



Pedagogical Assessment of:
Modern Tool Rating: 4
Website: www.moodle.org



Usage

Moodle is an open-source Learning Management System (LMS) that is compatible with other software and has a simple interface that make it easy to use. It aims to help educators, administrators and learners to create personalised learning environments. Its users can take advantage of a powerful set of tools to create an environment that enhance teaching and learning.

Ease of Access

As Moodle is web-based it can be accessed from anywhere as long as an Internet connection is available. Its users can also access its content using a mobile device.

Pedagogical Assessment

The use of activity logs enables educators to carry out a follow up of student performance. Moreover, they can grade assignments and record scores with notes that students can view anytime. As feedback from teachers regarding strengths and areas for development is critical to student improvement, this is a useful feature of Moodle. This tool provides the teacher with the opportunity to communicate with the entire class at the same time or send messages to individuals for a more private conversation. This would be ideal if the teacher had assessed work and needed to speak to the pupil privately about an area of concern.

It also features forum discussions that can improve thought and participation between students.

Reviews

“I use this tool for both certificate training and as the main LMS for our online college level courses. Moodle is flexible and effective in hosting content, assessing students and providing a platform for discussion and other student to student, instructor to student, and instructor to instructor contact. The ecosystem of apps, addons and customizations is unmatched in online learning management systems. It’s the WordPress of the LMS world.” - Joseph Thibault (Director of Academics)

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Advantages

- It has a large a diverse community that allows its users to get support and share ideas in their preferred language. Moreover, updated documentation and tutorials can be easily found.
- Since its maximum number of simultaneous users depends on the capacity limitations of the server used to deploy it, Moodle can handle large courses.
- It is highly customizable and has an overall acceptance of its graphical user interface (GUI).

Disadvantages

- Although it is provided freely, it requires people to build the system and maintain it.
- Since it offers many possibilities, it requires training and experience to be effective developing courses.

Conclusion

Overall, Moodle is an open source LMS which has become popular around the world. It provides a powerful set of tools that are beneficial for both educators and students.