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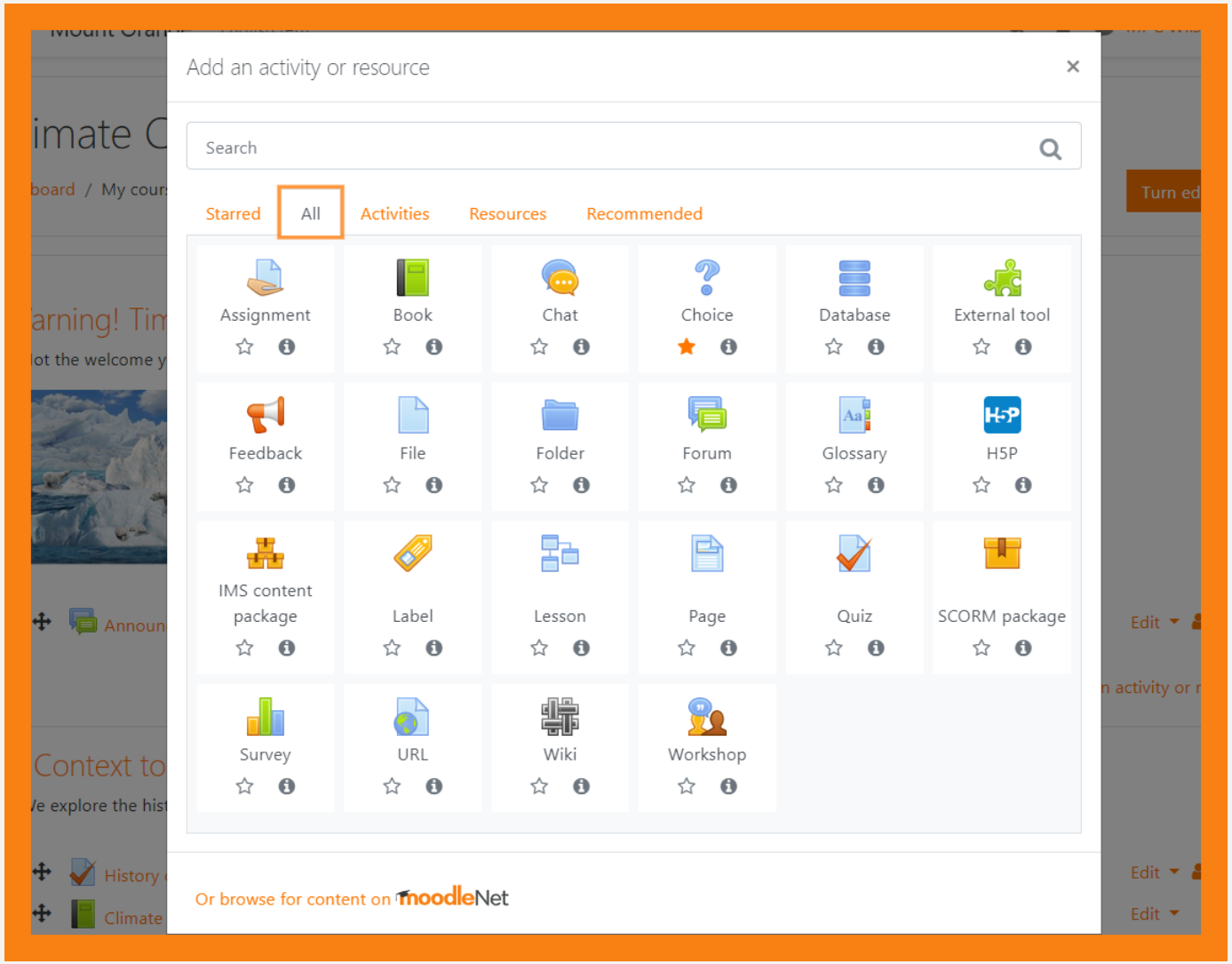
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Moodle 3.9 is coming soon!
- Moodle will be off-line from 5 am to 11 am on Thursday, August 20th for the upgrade to take place.
- Basic functionality **is not impacted**. You aren't going to notice that much difference.

LITTLE THINGS THAT ARE PRETTY GREAT

- A new "Turn Editing On" button, so you don't have to select it from the menu.
- A new "Go to Top" button, for less scrolling.
- For screen reader users, the left-hand navigation menu is now read properly.
- If students upload PDFs oriented the wrong way, you can rotate them within the grading interface.
- "Course Overview" block has been replaced and is now a Dashboard function. It will list all courses and will show progress for any courses with Activity Completion enabled.
- More robust sorting/filtering of Participant list is supported.
- Audio/video feedback now integrated into Assignments.



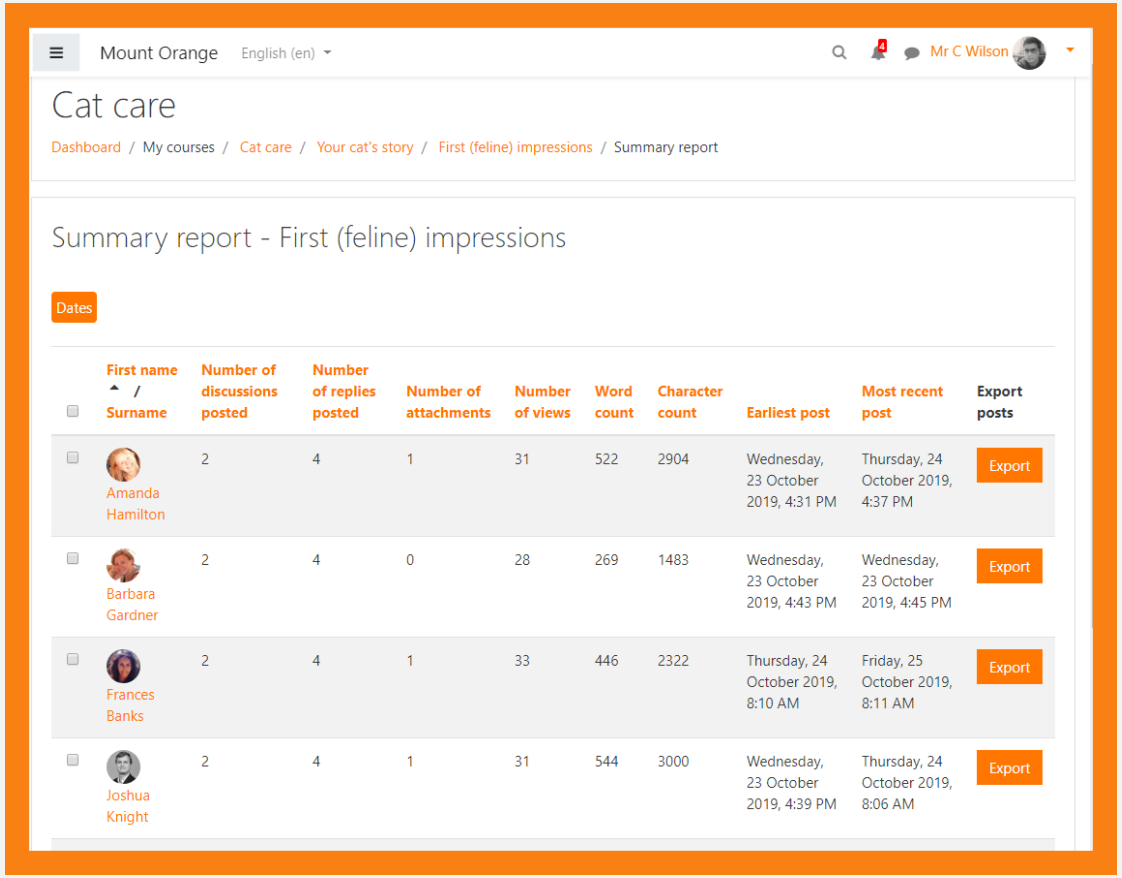
MOST VISIBLE CHANGE

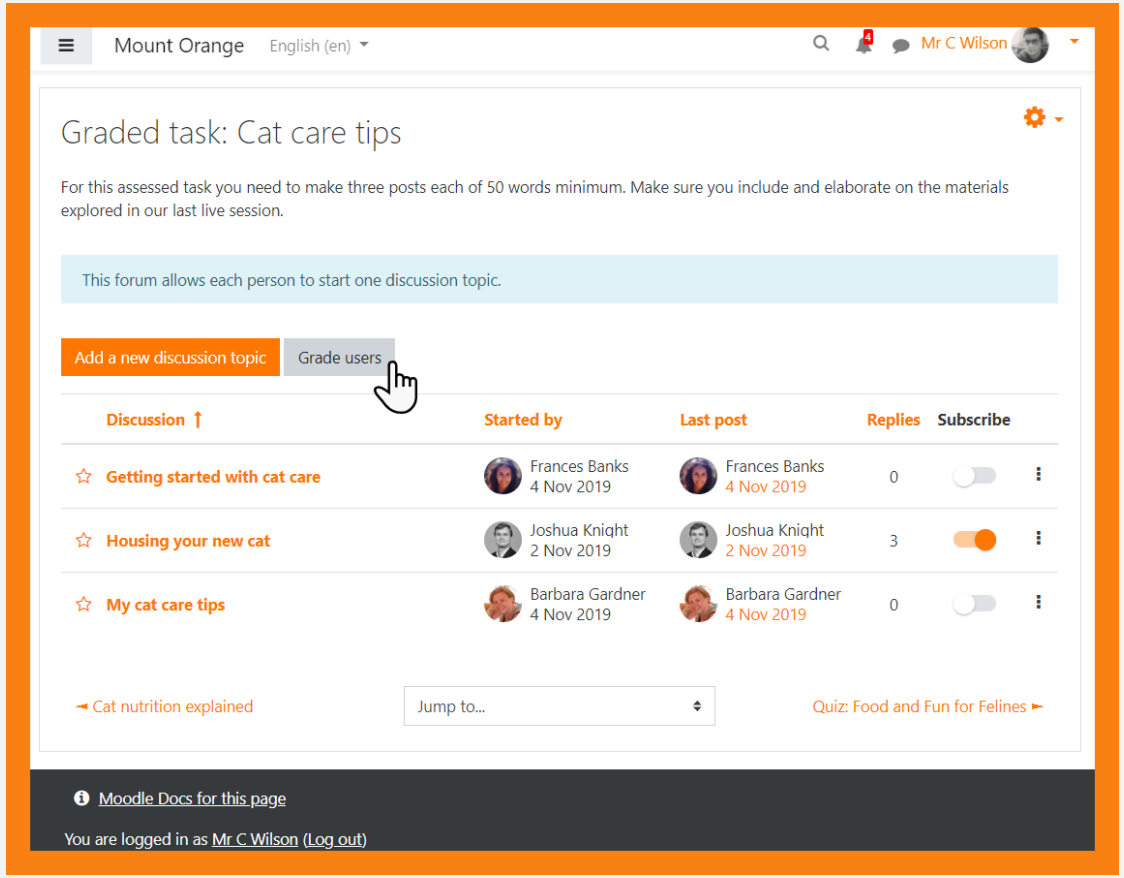
Activity picker is now much more visual, and Activities and Resources are separated from each other.

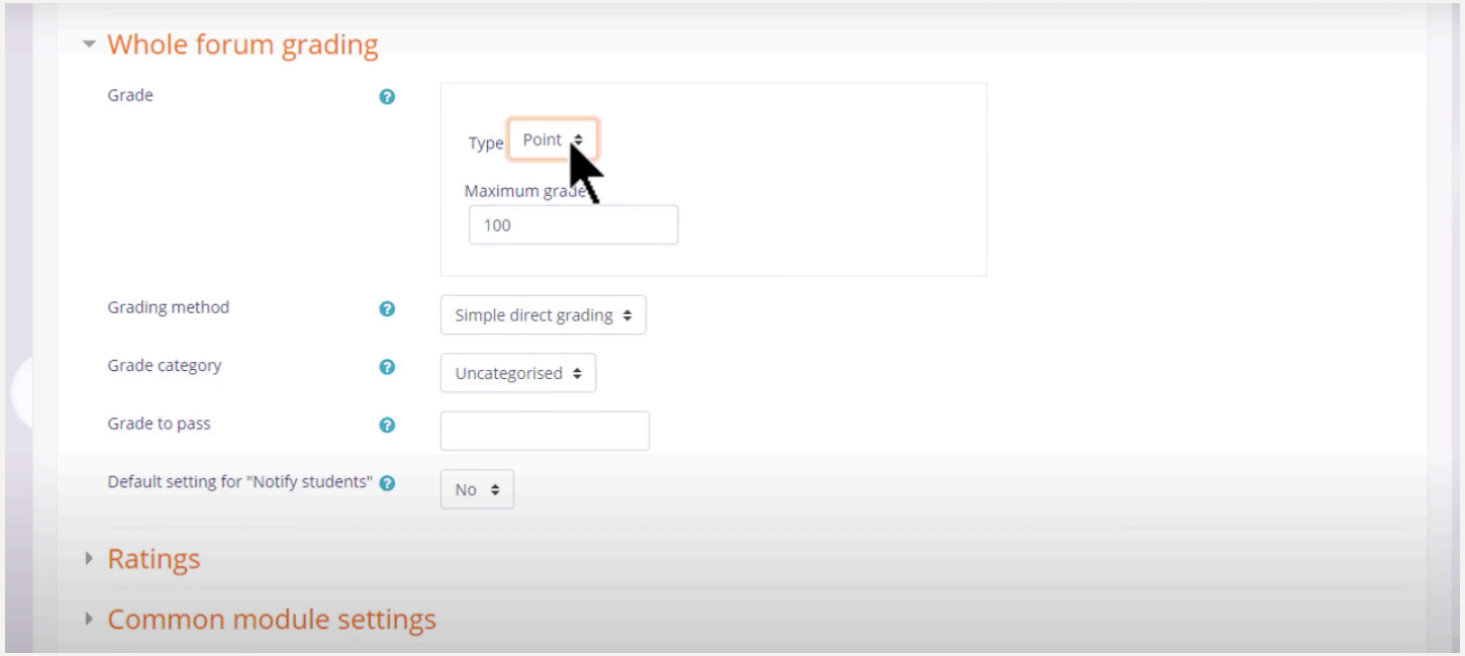
OVERALL, BIGGEST CHANGES FOR MOST USERS ARE TO FORUMS

- You can now reply privately to student posts (new "reply privately" tickbox).
- You can also now lock individual discussion threads.
- New "Forum Summary Report" function that generates a list of contributions/participants (inc. word count).
- Marking for forums has been made more robust with the addition of direct grading (eg. not required to use Ratings) and Rubrics.
- Forum due dates now populate the Calendar like Assignments and Quizzes do.

SUMMARY REPORT AND GRADING FUNCTION







NEW OPTION: WHOLE FORUM GRADING

Enabling this adds your forum directly to Gradebook.

This allows you to grade a discussion forum without using "ratings."

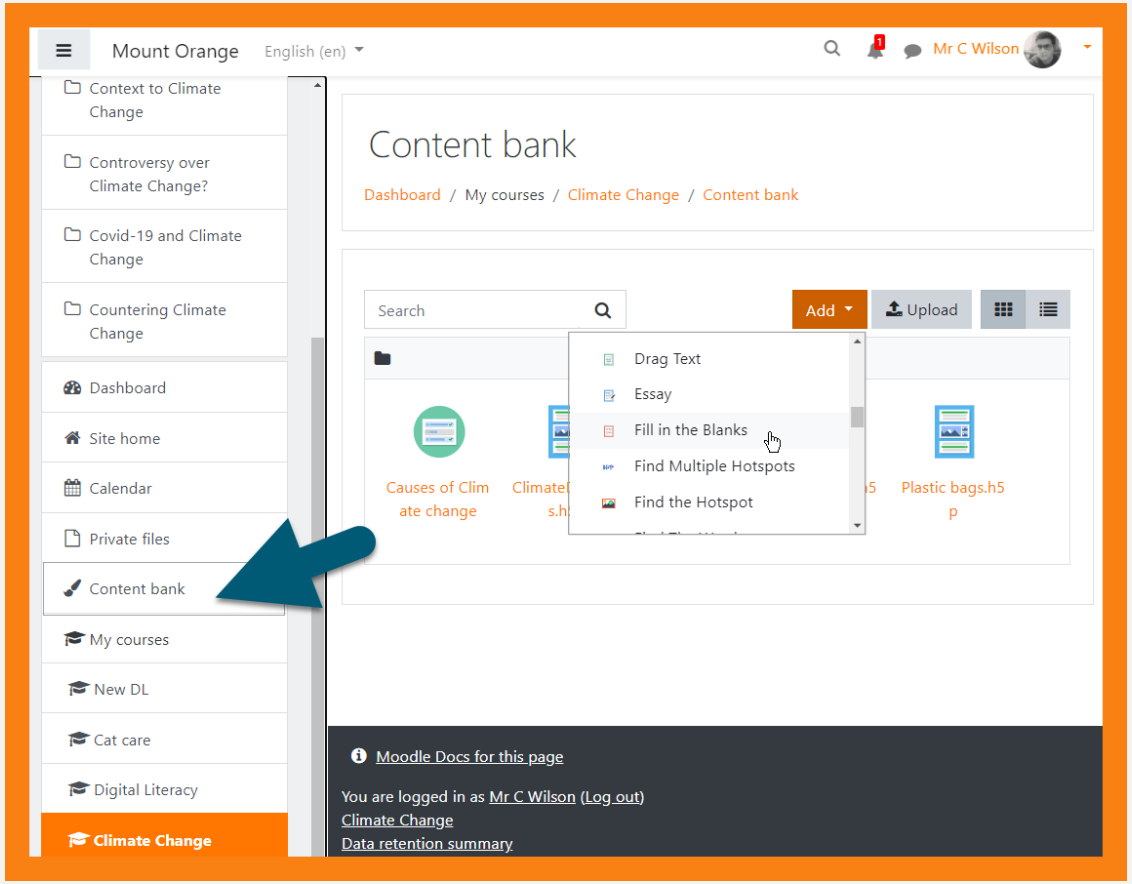
If you select "Advanced Grading," instead of "Simple Direct Grading," you can add a rubric to your forum.

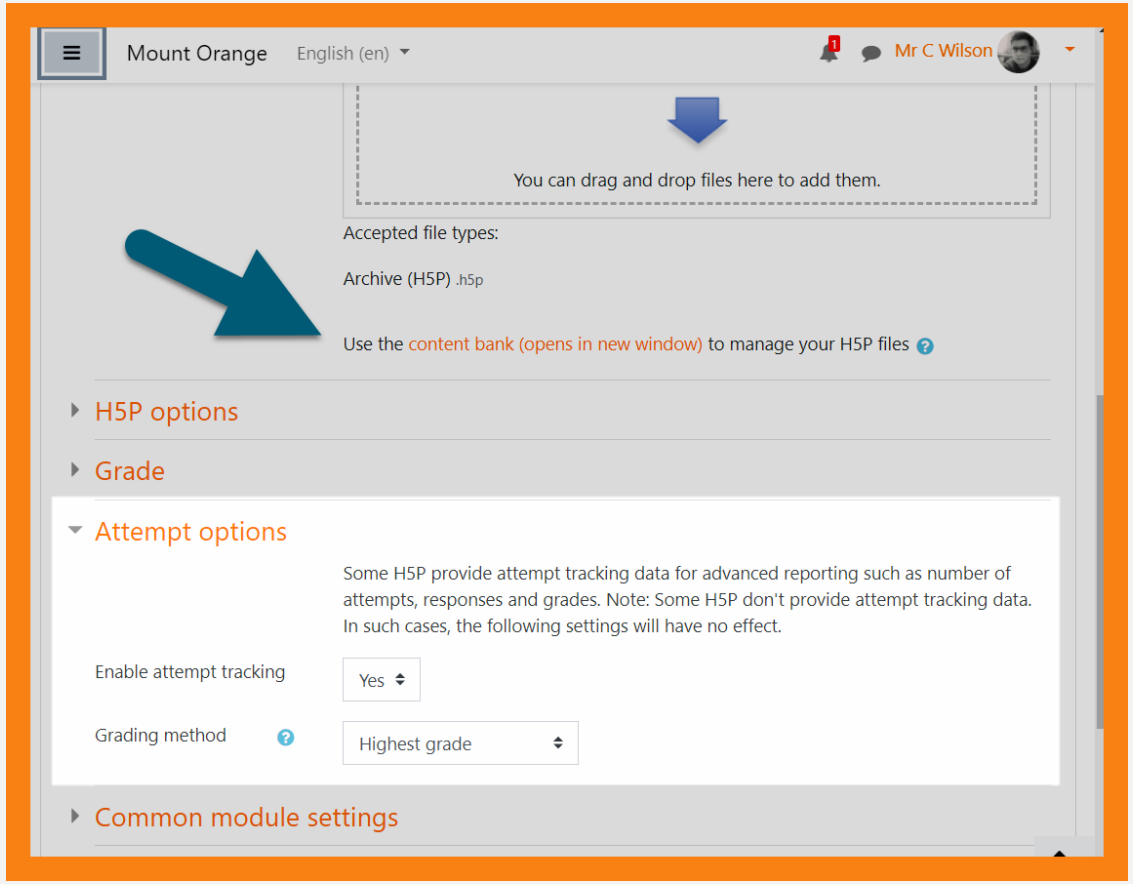
New "Grade Users" button will appear to enable you to grade the forum.

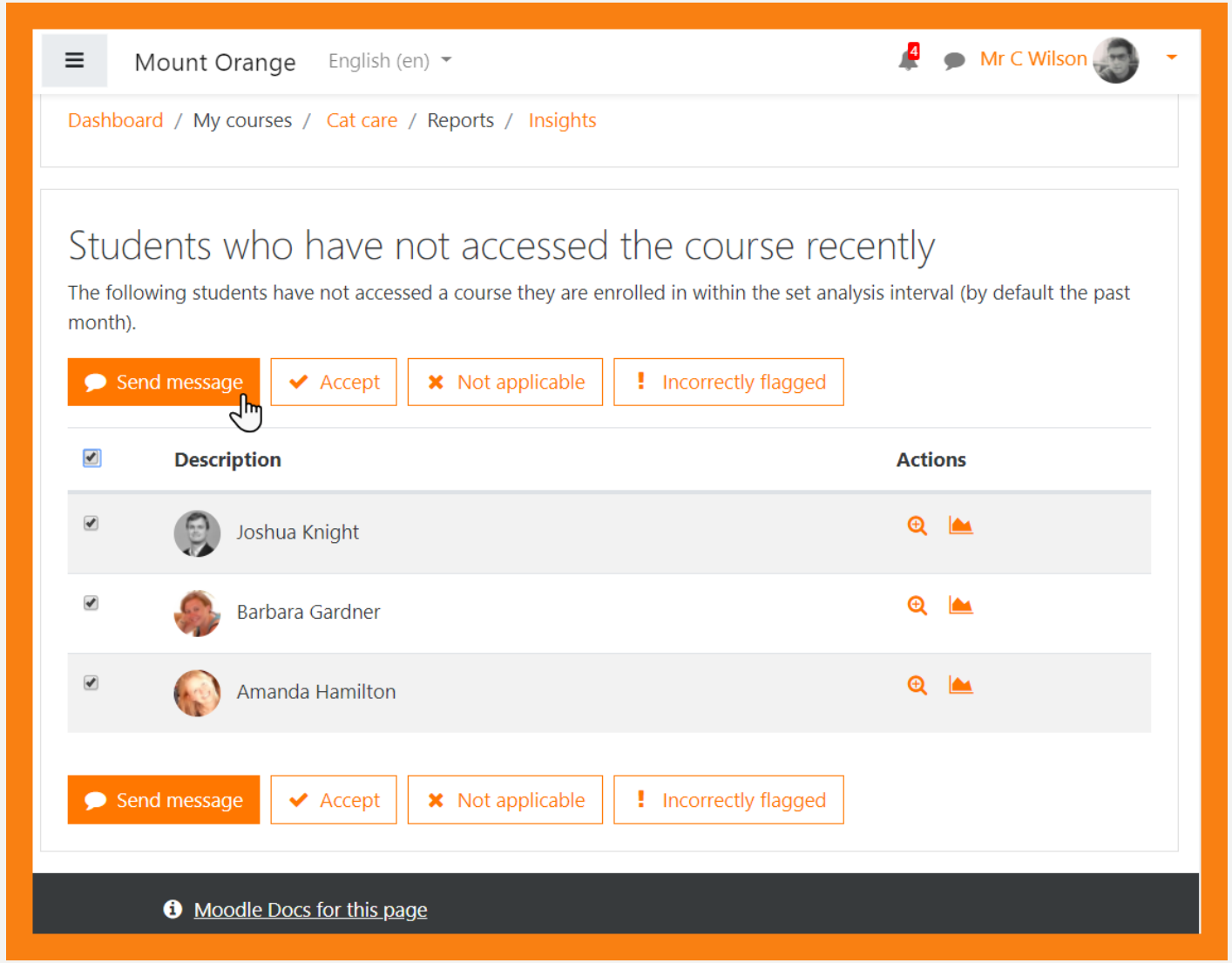
H5P INTEGRATION ALSO HAS SOME BIG CHANGES

- You are now able to embed H5P interactives in Pages and Labels, which means students don't necessarily need to click-through to the interactive.
- You now build and upload H5P interactive using the Content Bank.
- Grades and attempts are now more robustly tracked (but we still strongly recommend these be used formatively, not summatively).

CONTENT BANK AND ATTEMPT TRACKING OPTIONS







NEW ANALYTIC FUNCTIONS

At-a-glance student progress reports.

Now integrated directly with Messaging.

SPEAKING OF MESSAGING…

- It's better… but probably not better enough.
  - Improved interface with two-column view.
  - Space to keep private notes, including drafts or content to review later.
  - Ability to mute and delete group conversations.
  - You can now initiate messages to Groups.
  - Can now star a message to favourite it; it will appear in another section.
  - Emojis are now enabled. Not attachments, but emojis. You win some, you lose some.
- Notification changes:
  - The number at the top indicates number of **people** who have initiated messages.
  - Muting a message silences notifications from it.

CHANGES TO QUIZZES

- “Clear My Choice” now an option for students taking quizzes.
- Question bank has been tidied up and is easier to navigate, with improvement to Tags.
- Drag-and-Drop questions are now responsive.
- Moodle will now remember your Manual Grading preferences (eg. order of questions / students).
- When re-grading quizzes, a progress bar is now visible.

AND SOME SPECIALTY ITEMS

- For those who use Books, the navigation has been improved significantly for students.
- For those who use Competencies, you can now attach competencies to Badges.
- For those who use Lessons, you can now upload files into your Essay Questions.
- Mac users on Firefox should see improvements to how fonts render.

ANY QUESTIONS?

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