FREE PLUGIN FOR MOODLE™

Direct SCORM Player

One click and the student is right inside the SCORM.

Plugin guide · local_efscorm

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GUIDE

The direct player

The student clicks the activity and is straight into the content, full screen, with no new windows.

1 What it is and what it is for

Direct SCORM Player changes how Moodle™ opens SCORM activities, without touching the SCORM module or the packages: the student goes straight into the content and sees it across the whole window, with a top bar and an exit button.

- **No "Enter" page**: one click on the activity and the content is in front of them.
- **Full screen in the same tab**: no navigation bar, drawers or theme footer; if the package is larger than the window, scrollbars appear.
- **No new windows**: activities set to open "in a new window" also open in the current tab, so pop-up blockers stop getting in the way.
- **Still the activity page**: time-tracking plugins (such as the free Active Time Clock) measure it like any other page and show their clock.
- **Works with any Boost-based theme** and stores no data.

2 Installation

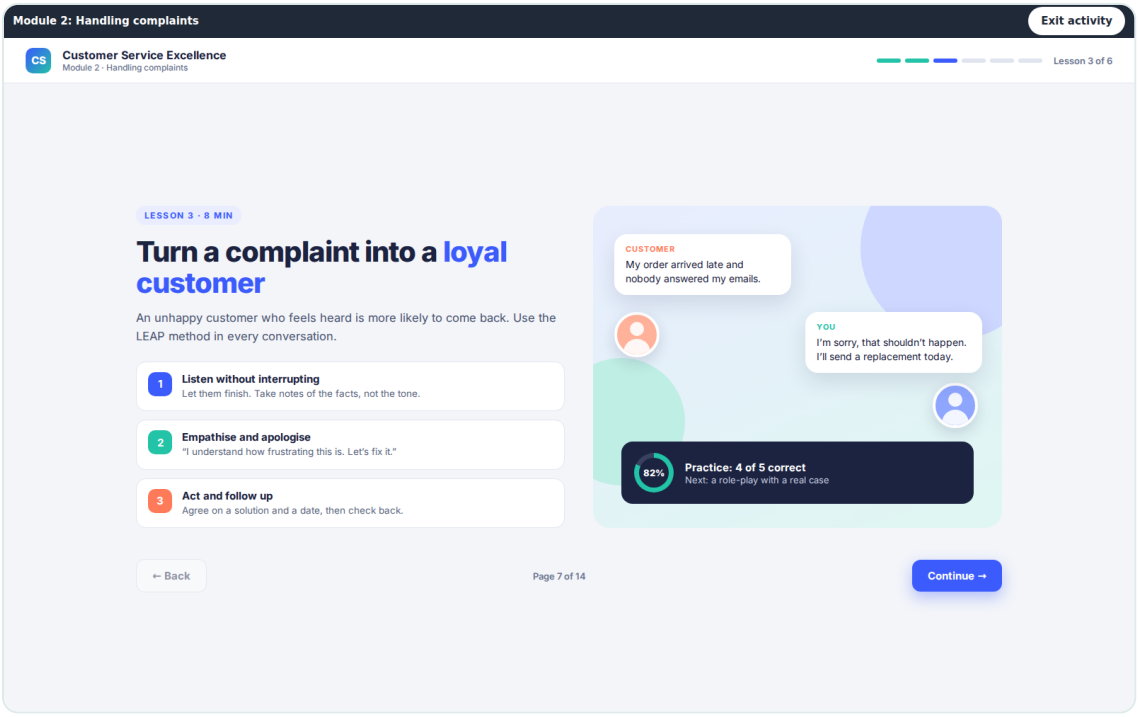
1. **Back up your site before installing**: database, moodledata folder and code. It is good practice with any plugin, even though this one creates no tables and touches no data.
2. **Site administration → Plugins → Install plugins**: upload the ZIP and confirm.
3. Done: it is **enabled site-wide** by default. Settings are in **Site administration → Plugins → Local plugins → Direct SCORM Player**.
4. Check with a student account that clicking a SCORM goes straight in (teachers still see the normal activity page, with the reports).

NOTHING TO SET UP PER ACTIVITY

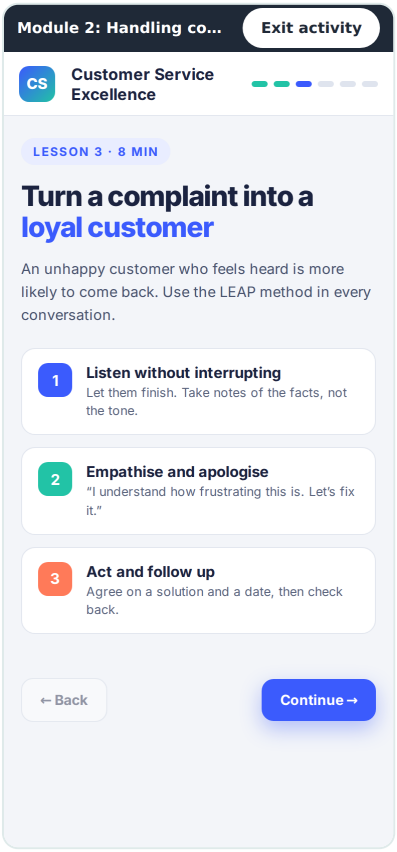
You don't need to change "Skip content structure page" or the display mode of each SCORM: the plugin handles every activity on the site.

3 What the student sees

When they click the activity, the content fills the window under a bar with the activity name and the **Exit activity** button, which takes the student back to the course section (and closes and saves the SCORM as usual).



A neutral top bar (it works with any theme) and the content across the whole window.

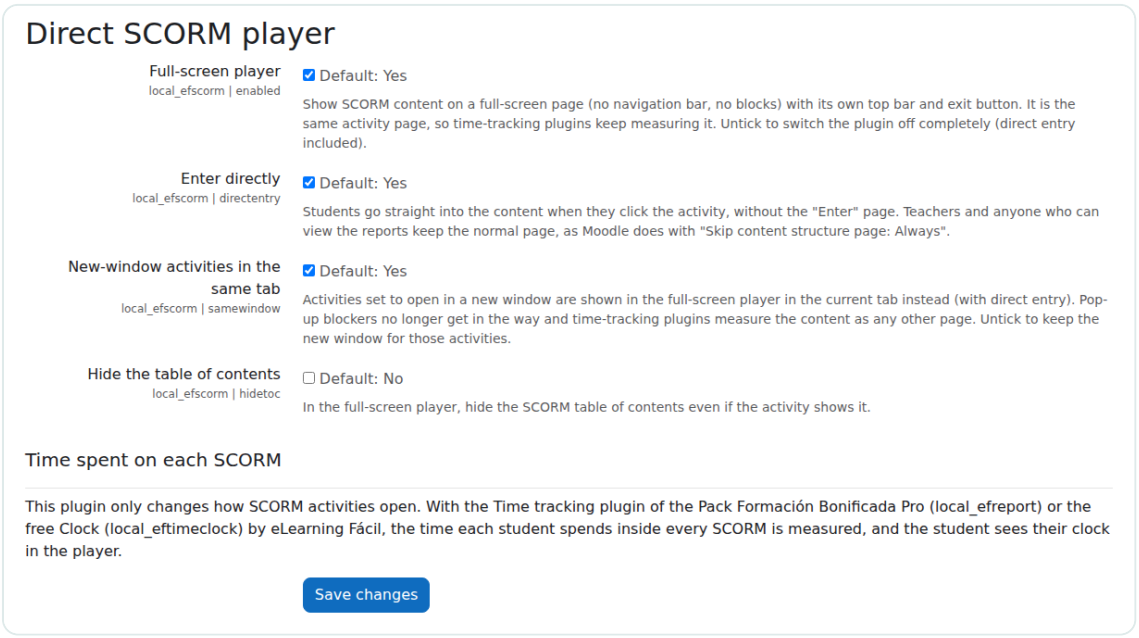


On a phone, the same: bar, content and scrolling if the package doesn't fit.

- The **table of contents** of multi-part packages is shown or hidden as the activity has it (there is a setting to always hide it).
- If the activity was set to open "in a new window", the student still sees it in the current tab (setting "New-window activities in the same tab", on by default).
- **Teachers** and anyone who can view the reports keep the normal activity page, with the "Enter" button and the report links, just as Moodle™ does.

4 Settings

In **Site administration → Plugins → Local plugins → Direct SCORM Player**.



Setting	Default	What it does
Full-screen player	Yes	Shows the SCORM across the whole window with the top bar and the exit button. When off, the plugin does nothing.
Direct entry	Yes	The student enters the content without the “Enter” page.
New-window activities in the same tab	Yes	Activities set to open “in a new window” open full screen in the current tab. Untick it to keep the new window for those activities.
Hide the table of contents	No	In the player, hides the SCORM table of contents even if the activity shows it.

5 Measuring the time in each SCORM

This plugin only changes how SCORM activities open, and it works the same with nothing else installed. To know **how long each student spends inside each package**, eLearning Fácil offers two options, and both show their clock inside the player:

Active Time Clock (free)

Measures real time in activities (only while the tab is visible and in focus), with a per-course report and Excel and CSV downloads.

The complete suite

Time you can prove in an audit, percentage of the course hours, per-activity detail, completion by time spent, communications and the evidence file for each group. elearningfacil.com

WHY THE SAME TAB MATTERS

A SCORM in a new window is a window the browser can block and that time trackers don't always see. In the same tab, SCORM time is activity time: it is neither lost nor inflated.

6 What it changes and what it doesn't

Yes	No
Sends the student to Moodle's own player, as "Skip content structure page: Always" does.	It doesn't change the SCORM module, the packages, attempts, grades or reports.
Gives the player page the theme's minimal layout (no navigation bar or blocks) and adds its top bar.	It opens no windows and uses no overlays on the course: it is the activity page.
Installs and uninstalls without leaving a trace: it has no tables and stores no personal data.	It doesn't change the settings of any activity.

Free software (GPL v3), built to the Moodle™ plugin guidelines: no external calls or third-party resources, a declared privacy provider, automated tests and code review on every release.

7 Frequently asked questions

A teacher says it doesn't go straight in for them

That is expected: anyone who can view the activity reports keeps the entry page, with the "Enter" button and the report links. To see what the student sees, use **Switch role to… → Student**.

I want one particular activity to open in a real new window

Untick "New-window activities in the same tab": every activity set that way opens its window again. It is a site setting.

The content looks cut off or doesn't fill the window

The player gives the package the whole window (minus the bar and, if the activity shows them, the table of contents and the navigation panel) and adds scrollbars if it is larger. If it is still cut off, the size is fixed by the package itself (the activity width and height only apply to the new window). If your theme had its own CSS for the SCORM player, remove it: it wins over the plugin's.

The package's own "Close" button does nothing

It tries to close a window that doesn't exist: in the current tab, leave with **Exit activity**, which closes and saves the SCORM in the same way.

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