COURSE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM: MOODLE

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Moodle stands for *Modular Object-Oriented Dynamic Learning Environment*. Moodle is an open source learning management system (LMS). This means Moodle is available free of charge to anybody under the terms of the General Public License. Moodle provides a platform to facilitate interaction and create a dynamic learning environment for face-to-face classroom and blended course formats, as well as online courses.

Even though Moodle provides various functions to support classroom teaching and learning, it is quite time-consuming for instructors to learn how to utilize various its features because Moodle is a template-based system with a flat view that requires customizing his or her own class on Moodle.

The purpose of this special session is to provide for instructors who plan to use Moodle a brief concept of Moodle and demonstrate how to use Moodle effectively in organizing, communicating, managing, assessing and grading. Also, we want to open a discussion forum to exchange ideas with people who currently use Moodle in their teaching.

Discussion will be chosen from the following items.
1. Organizing: a "flat view" format
2. Communicating: Message, eMail list, Quickmail, Chat room, Discussion forum
3. Course managing: Mini quiz, case discussion forum, assignment
4. Assessing: exam, feedback
5. Grading: gradebook