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Objective

Produce Internet-based courses and websites that support the social constructionist framework of education through a php-based, open source, community-developed system.

Education

Curtin University of Technology, Australia, 1999

- Martin Dougiamas, a Ph.D. candidate in Education, with a computer science background created the first version of Moodle as part of his dissertation research into social constructivist pedagogy and learning management systems. He calls it MOODLE (Modular Object-Oriented Dynamic Learning Environment).

Experience

- 54,466 registered sites in 211 countries
- Nearly 5 million courses with more than 42 million users in 210 countries in more than 75 languages
- The Open University of the UK will soon operate a Moodle installation for 200,000 users
- There are 279 Moodle developers with write access to the development system. The core team at Moodle.com works with these developers from around the world
- Moodle Partners are service companies that provide optional commercial services for Moodle users including hosting and custom code development
- Moodle is used by many organizations in the United States including San Francisco State University, Pinellas (Florida) County Schools, University of Minnesota, and McDonalds

Recent Awards and Recognition

- Joule Learning Management System (a version of Moodle) nominated for a 2011 CODIE award for Best Postsecondary Course or Learning Management System.
- Has gained more than 10 percent of market share in the last four years according to the Campus Computing Project. As of the fall of 2010, Moodle held 16.4 percent of the higher education market.
- Moodle founder and lead developer, Martin Dougiamas, won Best Education Enabler at the 2008 Google-O'Reilly Open Source Awards of 2008.
- The eLearning Guild awarded Moodle with the Platinum Award for Satisfaction and the Gold Award for Market Share in 1997.

Additional references and information available from United States Moodle Partners including Remote-Learner USA, ClassroomRevolution.com, Moodlerooms, Inc., and NewSchool Learning.

