

Moodle Course Repositories
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They already invented the wheel, didn't they?

Objectives

- Defining "course repositories"
- OTAN's efforts to provide sharable courses
- What are some other course repositories out there?
- Resources and references to find shared courses
- Discuss licenses, quality and ownership issues

That 'wheel' thing...

- Dedicated teachers create incredible materials and are willing to share
- Repositories allow a centralized point to do this
- From full-blown semester long courses to a simple single lesson
- Most resources are available at no cost
- Licensed for sharing and modification

OTAN's efforts to provide sharable courses

- Repositories materials generally geared K-12 & college
- Not easy to find Adult Education level content
- Project goals include deliverables of 3 sharable online courses
- Two in beta and pilot testing now:
 - USA Learns "wrap-around"
 - Advanced ESL

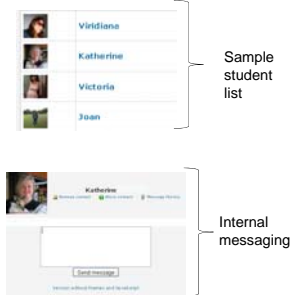
Moodle + USA Learns 2nd Course

- USA Learns Second Course "Moodle Wrap-around"
- Structure follows the Topics & Units in the course
- Reinforces vocabulary
- **Supplemental** activities



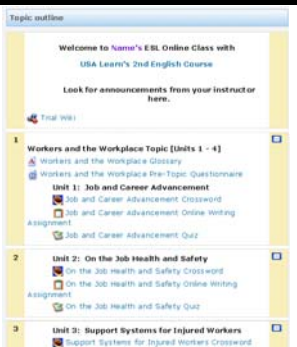
This Moodle course allows:

- Students to see the other students in your class -- even better, to see their photos
- Students to send messages to each other as well as to the teacher on Moodle
- Teachers to send messages to students individually and to all, which is a time-saver, as well as to post announcements



This Moodle sharable course provides:

- Assessment that is structured and secure
- Content that builds a sense of community, of classroom, e.g. discussion forums and a chat room
- Glossaries including nearly all words in USAL
- Email notifications to teachers when writing assignments are completed
- Course is completely editable



Advanced ESL Sharable Course

- 18 Structured Units
 - Topic Based
 - Teachers have flexibility to change/hide units
 - Pre- and Post- materials help to scaffold the content
- Course is fully-editable by the teacher
- Media rich and "self-contained"



Advanced ESL Sharable Course

1 Goals and Personal Information

- Word Forms Group 1 and Unit One Vocabulary
- Tell us About Yourself
- Why are you studying English
- Irregular Verb Exercise
- Interview with a Musician
- Reading: Al Gore
- Writing Sentences with Word Forms
- Dictation on Word Forms Group 1
- Word Forms Group 1 Quiz
- Irregular Past Tense Verb Quiz
- Unit 1 Test

- Glossary (Vocabulary covered in unit)
- Forum (Writing activity related to topic of unit)
- Grammar Lesson/Quiz
- Reading Lesson
- Listening or Video Lesson
- Writing Activity based on Listening/Video or Reading
- Dictation
- Quiz (Vocabulary or comprehension)
- Hotpotatoes Quiz (one for grammar, one for vocabulary from the unit)
- Unit Test

In Progress – Transition to Work

- Developing Course specifics
 - Objectives
 - Standardized blocks
- Subject matter expert
- Technology support
- Beta test and pilot through next year

Other Course Repositories & Learning Resources

- National Repository of Online courses (NROC)
- Hippocampus
- Moodle Commons
- Cool Course Site (Moodle Course design contest)
- Open Learning Initiative
- Connexions
- Open High School of Utah
- MIT Free Online Course Materials
- Open Learning Initiative (and more....)

National Repository of Online Courses <http://www.montereyinstitute.org/nroc/>



Licenses, quality and ownership issues

- Caveat emptor!
- Many resources define how they create/accept courses
- Licensed through Creative Commons, usually attribution, share & share alike, and non-commercial use
 - Read these and understand them fully

Quality

- Many have a defined 'vetting' process
- Stick with the larger organizations
- Have your own set of standards you want to meet
 - Review iNACOL standards to get started
- Work with local state adult education offices to see if they can support a centralized site
 - You may be unaware of what is currently available
- Consider partnering with your local community college/university

Summary

- Better understanding of a 'course repository'
- OTAN one agency charged with creating sharable courses
- Many course repositories out there, but...
- Not many geared toward our adult education population
- Most courses and OER materials are specifically licensed for re-use

Questions? Comments?

*Thank You for
Joining me today!*

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