

The Complete Moodle User Guide

What is Moodle LMS?

What is Moodle LMS? Moodle LMS is the world's most popular and most used learning management system. Why? Because the Moodle Learning Management System is a flexible, open source, and free to download learning management solution. With 68 million users and 55,000 Moodle sites deployed worldwide, Moodle is a user-friendly eLearning platform that serves the learning and training needs of people from all types of organizations.

Moodle was Developed in 2002 by Martin Dougiamas, Moodle originated as a platform to provide educators with the technology to provide online learning in personalized environments, that foster interaction, inquiry and collaboration. In private or public Moodle sites, educators, trainers and employers can create and deliver online courses so their respective audiences can meet and exceed their learning goals.



Today, Moodle is used by organizations of all shapes and sizes and in sectors beyond education. Most commonly, Moodle is used by businesses, corporations, hospitals and non-profits for online learning, training and in some cases extended business processes. Here is a brief list of everything we've seen Moodle being used for:

- [Compliance Training](#)
 - Onboarding and Related-training
 - Competency-based Training and Management
 - Workplace Safety Training
 - Online Learning and Continued Education Opportunities
 - The Hiring and Interview Process
 - Online Course Development
 - Product and Service Launches
 - Communities of Expertise or Communities of Practice
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Why is Moodle the World's Best LMS?

With 68 million users worldwide (larger than UK's population!), Moodle is hands down the most-widely used learning management system (LMS) by organizations of all shapes and sizes. But Moodle is not the world's best LMS just because it's so widely used—Moodle is the world's best LMS because it is user-friendly, highly-configurable (flexible), and feature-rich. Did we also mention that Moodle is free?

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Top Three Benefits of Moodle LMS

1. Moodle is Open Source and Free

Yes, you read right. Moodle LMS itself is free, because it is an open source software distributed under the GNU General Public License. In less technical terms, this means that users and organizations have the freedom to run, study, share, and modify the software to meet their unique needs. While some Moodle site owners choose to support Moodle completely on their own, others outsource specific tasks to Moodle Service Providers because it more cost-effective.



Not only is it more cost-effective to outsource to a Moodle Service Providers, but it also means you will be receiving expert Moodle help for a fraction of the cost of doing so in-house. Below is a list of services that Moodle Service Providers typically offer:

- [Managed Moodle Cloud Hosting](#)
- [Moodle Implementation and Set-up](#)
- [Moodle Integrations and Custom Development](#)
- [Moodle Plugin Installation](#)
- [Custom Moodle Plugin Development](#)
- [Moodle Themes](#) (designing your Moodle site to suite your brand)
- [Moodle Consulting](#)
- [Moodle Custom Report Development](#)

For more information on the aforementioned services, get in touch with one of our Moodle experts. We're always excited to hear about the exciting projects happening with Moodle!

2. Moodle is Supported by a Global Community

One of the reasons why Moodle is the world's best LMS is because it supported by a global community of developers. A large benefit of open-source software is that the code is open for scrutiny. This means that developers from all over the world can access the code, and modify it so that it is more secure.

It also means that the code is scrutinized by actual Moodle users. The benefit of this is that Moodle is constantly being updated by people who understand what users need for better user experience.

The final benefit of using a LMS that is driven by one of the largest open-source teams in the world, is that there are an endless amount of learning resources. Within Moodle's Community Forums, you have the ability to connect with other Moodle users and find answers to your questions. With 144 million forum posts and 72 million Moodle learning resources, there is seldom a Moodle question left unanswered!

3. Moodle is Configurable, Highly-Flexible and Feature-Rich

The leading reason why organizations love Moodle is largely because it is configurable, highly-flexible and feature-rich. On top of being able to modify Moodle's open source code, there are hundreds of Moodle Plugins that allow you to configure Moodle so it performs just the way you like.

With over 500 Moodle plugins developed by the global community, your learners, managers and administrators have the opportunity to flourish in an environment that makes learning collaborative, engaging and fun.

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