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What is NILE?
NILE is the University of Northampton’s Integrated Learning Environment. It is where you will access information, communication and activities related to your modules of study, and also where you will submit assignments online, and receive your feedback.

What is my University username and password?
Before you log onto NILE, you need to set up a secure password. Your student ID is your Username. You will have been sent an email giving your temporary password and asking you to visit the User Portal [www.northampton.ac.uk/user](http://www.northampton.ac.uk/user) to set up your own password and security questions.

Log into the User Portal with your Username (Student ID), and your temporary password – this is made up of your date of birth, the first two letters of your family name (1st letter upper case, 2nd letter lower case), and the = symbol. For example:

Your date of birth is: 23rd March 1972
Your family name is: Smith
Your temporary password will be: 230372Sm= (no spaces)

Once logged into the User Portal, please click Change Password and follow the guidance. When completed, close the Portal. You will now be able to log into NILE with your own password.
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What if I have any difficulties?
If you have followed the guidance, but are having problems accessing the User Portal, or setting up your password, please contact IT Services on 01604 89 3333 (Mon-Fri, 08:00-17:30)

How do I log in to NILE?
Once you’ve set up your new password, open either the Chrome or Firefox browser. (Please ensure that you keep your browser up to date, on the latest version).

Go directly to nile.northampton.ac.uk
or
Via the Student Portal
www.northampton.ac.uk/student

You’ll see the log-in box, along with a link if you have forgotten your password – a prompt will be emailed to you.

The USERNAME is your Student ID
The PASSWORD is the password you set up

You can use either of the login boxes, but if you have already logged into a University system such as a computer or the Student Portal, click the Staff/Student Login button, and you should not need to enter your login details again.

What will I find in NILE?
Once you’ve logged in you’ll see your list of modules on the Home page under ‘My Sites’.

You may not see all your modules listed, but it may be that your module tutor has yet to make the site ‘live’. If in doubt, please contact your Tutor or the Student Centre Help Desk.

Click on a title to access your programme/module. Inside each module is a fairly standard layout with a navigation panel on the left where you can access information: About this Module, Contact details, Module activities, Reading and resources, and information on your module assessments. NILE is also where you will submit assignments online, and receive your feedback.

There is a link to ‘Support for students’ in the navigation bar on the left, and a link to NILE Help, top-right.
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What is the Global Navigation menu?
In the top right of your browser window you’ll find the Global Navigation menu. Take time to get to know this area, as it will give you quick links to essential info and allow you to easily dip in and out of all your NILE modules.

You’ll learn what it does once you start exploring, but here is a brief summary of the main features:

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Can I add a picture to my profile?
By default your NILE account has your name, but no photo or avatar. Follow these steps to upload your own image to personalise your NILE profile:

1. In Global Navigation, select Settings.
2. Select Personal Information.
4. Browse for a suitable profile picture.
5. Pixel size of images need to be 150 x 150 square.
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How Accessible is NILE?
Quick Links allow you to quickly locate any heading or section within any page in the NILE environment and jump directly to it.

Located in the top left, the Quick Links icon opens a pop-up window that displays the landmark and navigation links on the page. Any available keyboard shortcuts for the page are also displayed.

Shift + ALT + M will open the menu.

Can I access NILE with the JAWS Screen Reader?
NILE is accessible with the JAWS screen reader.

Can I access NILE from my mobile?
Yes, download the Blackboard app, and log into University of Northampton.

What else will I use NILE for?
NILE is the place where you will submit your online assessments and receive grades and feedback. It is also a space to collaborate and debate with other students on your modules. Your tutors will introduce you to NILE in more detail during your studies. If you have any questions take a look at the Help section on NILE, or speak to your module tutor.

We hope your time at the University of Northampton is enjoyable and that you find NILE useful.