

Guide for students

****Plugin:**** ZSK custom site home elements (`local\_zsk\_frontpage\_elements`)

****Purpose:**** Find and use extra information on the Moodle site home.

****More documentation:**** [Teacher guide](TEACHER_GUIDE.md)

Where to find the content

When you open the ****Moodle site home**** (often the first page after login, or via ****Home**** in the menu), look in the ****centre column**** for additional sections — next to the course list or course tiles.

This is ****institution-wide information**** from your university or organisation, not material from a single course.

Three display types

1. Text directly on the site home

- You see a ****heading**** and ****text**** below (sometimes with images).
- Just read and scroll — no click required.
- Examples: welcome message, semester info, Moodle usage tips.

2. Link to an info page

- One line with ****icon + title**** (blue link).
- ****Click**** the title.
- You reach a dedicated page with the full text.

- At the top: **“Back to site home”**.

3. Link to a file (e.g. PDF)

- Again **icon + title** as a link.
- **Click** opens the file (PDF, document ...) in the browser or downloads it.
- Some links open in a **new tab** (external addresses).

What you do not need to do

- You do **not** edit or submit site home content.
- There is **no assignment** and **no grading** for these blocks.
- For coursework, use your **course page** — not the site home.

If something does not work

| Problem | What to do |

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| Link goes nowhere | Report to support / your institution’s Moodle help |

| PDF does not open | Try another browser; check pop-up blockers |

| Text is outdated (wrong semester, etc.) | Tell your teacher or support — only administrators can change site home text |

| Block is missing entirely | Not every institution uses all elements; course info is still in your courses |

Site home vs. dashboard vs. course

| Location | Purpose |

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| ****Site home**** | Info for everyone, course overview |

| ****Dashboard**** (` My home` / `/my/`) | Your personal overview |

| ****Course**** | Learning materials, assignments, forums |

The blocks described here apply only to the ****site home****.