

Moodle

THE BASICS

WHAT IS MOODLE?

Moodle is a free open source course management system (CMS) used to produce websites and Internet-based courses. Guided by a social constructionist philosophy of learning (that is, explaining ideas to someone else as a method to learn it yourself and constructing something for someone else to understand and experience), Moodle is designed to help educators create effective online learning communities with a focus on the learner's perspective.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

All courses in Moodle contain blocks where the centre block displays course content. A Moodle course is created by adding resource and activities. There are three course formats available in Moodle: course formatted weekly, course formatted by topics, and an entire discussion forum for one course. Activities and resources available in Moodle include: chat, forum/discussion, polls, blogs, wikis, assignment, workshops, survey, lessons, glossaries, and journals, among many others!

MOODLE IN EDUCATION

Moodle was designed to be an easy-to-use and intuitive learner-centered system. Moodle includes tools that allow remote communication and support, which combined with face-to-face contact and tutorial support, models a 21st century teaching and learning environment.

When using Moodle as part of your curricular activities in the classroom, ABEL advises you to use the navigation bar at the top; to use the Activity Report; to keep notes to yourself in the Teachers' Forum; to use the Logos link; to encourage students to complete profile.

Don't be afraid to experiment and discover all that Moodle has to offer!

GETTING STARTED...

HOW DO I REQUEST A MOODLE?	Visit http://moodle.able.yorku.ca and register as a new user. When you register, you will be sent an e-mail message that confirms your registration. Follow the instructions in the e-mail to ensure that you can log in. Once this is completed, log in to the Community and from the Tools menu, select Development and then Moodle. Click the Contact Us link and complete the form to request that your privileges be elevated.
MOODLE & THE CLASSROOM: IDEAS	
Teaching Do's and Don'ts By Moodle	http://docs.moodle.org/en/Teaching_do%27s_and_don%27ts This entry is part of the Moodle manual provided on the official website (moodle.org). Along with other material that Moodle makes available online, this entry lists tips and advice that guides teachers and educators on how to efficiently incorporate Moodle into their curricular activities. Alternatively, the second URL provides a list of 'do not's' when using Moodle for educational purposes.

The Advanced Broadband Enabled Learning (ABEL) program is a proven job-embedded professional learning service that enhances teaching practice and improves student achievement. This is achieved through a research-based approach to building collaborative learning communities, implementing blended learning environments for classrooms, schools and districts, using interactive web-based learning resources, developing sustainable inter-jurisdictional and inter-institutional collaboration and understanding institutional change.
