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# Case Study: Moodle in a Corporate Environment

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**Agenda**

In this session we'll discuss:

- Brief description of Moodle
- Moodle's strengths
- Moodle's weaknesses
- Our workarounds to negate Moodle weaknesses
- Moodle resources: hosting, training, help

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**Introductions**

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## Moodle Defined

Moodle is a course management system (CMS) - a free, Open Source software package designed using sound pedagogical principles, to help educators create effective online learning communities.

### Differences between CMS vs LMS :

- Course Management System focuses on managing courses
- Learning Management System focuses on managing learners
- Moodle does the first very well and can be tweaked to do the other

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## Moodle

### Open source –

- Free
- Fairly easy to set up
- Source code available
- Easily modified by a PHP programmer
- Very active user community
- Built for interactivity
- Fairly easy for users / teachers
- Extensive set of external modules

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## Moodle download

### Setup –

- Download moodle from [www.moodle.org](http://www.moodle.org) along with a web server package (AMP or LAMP )
- Unzip and run install
- Add courses and users

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## Course Creation

### Creating courses –

- Uploading files (doc, ppt, xls, mp3, swf, etc)
- Creating files
- Creating interactions (forums, quizzes, chats, surveys, wikis, glossary, group exercises)
- Feedback (from instructors and participants)
- Monitoring interactivity

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## User Management

### Account creation options:

- LDAP
- Self
- Database
- Other

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## Challenges

### Course / user management

- No global group capabilities currently
- 1.8, 1.9, 2.0, 2.x(?), 3.x (??)

### Reporting

- Extensive logging
- Limited set of reports

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## Course Enrollment

Enrolling participants into courses

- Manually
- Enrollment key
- Currently no simple global group function
- Meta course workaround

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## Reports

Current reporting limitations:

- Unable to group users
- Unable to conduct data range searches
- Unable to consolidate reports on multiple quizzes

Solution:

- Exporting Moodle databases and creating custom reports workaround

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## Hosting

Hosting options:

- Self
  - Completely internal
  - Managed internal
- Managed
  - Authorized Moodle partners ([www.Moodle.com](http://www.Moodle.com))
  - Managed website providers

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**Custom Development**

PHP Specialists

- Warning about updates
- US based
- Overseas

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**End**

**Final Questions?**

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