

SENSE Research Clusters in Moodle

One of the important tasks of the SENSE Research School is to co-ordinate and facilitate cooperation and exchange between the different participating research groups. As the research that is done within SENSE covers a broad range of topics and is highly interdisciplinary, it wouldn't make sense to facilitate cooperation and exchange between all researchers. Therefore, SENSE has defined 15 research clusters. The idea is that each cluster covers a number of specific topics and that the researchers within a cluster communicate actively with each other on these topics, look for cooperation possibilities and learn from each other. Participants are also stimulated to organize activities within the cluster, such as symposia, seminars, courses, etc. These activities are coordinated by the cluster coordinators.

To further streamline the communication and to allow for quick and easy exchange of information, each cluster has now been given its own online facilities.

Where to find these facilities? Each cluster has its own group page in the SENSE Moodle environment (go to <http://moodle.sense.nl>). On the Moodle home page you can click on the cluster of your interest to go to the cluster group page.

What can I do/see there? On a cluster group page you can find a description of the research topics that the cluster is about. Furthermore you can view interesting documents that are shared within the cluster, such as articles, reviews, and reports and presentations from past meetings, and you can also have a look at the group forum.

How can I join? The SENSE team will propose one or more suitable clusters to each active SENSE Researcher or PhD Student. You will also be subscribed to the group pages of these clusters. However, you are free to join more cluster pages (follow the instructions on the page itself) or to unsubscribe if you no longer like to receive information.

How can I benefit from a research cluster? Being subscribed to a cluster group page means that you will receive regular updates from activities on the page (in the settings of your Moodle profile you can adjust the frequency of updates). In this way you will stay informed of what's happening in the cluster. You can also share your own ideas and questions with other cluster members via the forum, or contribute to the literature library or hot topic discussions. Furthermore cluster activities will be organised, such as symposia, short courses, seminars, 'meet & greets', and much more, so you can also meet the other people in your cluster in real life.