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How Do I?

Share a video file with my instructor?

Using Google Drive - Computer

- *App settings can vary based on your device. For additional help, please visit Google Support.*
- Begin by recording your video and saving it to your computer.
- From that same computer, open Google Drive
- Make sure you're logged into your MLC account by looking for the MLC logo in the upper right corner.
  - If you're not, click the profile picture in the upper right corner and either choose your MLC account from the menu or click **Add another account** to add your MLC account.
- Click **New** in the upper left corner and choose **File upload**.
- Find where your recording is stored on your computer and click **Open**.
  - If you're not sure where it is, check your downloads or pictures folders or use the search function.
- An upload progress box will appear in the bottom right corner of your screen. Depending on the length of your video and the speed of your internet connection, it could take several minutes.
- When the upload has completed, locate your files by clicking the video icon in the bottom right corner. You can also find it by clicking **Recent** in the left-side menu.
- A preview of your video will open after you click. Please know that it could take a while for Google Drive to process the video. You can still continue with these directions, even if the video hasn't processed yet.
- Click the three dots in the upper right corner and choose **Share**.
- Click **Get shareable link**.

- The link will automatically be copied to your computer's clipboard. You can also click the **Copy link** button.
- Paste the link into Moodle, an email, or wherever your instructor has asked you to share the video.

Using Google Drive - Mobile Device

- *App settings can vary based on your device. For additional help, please visit Google Support.*
- Download the Google Drive app to your mobile device if you don't already have it.
- Record your video using your mobile device.
- Open the Google Drive app and make sure you're logged into your MLC account.
- Tap the plus sign in the bottom right corner of the screen and choose **Upload**.
- Follow the prompts to locate the video on your device.
- Select the video and tap **Upload**. Depending on the length of your video and the speed of your internet connection, it could take several minutes.
- Locate the video in your Google Drive. One quick way would be to tap the three lines in the top left corner and choose **Recent**.
- Tap the video once to bring up a preview.
- Please know that it could take a while for Google Drive to process the video. You can still continue with these directions, even if the video hasn't processed yet.
- Click the three dots in the upper right corner and tap **Link sharing off**. This will toggle the setting and link sharing will be turned on.
- The link will automatically be copied on your device's clipboard. You can copy it again if needed by tapping the three dots and choosing **Copy link**.
- Paste the link into Moodle, an email, or wherever your instructor has asked you to share the video.
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Start a Google Meet?

From the Google Meet Website

- *This is best for meetings that are happening right away.*
- From an internet browser (Google Chrome is recommended) visit meet.google.com.
- Make sure you're signed in using your MLC account.
  - You can check this by looking at the profile picture in the upper right corner. It should match your MLC profile picture.
  - If you're not sure or if you need to switch accounts, click the profile picture to check what account is being used.
  - Click **switch account** if you need to switch to your MLC account.
- Click the green **Join or start a meeting** button.
- You can give your meeting a name (i.e. Meeting with Advisor) or leave the name blank.
- Click **Continue**.
- If you have a microphone and webcam, they should be activated. If it's your first time using Google Meet, watch for your browser to ask permission to use them and be sure to click *allow*.
  - If you do not have a microphone, you can still join using your phone for audio by clicking that option next to the phone icon on the screen and following the prompts.
- Click **Join now**.
- Add other people to your Google Meet by sharing the joining info that appears on the screen or by clicking **Add people**, typing in their MLC email addresses, and clicking **Send invite.**
- Your Google Meet is now active! Please see the page How Do I Join a Google Meet? for information on how to participate in and record your meeting.

From Google Calendar

- *This is best for scheduling meetings in the future.*

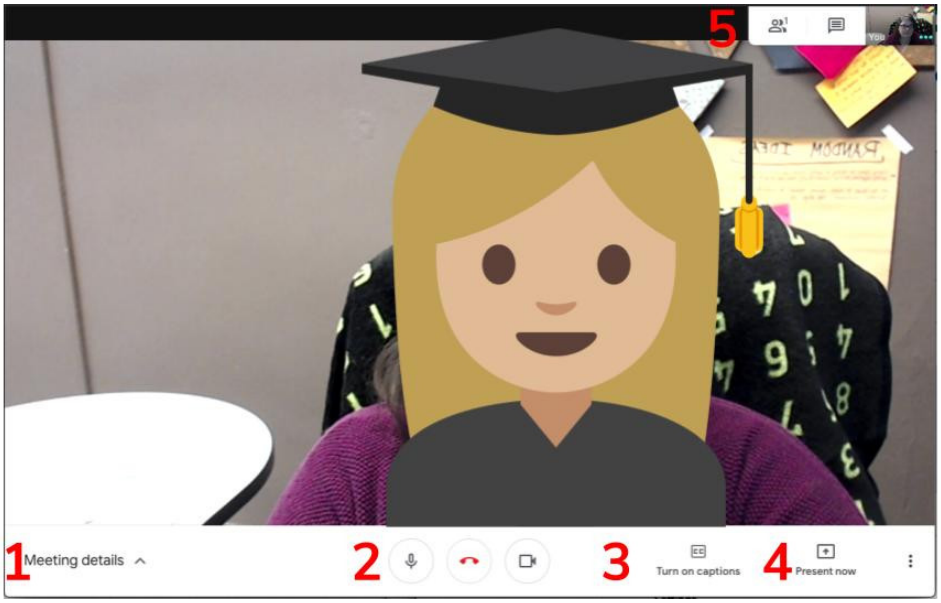
- From an internet browser (Google Chrome is recommended) visit calendar.google.com.
- Make sure you're logged into your MLC account by looking for the MLC logo in the upper right corner.
  - If you're not, click the profile picture in the upper right corner and either choose your MLC account from the menu or click **Add another account** to add your MLC account.
- Using the arrows on the top menu bar, locate the month/day for the meeting.
- Click on the day to add a new calendar event.
- On the pop-up screen, click **More options** in the bottom right next to the blue save button.
- On the next screen, enter the name for your meeting/event in the top text box.
- Underneath the name, enter the time for the meeting.
- If your event is repeating (i.e. you want to have the same meeting at the same time every week, three times a week, etc.) click **Does not repeat** and choose a repeating option for the event. If none of the given options fit what you want, choose **Custom** to enter your schedule.
- Click **Add conferencing** next to the video icon and choose **Hangouts Meet**.
- On the right side of the screen, enter the names of the people who are attending the meeting.
  - This step is optional and best for smaller groups. You will have the option to share the link to the Google Meet later.
- Click **Save** at the top of the screen.
  - If you chose to invite people, you will be asked if you want to send invites. If you choose yes, they will receive an email notification where they can RSVP to the meeting.
- The event will be saved to your calendar.
- Click once on the event in your calendar to view the Google Meet link. This link can be sent via email or Moodle so that others can join the Meet.

Join a Google Meet?

From Your Computer

- Click on the link to the Google Meet from your email, calendar, or wherever the Google Meet was shared with you. It is recommended that you use Google Chrome.
- The Google Meet website will open.
- Make sure you're signed in using your MLC account.
  - You can check this by looking at the profile picture in the upper right corner. It should match your MLC profile picture.
  - If you're not sure or if you need to switch accounts, click the profile picture to check what account is being used.
  - Click **switch account** if you need to switch to your MLC account.
- Click the green **Join or start a meeting** button.
- If you have a microphone and webcam, they should be activated. If it's your first time using Google Meet, watch for your browser to ask permission to use them and be sure to click *allow*.
  - If you do not have a microphone, you can still join using your phone for audio by clicking that option next to the phone icon on the screen and following the prompts.
- Click **Join now**.
- The Google Meet Screen will appear. See the images below for help in navigating Google Meet.

Main Google Meet Options



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5. The people icon shows you a list of the participants currently in the Google Meet. You can add people from here. You can also mute them. The chat bubble opens a group chat with all the participants. This can be helpful for asking questions.

More Google Meet Settings

Additional Google Meet settings can be accessed by clicking the three dots in the bottom right corner of the screen.

- **Record Meeting:** Currently any Google Meet can be recorded by clicking this button. The recording is saved in the Google Drive of the person who started the Google Meet. It can be shared with others from Google Drive. It is good practice to inform participants that the meeting is being recorded.
  - *This is a pro feature and will be turned off when the situation is over.*
- **Change Layout:** This changes the layout and number of videos that appear at the same time.
- **Turn On Captions:** This has the same function as the other captions button.
- **Settings:** This brings up the options for changing the microphone, speakers, and video camera being used in the Meet. Clicking the dropdown menu next to the device types and choosing a different device can sometimes fix audio and video issues.
- **Use a Phone for Audio:** For slower internet connections, connecting to the audio via phone

can sometimes yield better results.

- **Report a Problem:** This sends a message straight to Google.
- **Help:** This will bring up the Google Meet help center in a new tab.

From Your Mobile Device

- Download the Google Hangouts Meet app to your mobile device.
- Tap on the link to the Google Meet from your email, calendar, or wherever the Google Meet was shared with you.
- The Google Meet app will open.
- Make sure you're signed in using your MLC account.
  - You can check this by looking at the bottom of the screen. If you don't see your MLC email address, tap **Switch**.
- Tap **Join meeting**.
- You will enter the Google Meet. See the Google Meet help site for more information about using the app with your specific device.

Share video files with my students?

You can find instructions for how students can share video files with instructors at https://help.mlc-wels.edu/books/new-to-online-learning/page/share-a-video-file-with-my-instructor and they work just as well for instructors. However, you can also create a folder with the proper sharing settings so that it is easy to upload files, grab the sharing link, and link in Moodle.

A friendly reminder, please default to storing as much of the large video files in your Google Drive account as possible at this time.

- **Create a folder in Google Drive to share the files in**. Give it a name you will easily remember so that you can come back and share more files in the future.
- **Modify the sharable link settings so that you can share with anyone at Martin Luther College**. This will make sharing the files in the folder really easy.
- **Upload your files**. Remember, please use Google Drive for any large files (like videos).
- **Select the file and then select the sharable link settings**. Copy the link from the resulting menu.
- **Copy and paste that link wherever you'd like to share files with your students (probably Moodle)**. Remember, if you want your students to be able to stream the video it will take time for Google to process it. However, they are still able to download the video and view it themselves until the process is finished.

That's really it. **However, you can watch a helpful video as well to see it in action!**

Get help from the Writing Center?

The Writing Center is available most evenings while school is in session. Check out the Writing Center web page for specific information.

Use Google Meet to Record a Presentation?

Google Meet can be used by yourself or with a group to record a presentation. The recording is automatically saved to your Google Drive and you can share the link to it on Moodle.

Instructions

- Begin by setting up your computer with any documents or presentations that you want to show while recording, like a slide presentation in PowerPoint or Google Slides.
- Start a new Google Meet by visiting meet.google.com.
  - Make sure you're logged into your MLC account.
- Click **Join or start a meeting**
- Give your meeting a name if you want - this will help you identify your recording in Google Drive later.
- Click **Join now**
- If you're doing the presentation by yourself, click the **X** when you see the joining information. If you're working in a group, send the information to your group members and wait for them to join.
- Click the three dots in the lower right corner and choose **Record meeting**
  - If you don't see the three dots, hover your cursor over your video.
- Once the recording has started, click **Present now** from the bottom menu and choose **Your entire screen**. This will allow your screen to be recorded in the Meet.
- Give your presentation.
- When your presentation is over, go back to the Google Meet tab in your browser. Click the three

dots and choose **End recording**. The recording will automatically be saved to your Google Drive.

- When your recording is ready, you will receive an email in your MLC account. Open the email and click the red **Open in Drive** button.
- Your video will appear in a new browser tab.
- Click the three dots in the upper right corner of the screen and choose **Share**.
- Click **Get shareable link**.
- The link to view your video will automatically be copied to your clipboard. You can also click **Copy link**.
- Click **Done.**
- Paste your link in Moodle, in an email, or wherever your instructor wants the video.

Open a Word Document in Google Docs?

Your professors might share documents in Word for you to complete. If you do not have Word on your computer, you can still edit Word documents using your MLC Google account with Google Docs.

Instructions

- Download the Word document to your computer by clicking on it in your Moodle course.
- Open up your Google Drive by going to drive.google.com.
- Check that you're in your MLC account by looking for the MLC logo next to your profile picture in the upper right corner. If you're not, click on your profile picture, choose **Add another account** and sign in with your MLC email address and password.
- In Google Drive, click the **New** button in the top left corner and choose **File upload**.
- Locate the Word document on your computer and click **Open**.
- The Word document will be saved in your Google Drive. Now you can open it with Google Docs.
- Locate the file in your Google Drive by clicking its name in the bottom right corner or by going to **Recent** from the left menu.
- Double click the document. Depending on your Drive settings, it might automatically open in Google Docs. If it does, you're all set!
- If it doesn't, and you just see a preview of the document, click **Open with** at the top of the screen and choose Google Docs.

New to Online Learning

Suggestions for Succeeding in an Online Learning Environment

Philosophy

To many students, "online" is synonymous with "I can do this whenever I want." That is true to only a very limited degree. There are still due dates to meet and schedules to keep. There are still many demands on your time.

Many associate "online" with "easier." Absolutely not true! Distance learning requires a great deal of effort and concentration. You don't have an instructor readily at hand to answer questions immediately. You don't have classmates to run something by. It's up to you to know "what you know" and, more importantly, "**what you don't know**". It's up to you to use your resources to address "what you don't know."

Some may associate "online" with "I'm on my own." Absolutely not true. You have a network of people with whom you can communicate. Your professor is still available. You have classmates, tutors, and IT Services available for support. In addition, you may be required to attend live sessions or work on group projects.

Time Management

This aspect of online learning is absolutely critical, and it can't be overstated. If procrastination is detrimental in face-to-face courses, it is **lethal** in an online course. You will have multiple courses to manage. Each one carries due dates and deadlines. Different courses may require live sessions or group work. These demands require careful scheduling.

Procrastination is incredibly easy in online courses. All you have to do is walk away from the computer, and there is nothing to bother you. Once things start piling up, discouragement sets in, often followed by resignation. Don't let this be you!

Set up a regular schedule for completing work. Set up a regular space for online work. This time and space must be free of distractions. Get away from the TV. Put the phone away. Time spent does not always mean productivity. This requires planning and discipline. It must become a habit.

Resources

Your instructors assemble and provide resources to help you succeed. Screencasts, tutorials, help sessions, question and answer forums, and web links are all there to assist you. They are available for a reason. Make use of them!

Technology and Tools

At first, getting used to different technologies and tools can be discouraging. Credentials to manage, URLs to keep straight. Understanding the features and functions. All these can be daunting. Look for support. MLC has this portal specifically for you to use if you get stuck. This help portal is searchable - type in some keywords and you're off.

There are additional helps. Most tools have a "Help" link or a "FAQ" (frequently asked questions) link. You can post a question to the advisor. You must rely more on your own resources and initiative when courses are online.

The Good News

In spite of the challenges, there is good news. You can succeed in an online experience. Online experiences do offer some advantages. You have more freedom in prioritizing your time. You can

concentrate your efforts where needed, instead of sitting in a classroom. You can move at your own pace, within reason.

Finally, be assured that the Lord will bless your efforts. Those efforts are not always as visible to others, but they do bear fruit. God's blessings to you!

Setting Up Moodle

Setting Up Your Dashboard

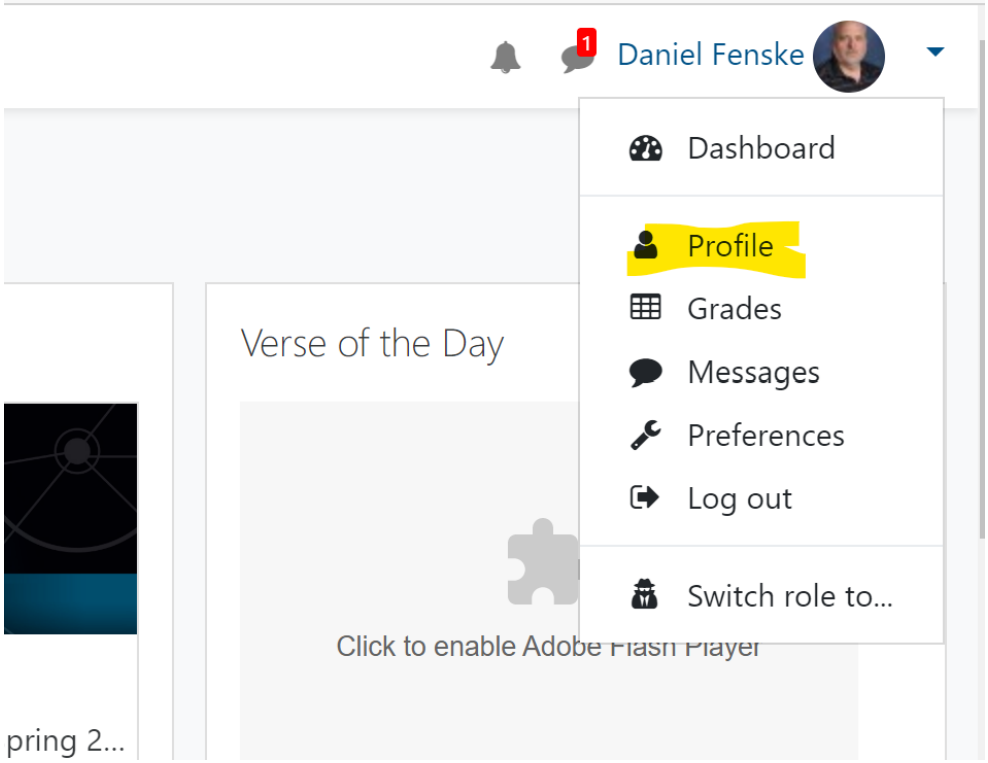
Update Your Profile

Set Your Timezone

When you are working at home, it is very important that you set your timezone if you are outside of the Central Time Zone. If due dates are time-sensitive, being off by two or three hours can be significant. Steps:

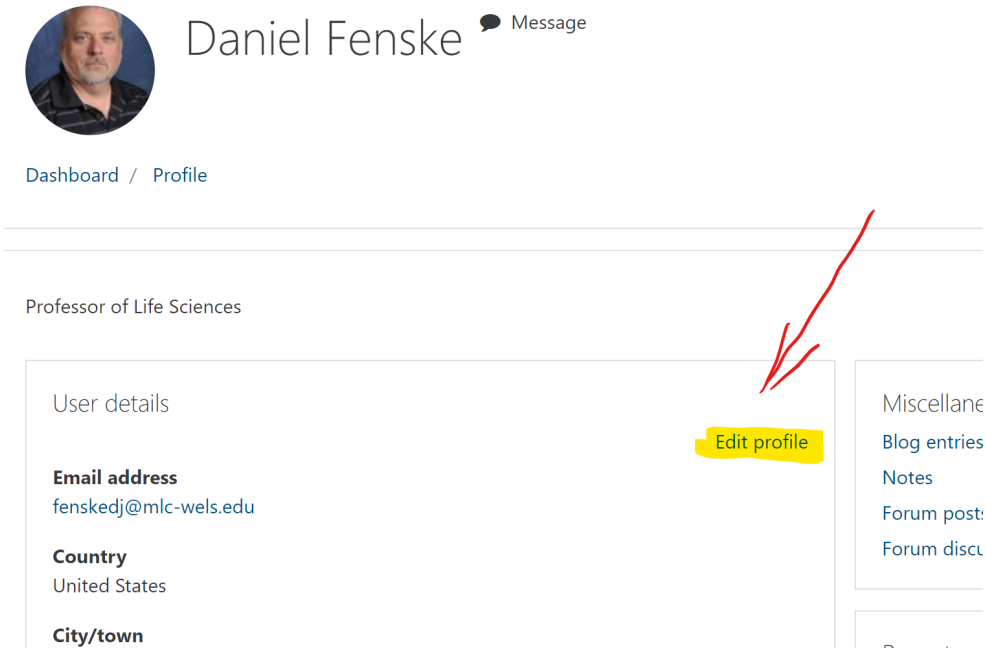
1. Log in to Moodle and start at your dashboard.

2. In the upper-right corner, locate the area where your profile picture appears. Use the drop-down arrow to find the menu:



3. Select "Profile"

4. From the next page, click on "Edit Profile."



5. On the next page, scroll down to find the Time Zone selector. Select your Time Zone.

Email display

Allow everyone to see my email address

City/town

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Select a country

United States

Timezone

Server timezone (America/Chicago)

Description

Professor of Life Sciences

Organize Your Email Inbox

This video shows you how to have GMail automatically label messages based on rules. I recommend that you set up a filter and label for each course so you don't miss an important message.

Moodle Mobile App

If your family is limited as to the number of devices available, or you would like to be more portable, Moodle offers a mobile app that allows for most of the utilities that the web portal offers. Follow this link for more information.

Graduate Writing Resources

APA Formatting

MS Graduate students are expected to follow APA Manual (7th Edition) in formal writing, and follow the MLC *Form and Style Sheet*. Below are some sites to assist you with citations and APA style.

- The Writer's Handbook: APA Documentation Guide (UW-Madison)
- Purdue OWL: APA Formatting and Style Guide (Purdue)

This information is for students in the MLC Graduate program. Undergraduate students should check with their course instructors for citation and formatting guidelines.

Society of Biblical Literature Formatting

MATS Graduate students are expected to follow the Society of Biblical Literature Handbook of Style in formal writing, and follow the MLC *Form and Style Sheet*. Below are some sites to assist you with citations and formatting.

- The SBL Handbook of Style (MLC Library - use your MLC login information to access the PDF)
- SBL Style Guide (MLC Library)
- Student Supplement for *The SBL Handbook of Style* (PDF)

This information is for students in the MLC Graduate program. Undergraduate students should check with their course instructors for citation and formatting guidelines.

Citation Tools

- Citation Management suggestions from the MLC Library

Grammarly

MLC has purchased a site license for Grammarly Premium. Some of you may be using the free version, but Premium offers some advanced options. This tool is to be considered as a resource primarily for writers as they compose and edit their writing, whether academic or professional.

To log in, follow these directions:

1. Go to grammarly.com/enterprise/signup
2. Provide your name, your @mlc-wels.edu email, and email password.
3. Check your inbox for the email and click on the activation link. (If you have the free version, log in at this location and follow the directions — including the email activation link.