Moodle Hosting and Integration Moot 1/9/2013

January 9, 2013 10AM until 2PM

Location: Farrell Commons (Room 112) - SUNY Delhi - Delhi, NY

Purpose

This Forum is for campuses interested in using Moodle or already running Moodle. The event is to foster conversation related to IT hosting concerns and extended functionality. The event will be partial presentations on how to integrate Moodle enrollment with Banner and Active Directory, extending functionality with external open source software for Whiteboard and E-Portfolio. Using the same open design and experiences a campus can save 10's of thousands of dollars a year and deliver the LMS functionality faculty desire. Time will be left in the afternoon for open discussion, question and answers on any Moodle topics or questions. Let's explore how we can leverage each others experiences with open source solutions to shorten development times, increase reliability and functionality while avoiding those corporate threats of product discontinuance.

What is Moodle?

Moodle is the leading open source LMS used both in the Collegiate and K-12 settings. It runs in a PHP/SQL based environment. It freely allows you to modify, enhance and even share plug-ins with your peers. The modular design of Moodle makes it easy to take advantage of the over 400 freely available plug-ins to enhance your implementation. Want to create Music questions on your Quizzes? Don't wait for the commercial vendor to prioritize and add that to their product! Just go to the Moodle Plug-in repository, grab the "mod" and in 5 minutes have that functionality in the Moodle Quiz tools.

Moodle here to stay?

In April 2012, Blackboard acquired the largest hosting provider of Moodle, MoodleRooms. Blackboard in its acquisition agreed to contribute financially to the Moodle Trust and promised to contribute to the open source community. It's a remarkable move showing how Moodle is clearly their main competitor in the market. Moodlerooms affords Blackboard an opportunity to recover lost revenue through providing hosting services which already have see the traditional BlackBoard cost increases in Moodlerooms billing. What is the alternative for hosting that led us away from Blackboard in the first place? Come learn about SMILE on January 9th!

Agenda

- 10:00 - 10:15 - Welcome
- 10:15 - 10:45 - Delhi Shared Moodle Initiative w/Banner Integration (SUNY Delhi)
- 10:45 - 11:15 - Mahara E-Portfolio (SUNY Purchase)
- 11:15 - 11:30 - Break
- 11:30 - 12:00 - Realtime classroom/whiteboard, Big Blue Button, Open Meetings (Delhi)
- 12:00 - 12:45 - Lunch - Networking with peers
- 12:45 - 1:15 - Hosting options within SUNY, what can you do besides MoodleRooms, SMILE
- 1:15 - 2:00 - Open Discussion, Questions, Answers, Networking