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The Moodle logo, which consists of the word "moodle" in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. A small black graduation cap is positioned above the letter 'i'. The logo is centered over a circular, blurred background that features a close-up of a human eye and is overlaid with a pattern of faint, yellow, semi-transparent numbers.

Moodle, an Open-Source Alternative to
Learning Management Systems

moodle design

Overall design

- Moodle is designed by instructors for instructors and learners in mind.
- Lightweight for accessibility on slower Internet connections requiring only a modern web browser and no additional software or plug-ins.
- Runs on popular Internet server programs (PHP and MySQL) allowing for maximum scalability for up to thousands of simultaneous users.
- Promotes collaborative learning, emphasizing a variety of modes of interaction from real-time chats and messaging to asynchronous forums.
- Intuitive layout makes it easy to navigate and access various activities throughout the site.
- Navigational content is available in over 43 languages.

Site management

The site is managed in hierarchal fashion, from main administrator to student. Variables that affect general operation of the site includes:

- language, localization, and theme design settings
- logging notifications, secure socket layer and email anti-virus settings
- database sessions, timeouts, location of various programs on the server as well as proxy settings
- overall enrollment as well as other logging settings
- mail server and network permission settings
- assignments, teacher controls, search engine access and user permission settings
- message postings and editing, RSS feeds and debugging settings

Site interface controls includes:

- colors, fonts, and other layout settings
- Language settings and customizations
- Modules, blocks, filters and their settings
- Backup configuration and schedules from individual classes to the site installation.
- HTML editor settings
- Calendar and maintenance mode settings

User Management

Accounts are created in a variety of methods from manual registration to email. Authentication schemes also include internal or external databases and interface with the following protocols:

LDAP, IMAP, POP3, NTTP

Administrative roles are created and controlled from site administrator down to course creator, teacher, non-editing teacher, student, and guest.

Users have their own profile page including a short description and photos. Email addresses can be hidden from display if required. Other control functions include localization and other graphic controls.

All user activity is logged and viewable by teachers and administrators.

Course management

- An editing teacher has control over all settings of the course.
- Courses can be categorized in various ways allowing for maximum flexibility of organization and control.
- Enrollments are controlled for each course allowing for flexibility of security. Enrollments can also be controlled with expiration limits, suitable for non-interactive courses.
- Each course can be formatted in one of three ways; by week, topic, or in a more free-form discussion social format. Each course has access to a variety of 'Modules' ranging from static resources to dynamic interactive activities including quizzes, forums, messaging, chat, and a variety exercises.
- Course resources and activities can be 'de-activated' or hidden from the students until it is ready for presentation allowing for on-site course creation and planning.
- Many text entries of course resources and activities can be edited with an embedded WYSIWYG HTML editor allowing for creative expression in formatting.
- Many 'filters' are available allowing for embedded multimedia as well as creating multilingual content and displaying of mathematical symbols and equations.
- Courses can be backed up in their entirety and restored on other installations or reused in future sessions, allowing for portability between different installations.
- Courses can be imported from Blackboard files and SCORM 1.2 compliant packages.



moodle features

Modules, Activities, and Features

Moodle is built with many features available as Modules, Activities, Blocks and filters to make for a complete Learning Management System. Below is a listing of the standard features:

Assignment Module

Graded assignments can be given requiring a choice of file upload, on-line entry, or in class submission.

Chat Module

Chat Modules allow for synchronous one-to-one or one-to-many text interaction. Contents can be logged.

Choice Module

Choices can be used for voting or taking a poll. Intuitive tables are viewable for both teachers and students.

Forum Module

Forums allow for asynchronous one-to-one or one-to-many text interaction. Available in variety or formats, modes of interaction, and viewing options. Forum messages can contain attachments, and can set for peer ratings. Messages can also be emailed to participants.

Messaging Feature

Moodle's built-in messaging allows for one-to-one instant messaging. It can also be configured to send email if the recipient is not available.



Quiz Module

Quizzes can be stored in categories on a database for multiple uses and can be used throughout the installation. They are automatically scored and can be presented with many options including; timed quizzes, limiting quizzes to certain computer networks, shuffling of both questions and answers, allowance for multiple efforts, display of correct answers and/or feedback.

Questions can be imported from a variety of external files including; **Blackboard**, **WebCT**, **Course Test Manager**, **Learnwise** and **Examview** formats and can include embedded images and other multimedia.

Quiz formats include:

- Multiple-choice questions supporting single or multiple answers
- Short Answer questions (words or phrases)
- True-False questions
- Matching questions
- Embedded-answer questions (cloze style) with answers within passages of text
- Numerical questions (with allowable ranges)
- Random questions



Resource Module

Resource modules allows for display of any electronic content, HTML, Word, Powerpoint, Flash, Video, audio, etc. They can be uploaded and managed on the server or created on the site through on-line forms, (text or HTML). External content can also be linked into the site with the option of passing on a variety of data.



RSS Feeds

Moodle has the option of broadcasting and receiving RSS feeds.

SCORM Modules

SCORM module allows for importing of SCORM 1.2 compliant content.

Wiki Module

A Wiki enables documents to be authored collectively using a web browser. Participants work together on web pages to add, expand and change the content. The Wiki module is based on Erfurt Wiki.

Workshop Module

A Workshop is a peer assessment activity with a huge array of options. It allows participants to assess each other's projects, as well as exemplar projects, in a number of ways.

Other Modules and Features

Moodle is an Open Source Project. This means that customized features can be programmed to suit your special needs either through in-house or independent programmers. You are welcome to consult with us for any special features you may need for your Moodle installation.

Also, Moodle is in constant development and new features are continuously being introduced and improved.

Glossary Activities

This activity allows participants to create and maintain a list of definitions, like a dictionary that can be searched or browsed. Entries can be exported to other glossaries. Entries can also be automatically linked from course content.

Lesson Module

Lesson module allows the teacher to create a controlled sequence of pages depending on the student answer to a question. Answers can be branched creating various levels of automated interaction.



hosting and support



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Service	Cooperative Shared Account (for individual instructors only)
Price	¥52,500/year
Installation	Free
Platform	Moodle - The latest stable version. Upgrades are free
Customization	N/A
Disk Storage	500 MB
Bandwidth	10 GB/month
E-mail accounts	None
Backups	Daily, weekly, monthly.
Support	Free email support for administrators, immediate attention to resolve problems
Other	Up to five (5) courses per registration under one Category. One category per account. Additional courses at ¥10,500 per year.

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Service	Educational Institutions		Corporate Dedicated Server	
Price	¥525,000/year	¥735,000/year	¥1,260,000/year	¥1,700,000/year
Disk Storage	2.5 GB	5 GB	2 x 80 GB (RAID 1)	2 x 200 GB (RAID 1)
Bandwidth	50 GB /month (can be expanded)	100 GB /month (can be expanded)	1000 GB /month	1000 GB /month
Installation	Free			
Platform	Moodle - The latest stable version. Upgrades are free			
Customization	Colors and supplied logos are modified free for main page.			
Database accounts	Unlimited			
E-mail accounts	Unlimited			
Mailing lists	Unlimited			
Sub domains	Unlimited			
Backups	Daily, weekly, monthly.			
Domain name	Choice of your own registered domain or www.xxx.manabu3.com			
Control	Cpanel 9.9			
Support	Free email support for administrators, immediate attention to resolve problems.			
Other	Frontpage, perl, spam filtering, webmail and many other account features included.			

Service	Moodle Support
Price	¥500,000/ 6 months or ¥1,000,000/year
Installation	Free
Platform	Moodle - The latest stable version. Upgrades are free
Support	Free email support for administrators, immediate attention to resolve problems. Client server must be assessed for installation compatibility before accepted for a support contract.

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