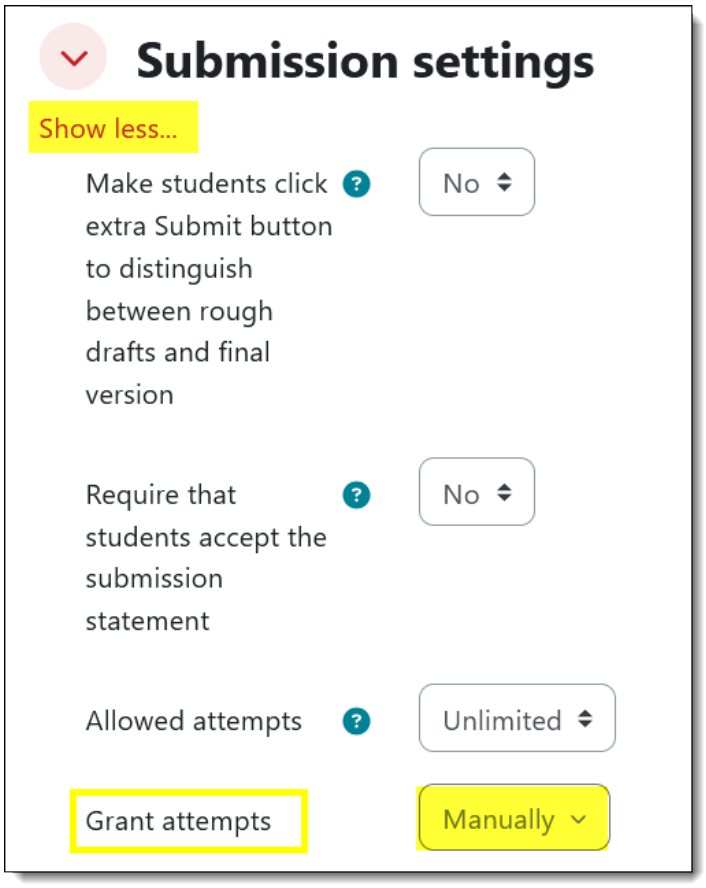
Faculty: Troubleshoot Missing Assignments

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The Moodle 4.5 upgrade in December 2025 included a setting for assignments that configured each link so that students could upload sequential versions of their submissions without removing their initial effort. As a result, Moodle correctly reported that submissions had been uploaded, but when you went to take a second look at a submission, nothing was displayed. If you are experiencing this (revolting) phenomenon, here's how to fix it:

Update Submission Settings

Open the assignment link and click on **Settings**. Scroll down to **Submission settings**. Click on **Show more...** Change **Grant attempts** to **Manual**. Save changes. That's it!



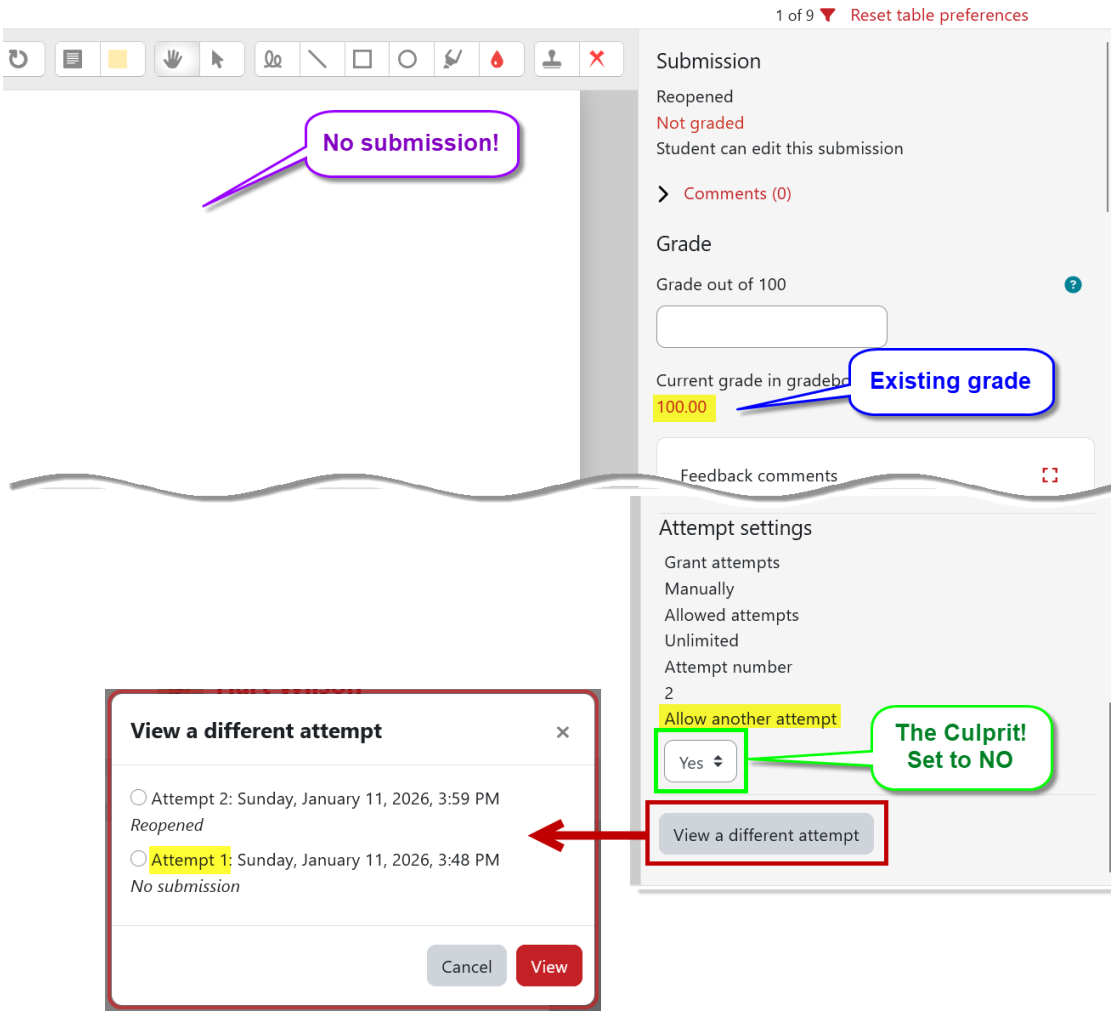
The default has been changed from Moodle's recommendation of Automatically (which is deadly!) to Manually, so future assignments you create will work as expected. (If you don't see a **Grant attempts** option, that's good, it means that it won't give you any trouble.)

Manage Multiple Submissions

When the **Grant attempts** option is set for *Automatically*, Moodle assumes you want to assign grades multiple times (honestly, who wants to grade something more than once?!). So, say you open the grading interface for an assignment at noon, grade a couple of submissions, then go to class. When you get back to Moodle later that afternoon and open the grading interface for that assignment again, the grades you assigned and the student submissions won't be displayed! (Very disconcerting, TBH!). [ed. note: It's actually worse than this -- as soon as you save the grade you just entered, everything disappears!] The good news is that the grades you assigned and the student submissions ARE still there and you can see them by scrolling down below the feedback field and

choosing **View a different attempt**. Choose **Attempt 1** to see the student's submission and any grade you have already assigned.

Here's an illustration:



Oh and, for good measure, this feature also seems to mess with the submissions summary that you see when you open the assignment link. We found that it was still showing that some submissions were ungraded even though all of them had been assigned grades. The good news is that the **Grade Me** block in the block drawer on the right was correctly indicating that there were not any ungraded submissions.