Agenda Moodle Production Team Meeting  
Wednesday August 31, 4:30-5:30

1) Further discussion of Respondus; decision about dropping the RL 80-course upload must be made asap.

2) Can we rename CAS so students/faculty know to click on it to log in? (This stems from a student user suggestion)

3) Procedures for faculty to drop students from Moodle (Ali is sending send out an email today in time for Census Day)

4) Policy for guest accounts (students and instructors)

5) Activities time zone issue (as described below)

6) Drops before and after census. How do we accommodate student drops when the instructor is not notified?

7) Carl Cox: library Moodle site
Hello, Ms. Klinger.

I got your name and e-mail from Prof. Rogow (HED 140). I am looking for some kind of centralized discussions of Moodle, for tips, tricks, problems, and solutions, rather than reinventing those wheels in every separate class (and every semester). I sent a similar request to the MoodleHelp@marin.edu box.

For example, despite the warnings that our sessions remain active without an explicit logout, I find that my sessions routinely time out, and that when I click on a link in an open page (that has been idle for a while), I end up at a Moodle login page, that doesn't have any option to login (the "login" link loops to the same page). Through trial and error, I eventually figured out that you have to click the (profoundly non-obvious) "CAS user" link, to get to the MyCOM login, which then nicely returns me to the destination I originally clicked (a pleasant bonus). Giving up (as I did the first time I hit this), and going back to MyCOM to start over, is a much longer and less useful route, so I think that at a minimum we should advise Moodle users of the CAS user trick, or (better yet), route timed-out session requests to wherever that link goes (so the extra notes aren't needed, and the confusion is avoided altogether).

As background, I'm a long-time IT pro, and in recent years I have been specializing in web-centric collaboration, so I am keenly interested in the Moodle platform, and its use at CoM. I have a little prior Moodle exposure through Prof. Gonzalez in MMST. I am currently working with a group in Cupertino on a collaboration solution built around Tiki, for better student carpooling. What I would recommend, at a minimum, is a central forum for Moodle questions, problems, and solutions, so that all CoM students can work together to make the most of it. If that already exists, I couldn't find it in any of the "getting started Moodle" docs, so we need to make sure that every class has obvious access to the link.

Thanks for your attention and support.

Doug