



**Boost Union
@moodlemoot DACH
2026 Zürich**

Boost Union

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https://moodle.org/plugins/theme_boost_union

Boost Union



Moodle an
Hochschulen

Lead maintainer representing 200 German
speaking higher educational institutions
with more than 1.700.000 students.

<https://moodle-an-hochschulen.de/>

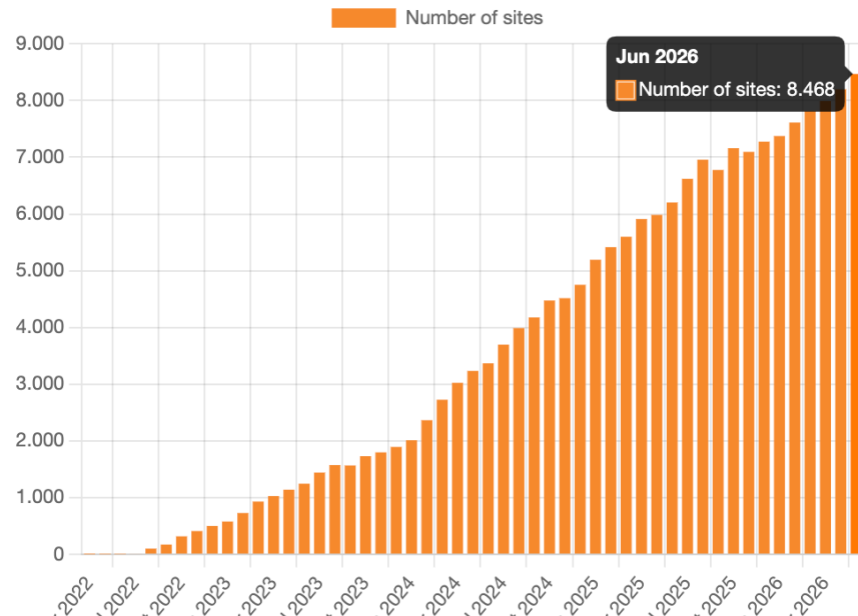


A sustainable collaboration of independent
Moodle development partners.

Boost Union

.. facts, figures

Number of sites using the plugin: 8197



+ 8400 sites using
+ 6500 downloads (90 days)
independent maintenance partners
latest version v5.2-r6
https://moodle.org/plugins/theme_boost_union



Main design principle

Boost Union does not change anything yet and simply behaves as Boost from Moodle core does. Admins can enable and configure only the theme features they need.



Customization

Match the branding color to your facility's design, set different background images for the login page, work with custom fonts, your own logo, favicon, etc.



Grandchild themes

That way, you can benefit from all the / only the Boost Union features you need, but you can also add additional local features or settings to your local grandchild theme at the same time.



Motivation for this theme

Boost Union is a theme with many options that can be quickly and easily adapted to your own needs at any time via simply designed interface.



Former developments

Boost Union is the successor of the popular Boost Campus theme for Moodle 4.x.



Further Information

Please see README file for details about the usage and features of this plugin.

What's new?

Options for Login Page



COMMUNITY

Welcome!

Welcome!

Please choose one of the provided login methods.

Moodle account

Switch edu-ID

Guest login

[Cookies notice](#)



Branding options



Available courses



Music Society



Term: Term-independent

Go to course

Details



Cinema

Hidden from students

Term: Term-independent

Go to course

Details



CHEM115: Physical Foundations of Chemistry

50% complete

Term: WT 2026/27

Go to course

Details



Enhanced smart menus

[Home](#)[Dashboard](#)[My courses](#)[Courses per Term ▾](#)[New smart menu features ▾](#)

My courses

Course overview

[All ▾](#)

CHEM115: Physical Foundations of

[✉ Contact](#)[▣ Placeholders](#)[Starred courses ▶](#)[Courses open for guests ▶](#)

1. Within the smart menu you can now add a type for smart menu item to use mailto links. We also improved the mailto menu items with predefined email content.
2. Add placeholders to static menu items' title and URLs
3. Add dynamic course setting to filter starred courses
4. Add more versatile course name presentation options to the dynamic courses #448

📌 [Linking C100](#) – join us as a guest!

Dynamic courses: Course list
sorting



Course shortname ascending ▾

Dynamic courses: Hidden
courses display



Show hidden courses ▾

Dynamic courses: Hidden
courses sorting



Show hidden courses at the end of the course list ▾

Dynamic courses: Course name
presentation (1st line)



Course full name ▾

Dynamic courses: Number of
words for course full name (1st
line)



4

Dynamic courses: Course name
presentation (2nd line)



Custom course field ▾

Dynamic courses: Custom
course field (2nd line)



Term ▾

Enhanced course headers

CHEM115: Physical Foundati... ▾ 

- ▾ General
- ▾ New section
-  test-1 hochformat
-  test-2 querformat
- ▾ New section
- ▾ New section
- ▾ New section
- ▾ New section

CHEM115: Physical Foundations of Chemistry

Term: WT 2026/27



Course Participants Grades Activities Competencies

> General

Expand all

▾ New section

 test-1 hochformat PDF

✓ Done

 test-2 querformat PDF

To do ▾

Hiking Club – join us as a g... ▾ 

▾ General

 Announcements

 Testpage

▾ Tasks

 Assignment



Course Settings Participants Grades Activities More ▾



This course is currently visible to everyone and **guest access without a guest password** is possible. All Moodle users and even users without a Moodle account can access the content of this course freely without enrolling into the course.

If you don't want to grant free access to this course, please disable guest access or set a guest password in the **course settings**.



General

Collapse all



Hiking Club - join us as a g... ▾ 

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> Course images

▾ Course header

Enable enhanced  Use global default (Yes) ▾
course header

Course header layout  Use global default (Course title stacked on full surface course header image) ▾

Course header height  250px ▾

Course header canvas  No border ▾
border

Course header canvas  Use global default (Transparent) ▾
background

Course header text on  Use global default (Light (light font color for dark background images)) ▾
image style

Course header image  Use global default (Center horizontally and vertically) ▾
position

> Course format

> Appearance

> Files and uploads

> Completion tracking



Save and display

Cancel

Recommendations



design-doku-5-2 - 5.2.1

[General](#) [Users](#) [Courses](#) [Grades](#) [Plugins](#) [Appearance](#) [Server](#) [Reports](#) [Development](#)

Recommendations

Boost Union performs just as well as the entire Moodle instance is configured. On this page, you find recommendations and checks for the optimal Boost Union operation. If you think a particular recommendation does not apply to your instance, you can mute it.

Moodle Core

Status	Recommendation	Summary	Actions
Notice	Favicon upload	A Favicon should not be uploaded in Moodle core settings as Boost Union uses its own Favicon setting.	
OK	Auth instructions	The Moodle core authentication instructions should be empty as Boost Union uses its own login instructions.	
OK	Compact logo upload	A Compact logo should not be uploaded in Moodle core settings as Boost Union uses its own Compact logo setting.	
OK	Logo upload	A Logo should not be uploaded in Moodle core settings as Boost Union uses its own Logo setting.	
OK	Slash arguments support	Slash arguments should be enabled to allow all Boost Union features to work correctly.	
OK	Theme Boost preset	The Boost preset should be set to default.scss for optimal Boost Union presentation.	





Look

Administration / Appearance / Boost Union / Look

Favicon

Maximum file size: Unlimited, maximum number of files: 1

theme_boost_union | favicon

Files

You can drag and drop files here to add them.

Accepted file types:

Image files .ai .bmp .gdraw .gif .ico .jpe .jpeg .jpg .pct .pic .pict .png .svg .svgz .tif .tiff .webp

Default: Empty

Here, you can upload a custom image (.ico or .png format) that the browser will show as the favicon of your Moodle website. If no custom favicon is uploaded, a standard Moodle favicon will be used.

Possible setting overrides

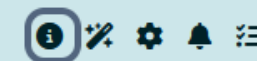
This setting can be overridden within Boost Union flavours.



Boost Union recommendation: Favicon upload

Notice

A Favicon should not be uploaded in Moodle core settings as Boost Union uses its own Favicon setting.



Save changes



Favicon upload



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Boost Union uses its own Favicon setting and does not use the Moodle core Favicon setting. Unless another theme is also used on this site where this Favicon will be presented, a Favicon uploaded in Moodle core is most likely never used and should be deleted.

Current status

Notice

This recommendation should raise your awareness, but there is no immediate need for action on your side.

Possible solutions

You can either click the wand icon to let Boost Union auto-fix this recommendation or click the gear icon to check the affected settings yourself.

Close

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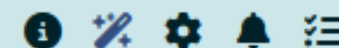
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Boost Union recommendation: Favicon upload

Notice A Favicon should not be uploaded in Moodle as it has its own Favicon setting.

Save changes



Auto-fix the recommendation



Boost Union more new features...

- Make the outside-left and outside-right block regions fully responsive
- Add additional block regions on the 'mycourses' page layout to show sticky blocks at least
- Allow the footnote text to be set in flavours as well, allow the admin to set the page layouts where the footnote is shown

Boost Union

LIVE DEMO

URL for Login

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Boost Union – what could be next?



Boost Union – what could be next?

Settings export

- https://github.com/moodle-an-hochschulen/moodle-theme_boost_union/issues/1043
Look&Feel
- https://github.com/moodle-an-hochschulen/moodle-theme_boost_union/issues/662
Smart menu export?

Completion colour

- brandable and uniform in progress bar und course index



state:open label:"needs funding" Labels Milestones

Open 19 Closed 3 Author Labels Projects Milestones Assignees Types

Improvement: Show course related hints for teachers in single activity format as well good first issue improvement needs funding

#1240 · abias opened on Apr 24

Cleanup: Split locallib.php cleanup needs funding

#1231 · abias opened on Apr 8

Improvement: Make the internal WAYF texts configurable in Boost Union good first issue improvement needs funding

#1228 · abias opened on Apr 8

Improvement: Prevent that the internal WAYF form is submitted if no IdP is selected yet good first issue improvement needs funding

#1227 · abias opened on Apr 8

Improvement: Allow the customization of split IdP tab / accordeon labels good first issue improvement needs funding

#1226 · abias opened on Apr 8

Boost Union

- Accessibility
- Documentation



Boost Union

Behind the scenes: bi-weekly
online-meetings!



It's Github, Element and us.

<https://github.com/orgs/moodle-an-hochschulen/projects/4>

<https://moodle.org/mod/forum/discuss.php?d=474371>

https://moodle.org/plugins/theme_boost_union

Boost Union Planning Board

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[Closed issues](#)
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No Status 16

 moodle-theme_boost_union #76

Feature: Setting for the activity icon size

[feature](#)
[good first issue](#)
[improvement](#)

 moodle-theme_boost_union #126

Improvement: Logo and site name on login page

[feature](#)
[good first issue](#)

 moodle-theme_boost_union #158

Improvement: Allow disabling of flavours

[feature](#)
[good first issue](#)

 moodle-theme_boost_union #165

Feature: Add VideoJS skin

[feature](#)
[good first issue](#)

 moodle-theme_boost_union #176

Improvement: Directly reflect deleted cohorts and course categories on the flavours overview page

[good first issue](#)
[improvement](#)

 moodle-theme_boost_union #178

ON HOLD 1

Issues which are not worked on currently

 moodle-theme_boost_union #1063

Glitch: Typo in courselistinghow* strings and settings

[affecting 5.3 only](#)
[good first issue](#)
[improvement](#)

To do REQ 3

Requirements engineering: Issue which are in preparation for handing over to DEV

 moodle-theme_boost_union #68

Feature: Smaller headline on small devices

[feature](#)
[good first issue](#)

 moodle-theme_boost_union #527

Bug: The "Mark external links" setting might clash with the "Share progress to MoodleNet" feature

[bug](#)
[good first issue](#)

 moodle-theme_boost_union #475

Offer a colour or colour gradient as an alternative to the background image

[feature](#)
[good first issue](#)

Ready for DEV 29

Development: Issues should ideally be included in the next development cycle.

 moodle-theme_boost_union #1131

Bug: Enrolment icons and progress-bar do not work well together on the course listings

[bug](#)
[good first issue](#)

 moodle-theme_boost_union #1193

Glitch: Add right padding to login link

[bug](#)
[good first issue](#)

 moodle-theme_boost_union #506

Add site administration search form for managers

[good first issue](#)
[improvement](#)

[upstream candidate](#)

 moodle-theme_boost_union #524

Improvement: Allow slides without background image in the frontpage slider

[good first issue](#)
[improvement](#)

 moodle-theme_boost_union #531

Improvement: Allow custom additions for the footer popover

In Progress DEV 4

Development: Issues which are worked on by developers

 moodle-theme_boost_union #1131

Feature: Add width setting

[feature](#)
[good first issue](#)

 moodle-theme_boost_union #1193

Courseindex: icons not visible

[good first issue](#)
[improvement](#)

 moodle-theme_boost_union #506

Improvement: Make the navigation elements look better

[discussion needed](#)
[good first issue](#)

[improvement](#)

 moodle-theme_boost_union #524

Bug: Some smart menu items are too big

[bug](#)
[good first issue](#)

Boost Union

.. behind the scenes

Testing infrastructure that can be
started flexibly by every team member.



Moodle Provisioner

Manage test environments for Moodle plugin development

 Search environments...

 Filters

Test Environments

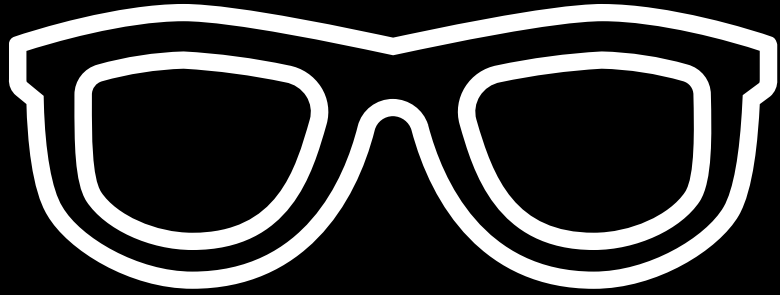
Showing all 7 environments • Click on any environment to view detailed information

 Create Environment

Name	Plugin & Version	Status	Created	Actions
>  bookit 1 container	bookit  main	running	17 Jun 2026, 12:56	 Add Container 
▼  design-doku-5-2 1 container	boost_union  v5.2-r6	running	23 Jun 2026, 07:59	 Add Container 
Moodle 5.2.1 running  Created: 23 Jun 2026, 07:59 URL:  testsystem.moodle-an-hochschulen.de/design-doku-5-2/5.2.1 Admin password: gcjZoZMYCSxRSgR0m9hvCh72go1078a25  Stop 				
>  pull-request 1 container	boost_union  1327	running	17 Jun 2026, 11:12	 Add Container 
>  slider 1 container	boost_union  v4.5-r29	running	27 May 2026, 10:30	 Add Container 
>  slider-test-yw 1 container	boost_union  v4.5-r29	running	27 May 2026, 10:24	 Add Container 
>  smart-menu-tests-5-2 1 container	boost_union  v5.2-r6	running	23 Jun 2026, 06:03	 Add Container 

Boost Union

.. wanna join us for collaboration?



- peer review & integration
- testing & documentation
- editing team