Building with BRIX

An open-source courseware system

Tips for beginner-level designers

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New course created by Admin

Login to BRIX

Russian Flagship Café

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Password: ******

Login

Java is required on your computer to make recordings.
- Mac OSX Users: The Java machine is already installed. The Firefox browser works best with BRIX.
- Windows Users: Install Java from Java SE Downloads. Use IE or Firefox.

Flash Player 9 or higher is required to play recordings.
- Test Flash Player
- Get Adobe Flash Player

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This “empty” course...
...is like an empty room.
Place units in the course...
...using Unit Management.
You can use the default “Welcome” unit as your first unit... (use “Detail” to give it a TL name)
Edit it...
Save it...
It’s like making an empty box with a label
...to put in the room.
This “empty box” is waiting for toys...
...as we see here.
Place activities in the unit...
...using Language Activity Management...
...for example, a Discussion Forum.
Add the Discussion Forum to the desired unit...

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(Add button highlighted)
...giving it a title and a set of instructions.
It’s like making a toy...

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...to put in the box.
So now, forum (duddy) is inside unit (box) inside course (room)...

Welcome! Добро пожаловать!
...but the students can’t see it until we put it into the course MENU.
Course menu with only default items

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Latest additions since your last login 2011-07-30 12:14:00.0

There are 0 new messages.

There are currently no announcements for this course.

Instructors can post/edit/delete notices [here](#).
Let’s add the unit (box) and the forum (duddy) to the menu.
Place items in the menu...
...using Course Menu Tools.
We add a menu item...
...called a Unit Home.
Just like our box, it’s a container for things in the unit.
Tell BRIX which unit you’re pointing at...
...where you want it in the menu, what name(s) you want to display, and so forth.
Click “Add”...
...and then click on the menu item that has been added. Voilà!
So, we’ve placed the “box” in the course menu...
...but what about the ducky?

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Now we use the same Menu Tools to add the forum (ducks) inside the “Welcome” Unit Home.
We add a menu item...
...but this time it is a Discussion Forum.
Tell BRIX *which forum* you’re pointing at...
...where you want it in the menu, *what name(s)* you want to display, and so forth.
Click “Add”...

3. Fill in menu information

Menu Name

in English:  

Self-introduction

in Target Language:  

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Display font

For unit's homepage:  

- English  
- Target Language

For menu:  

- English  
- Target Language

Add  

Cancel without Adding

Shortcut to Add Language Activity
...and again our item has been added to the menu.
Clicking on this forum in the menu or on the page has the same result:
...it shows us the (otherwise hidden) title and instructions we gave the “ducky” when we started.
Attention! When we enter a forum...

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Instructions:
Пожалуйста, напишите описание вашей семьи, о вашем родном городе, о своих увлечениях и т.д.

Enter forum Self-introduction
...there are no threads to start with. Threads need to be added *each semester*.
This has implications for your instructional design, so keep it in mind.
Aloha.

Mahalo no ko ‘oukou ho‘olohe ‘ana mai!

Thank you for your attention!