Welcome to the Moodle Best Practices list serve!!!

Every day I get emails from extension educators all over the place asking questions about Moodle. A trend we have noticed is that some of you are curious about the many of the same things; therefore my colleagues and I have created a list serve concentrating on some of the best practices to use when using Moodle. I will post a different topic every other Wednesday, and your thoughts and questions are encouraged!

Today’s topic: Why use a book?

The book feature of Moodle is, in my opinion, spectacular! You can use this feature to break up large pieces of information, into smaller – less boring, lessons. The book feature allows you to give your students a lot of information, without overwhelming them.

Using Chapter Titles -

You can have as many chapters as you would like, however it is smart to keep your chapter titles short to prevent a monster table of contents from discouraging your students.

Leaving Chapter Titles off -

Another option is to leave chapter titles off. Chapter titles are optional, so unless they are of utmost importance, it is okay to leave them off. If you do choose to leave your chapter titles off, be sure to include something at the beginning of the chapter asking your students to navigate using the arrows in the bottom or upper right corners to turn pages, instead of clicking titles in the table of contents. This will prevent confusion, and make the experience more enjoyable to students.

Oh! The possibilities! -

When using the book feature you can do many different things. You are given the wizwig editor where you can change font size, color, and use options such as bold and italics. You can also embed videos, have images, and use tables to align and simplify.

I recommend using a book whenever possible, to make your courses more efficient and effective!

Next time: Web Page vs. Text Page

Questions???

If you have any other questions while creating a course, or you are just curious about something – feel free to email us at moodlehelp@extension.org.
Other Recommendations –

Check out the Moodle 101 course at pdc.extension.org. It is a course that has been adapted from the Moodle Features Demo Course facilitated by Martin Dougiamas and Helen Foster with all kinds of great Moodle information!

Thanks and Happy Moodling!

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