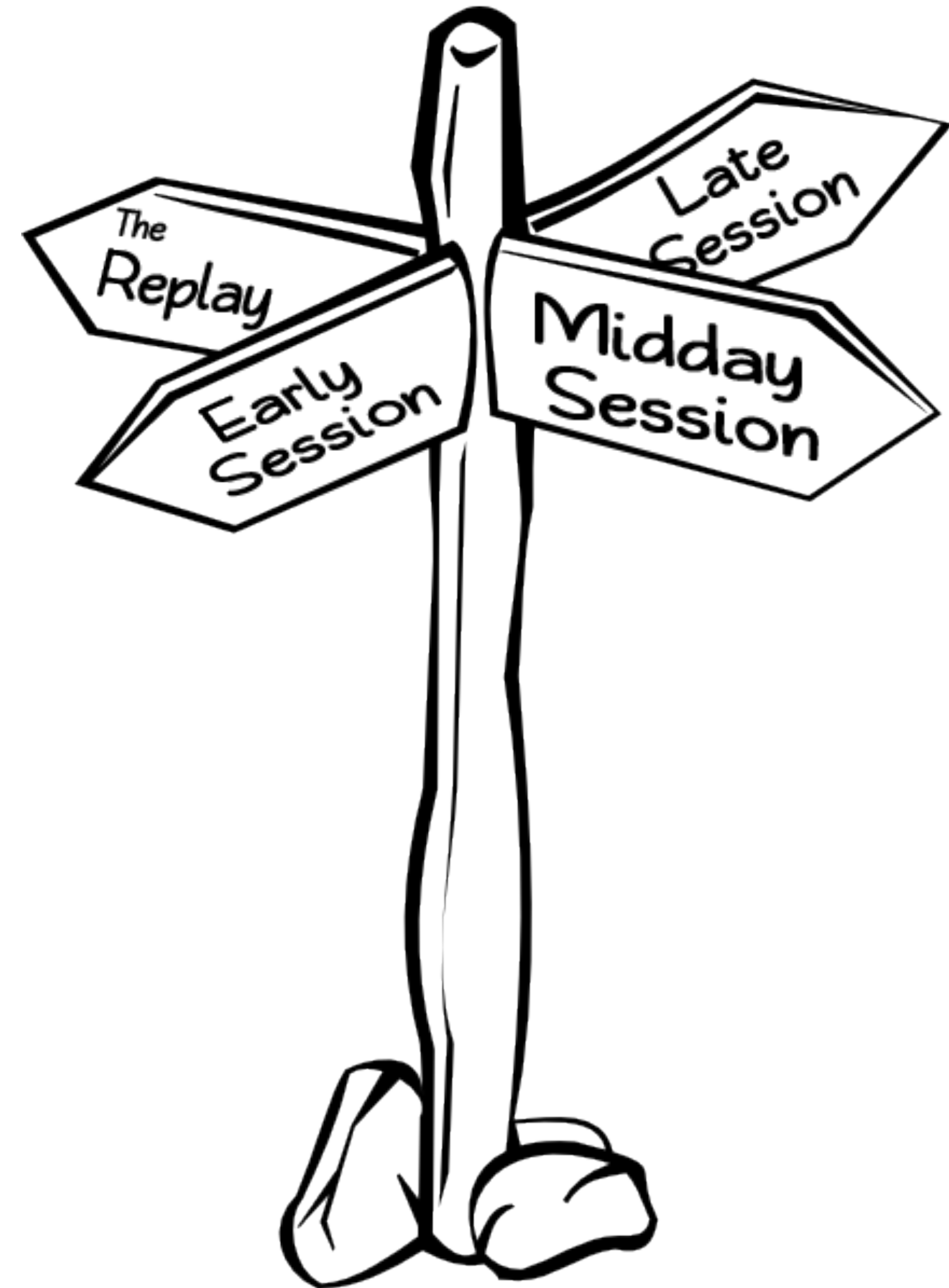
Orphaned activities (section 8)

- ✦  Annie Quiz 
- ✦  It's a hard knock life 

No, they can only be seen when you turn editing on. But they can be accessed always.


- This is the Orphaned Activities hack.
- Very useful if you want to do something creative with your course.
- For instance you can use an image map for navigation.
 - *You do need to know a little HTML code for this, but a site like [Image Map Generator](#) will help.*

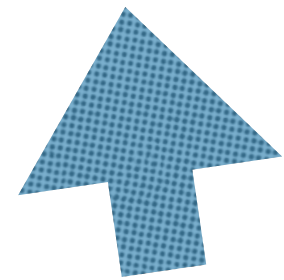
Where do you want to go today?



Hate the Moodle icons?



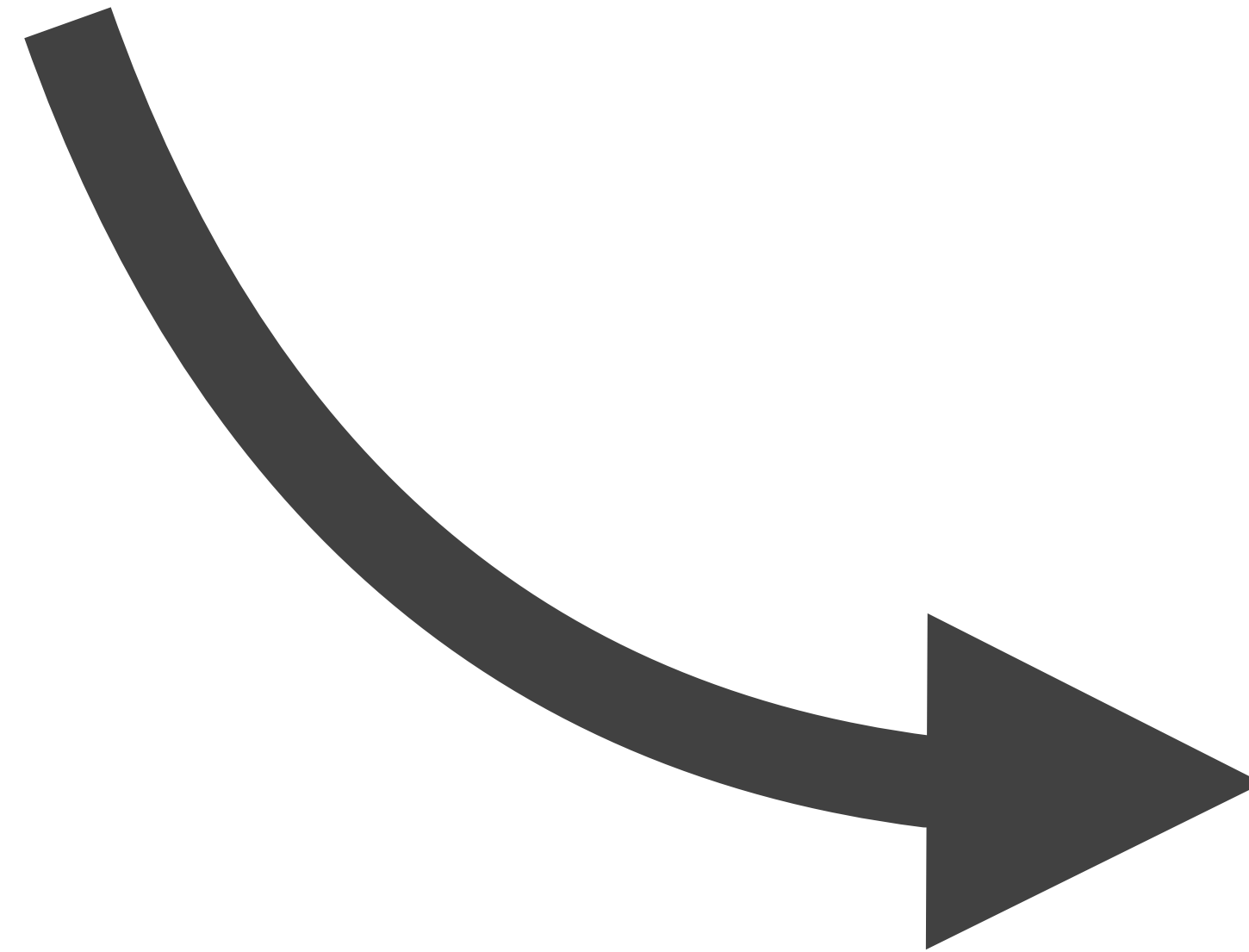
Discussion: Comments & Questions about Orphaned Activities and Stealth Activities 



- Move the discussion to it's own topic at the bottom
- Orphan it
- Create a label, add a link, and pick a new icon from Font Awesome (if your theme uses Font Awesome)

 Discussion: Comments & Questions about Orphaned Activities and Stealth Activities 

You've turned
this
into this



Discussion

- “This looks like a very sneaky trick, but is it official?”
 - No, it’s totally a **hack**.
 - You’re using Moodle in a way that isn’t wrong, but certainly wasn’t designed to do this.
 - It’s “repurposing” Moodle topics in a clever way.
 - So clever that Moodle has taken note...

- **Moodle 3.3**

- *Stealth Activities*

- Orphaned Activities made official!

▼ Common module settings

Availability 

Show on course page
 Hide from students


ID number 

Make available but not shown on course page

Group mode 


No groups 

Grouping 

None 

Add group/grouping access restriction

Understanding Generic Company's Policies




Edit 

  Sexual Harassment Policy 

Edit  

  Ethical Employee Policy 

Edit  

  Respectful Workplace Policy 

Edit  

  Sick Leave Policy 

Edit  

  Understanding Policies Quiz 

Edit   

Restricted Not available unless:

- The activity [Sexual Harassment Policy](#) is marked complete
- The activity [Ethical Employee Policy](#) is marked complete
- The activity [Respectful Workplace Policy](#) is marked complete
- The activity [Sick Leave Policy](#) is marked complete

  Employee Feedback 

Edit   

Available but not shown on course page

 Add an activity or resource

Understanding Generic Company's Policies




Edit 

  Sexual Harassment Policy 

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  Respectful Workplace Policy 

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  Sick Leave Policy 

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  Understanding Policies Quiz 

Edit   

Restricted Not available unless:

- The activity Sexual Harassment Policy is marked complete
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- The activity Sick Leave Policy is marked complete

Your activities can now be accessed but are hidden.

  Employee Feedback 

Edit   

Available but not shown on course page

So I could link to this maybe in a Book activity!

[Add an activity or resource](#)

Thank You!

Questions?

Continue the conversation:



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