Lab 1

Breakout Room #5

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Q1 What are the good points about Canvas?

1. All classes are centralized, everything is easily accessible

2. The ability to have the work for all your classes in one place. It is also organized and separates classes.

3. Better UI than Blackboard, nicer to look at/better colors and look

Q2 What are the bad points about Canvas

1. Too many redundant pages(Modules, Pages, Files)

2. Modules vs pages vs files all seem like the same thing but are different

3. One of the bad points of canvas I've noticed is that my classes from the previous semester have not disappeared from my access. I have no use for them, so they just clutter the screen.

4. Downloads PDF instead of opening in new tab, Blackboard would open the PDF instead of downloading it, making it way easier to look at the PDF

5. Canvas isn't intuitive in the way users backtrack to previous pages

Q3 Take a bad point and make recommendations on improving it

1. This issue of old classes being shown can be improved by simply removing access to them. Each class should have a limit from which you could access each class for them to not appear when not necessary

Q4 Do you prefer Blackboard over Canvas – reasons

1. While they both have similar uses, I prefer canvas because the interface is more modern. Also, pdfs and paper are accessible on canvas without having to download it.

Q5 Is an LMS (Learning Management System) necessary/essential or does it require too much overhead and complexity.

1. They are necessary in the modern age. Especially with classes being fully online I couldn't imagine how classes would work without a LMS. Having all our work emailed to us and submitting it all via email would be difficult.

Q6 Any other thoughts?

1. It was interesting to comment on a human centered system that we use all the time that we might usually overlook.