

10. Tips & Tricks

10.1. Open Badges

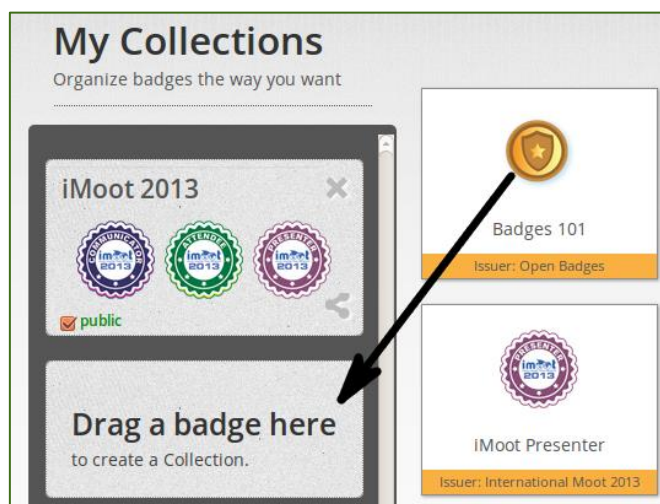
[Open Badges](#) is Mozilla's open source answer for showing recognition of skills and competencies online. Moodle 2.5 became a badge issuer in May 2013 and Mahara will become a badge displayer in the future. For the time being, however, here is how to display your Open Badges:

10.1.1. Create a collection of badges

1. Go to your [Mozilla Backpack](#). You must have already pushed at least one badge to it to complete the following steps.

You will need to create a Persona account in order to use the Mozilla Backpack. Increasingly, you can connect with Persona to websites.

2. Click the **Collection** navigation item to enter your badge collection area.
3. Drag one of your badges onto a (new) collection space.



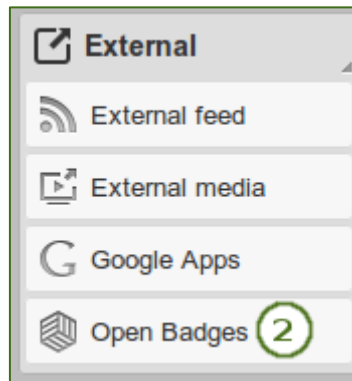
Drag a badge onto a new collections space

4. Give your new collection a title by clicking onto "New collection" and typing your title.
5. Tick the check box **public** so others can see your badges.
6. Click the **Share** icon. You will be taken to a page where you can see all the badges in the collection that you created.

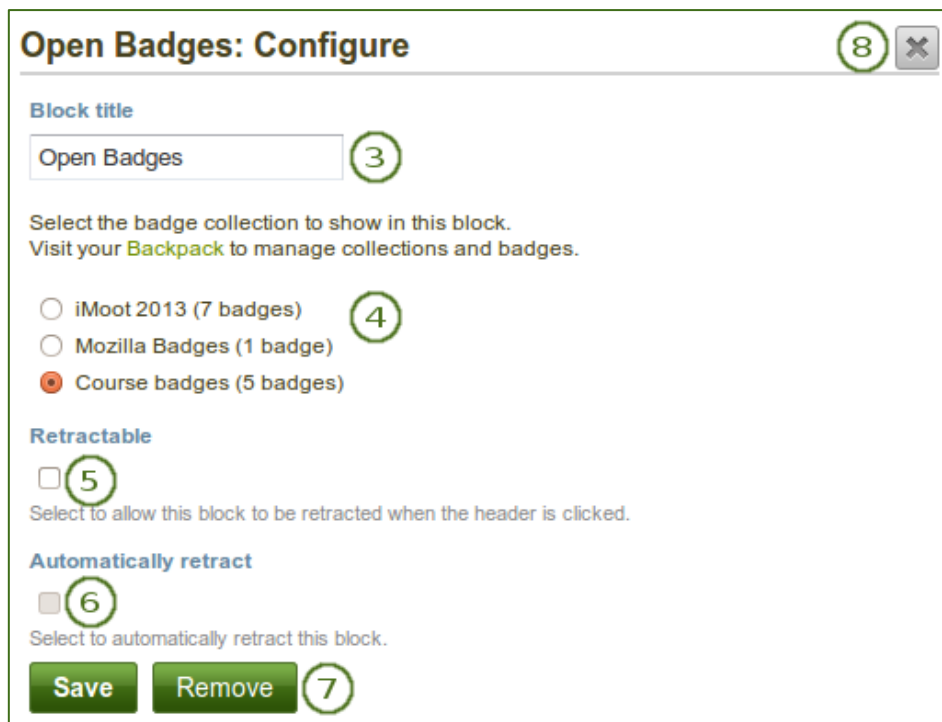


Create a new collection




10.1.2. Select the badge collection in Mahara



Choose the Open Badges Block



Configure the Open Badges block

1. Create a page in your portfolio or edit an existing portfolio page where you want to display your badge collection.
2. Drag the **Open Badges** block onto your page. This block is only available when you have the plugin installed.
3. **Block title:** Choose a title for your block.
4. Select the badge collection that you want to display.
5. **Retractable:** Tick this checkbox if you want to allow users to reduce the block to its heading on a page. The user can click the **Retractable** icon  to just show the heading.
6. **Automatically retract:** Tick this checkbox if you want to show only the block's heading when a user views the page. The user can click the **Retracted** icon  to view the entire block.
7. Click the **Save** button to accept your changes, or click the **Cancel** button to leave the block's content as it is. The **Remove** button is shown only when you place the block into the page for the first time.
8. You can also click the **Close** button  in the top right-hand corner to either remove a newly created block before it is being saved or to cancel any changes and leave the block's content as it is.