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This programme is from the University of Wales Trinity Saint David (UWTSD), and it began on February 15th of this semester.

Moodle is the name of the subject on which I must write.

What Exactly Is Moodle?

Moodle is a free software that serves as a learning management system and an e-learning platform, and it assists various instructors in conceiving various courses. As a result, course structures and curricula are more conducive to interaction with online students. Moodle stands for Modular Object-Oriented Dynamic Learning Environment, and figures show that this learning management system has 14 million users enrolled in 1.4 million courses. Moodle is open-source software licenced under the GNU General Public License. . Anyone can adapt, extend, or modify Moodle for both commercial and non-commercial projects without paying any licencing fees, allowing them to take

advantage of Moodle's cost-savings, flexibility, and other benefits.

Moodle also has got more than 120 languages.

My Moodle Experience:

For me, this was the first time and year that I used Moodle. I was in high school in Italy during the academic year 2019/2020, and we studied online (because to the epidemic), but we never utilised Moodle. It is only used in universities.

I used and will use it a lot this academic year (2020/2021) because we are completing online classes and we don't know if we will return to the universities next term or not. I couldn't locate eight individuals to ask my questions to, so I asked myself and my buddies (we're a total of six people, including myself), some of them aren't in the UK; they're in Italy, but they use Moodle as well) have some Moodle-related questions, which I'll report right now.

The first is, what are your thoughts on Moodle and online learning?

Me: I believe that Moodle is an excellent platform for conducting online classes and locating all necessary materials (for example, module slides, student support, and so on). Personally, I can't decide whether I prefer online or on-campus classes, but I do find Moodle and online classes to be quite convenient to use.

Only when I have tried the classes on campus will I be able to determine which I prefer, but for now, I am content with the online classes.

Friend 1: I find Moodle to be very user-friendly and useful for what I need to achieve. Instead of coming to the University campus, I choose to conduct all of my work and take online classes using Moodle.

As a result, I elected to attend a university that offers online courses.

My friend is studying in Italy and doing an online degree course because he works in the morning.

Friend 2: Moodle is excellent, but not great, for me, but only for one reason: I like to study in a library rather than at home. I dislike taking online classes because I dislike studying at home, and I find it difficult to focus on the lessons and engage with my classmates and lecturers.

This friend of mine is likewise studying in Italy, but after spending the first two years on campus, he is now studying online due to the epidemic.

Friend 3: I can't say that I dislike Moodle because it is extremely user-friendly. It is convenient because I do not have to travel to attend university, but because to the epidemic, I have never had the opportunity to attend university.

As a result, I am unable to say whether taking online classes is preferable than taking "Face to Face" sessions. However, I enjoy the online lessons.

This is my friend's first year at university, and he is also studying in Italy.

Friend 4: I dislike Moodle for one reason: I am not very computer savvy, and I prefer the "Old School" manner of learning (for

example, finding what you need at a library rather than searching for it online) because I have never tried the online version. But, thanks to the pandemic, I'm learning how to use a computer and becoming more open-minded (i.e., not passing judgement before trying).

This friend of mine previously studied in Egypt, but he is now in his first year of study in the United Kingdom.

FRIEND 5: Moodle is very useful to me since it allows you to do research quickly and easily. It is also more convenient for me because I now have a small child, so going to the library to get the precise book and do my research would be quite tough for me. It is extremely unusual for me to do the online lessons. It's weird since with the degree I earned five years ago, I never took an online course; instead, I took all of my classes in person. But now that I have a daughter, I can study and take online classes.

This friend of mine studied in Italy for the degree and now she is doing the master here in the United Kingdom and it is her first year.

As can be seen from the comments, the majority of us (my friends and I) liked Moodle in different ways, but we all utilise it.

My friend 4 claimed that he disliked Moodle since he didn't know how to utilise it when he first started using it with his university. But he began to feel more at ease with it and with the computer as time went on. He didn't know how to use it because he had never used Moodle for the University in Egypt because he and his class group had never been taught how to use it.

My buddies and I use Moodle all of the time to discover presentations and other types of information.

The second question is: What did you enjoy about Moodle and what did you dislike about it?

Me: What I like about Moodle is that it is the simplest and fastest way (once you understand and know how to use it) to do a variety of tasks, including contacting the service desk, seeing all of the assignments that we must complete, finding the information that I require, and viewing and downloading the lesson slides.

What I dislike about Moodle are the faults or issues that it may have (for example, server problems or connection issues if you switch computers or smartphones, because fixing them can take a long time).

Friend 1: What I appreciate about Moodle is how easy it is to discover any type of information I need, and how they constantly update the site as new material becomes available.

What I don't like about Moodle is when the servers have problems and take too long to fix them, although I understand that solving all types of problems is difficult.

Friend 2: What I enjoy about Moodle is the variety of information available when you understand how to use it properly, and when you don't know something, you can seek for help at the service desk. What I dislike about Moodle is the server issues and the difficulty connecting Moodle and its numerous programmes (Microsoft Teams, Authenticator, and Office 365) to a computer or smartphone.

Friend 3: What I enjoy about Moodle is that once you figure out how to use it, it's incredibly comfortable and simple. Fortunately, they taught us how to utilise it step by step at my university.

What I don't like about Moodle is the server issues, because when they occur, they can take a long time to resolve. I enjoy a portion of it.

Friend 4: What I enjoy about Moodle is that it allows you to find information without having to go to a library, which I prefer.

What I dislike about Moodle is that it is difficult to use because I am unable to operate a computer effectively, but it is becoming simpler to use as time goes on.

Friend 5: One of the things I appreciate about Moodle is that you can use it whenever you need it (for example, if I'm studying or doing research late at night). The difference between it and the library is this.

What I don't like about Moodle is that when they don't know something, they don't tell you who you may ask for the information you're looking for. Another thing I do not like are the server problems that can happen and if they take a long time to solve them.

As can be seen from the responses, we all have opinions on what we like and dislike about Moodle.

We all enjoyed Moodle since it is convenient to use anywhere and anytime we need it, unlike the library, which has timetables and requires you to drive to go to it, where you may find the library crowded. We may also utilise Moodle as a service desk to ask whatever queries we want, whenever we want (they receive it, and we await the answer).

The majority of us despise server issues (particularly when they take a long time to resolve). My buddy 5 had some issues with the documents and didn't know how to fix them, but she was able to do so now. Myself, my buddy 1, and my friend 2 dislike the difficulties that can arise while connecting new computers or mobile devices.

The final question is: **Do you use Moodle on a regular basis?**

Me: I use Moodle three or four times a week at the moment, and I use it for all of my assignments and research.

Friend 1: I use Moodle twice a week since I work Monday through Friday and want to focus on my education on the weekends.

Friend 2: I use Moodle about 5 times a week when I have online classes and assignments.

Friend 3: I have to use it four or five times a week while I have class and studies.

Friend 4: Prior to the epidemic, I rarely utilised Moodle because I prefer to get my information from books or the newspaper. However, I now have to utilise it whenever I have to study (4 or 5 times a week).

Friend 5: I use Moodle whenever I have free time because I have a young daughter. I use it around three or four times per week.

As evidenced by the comments, my friends and I use Moodle more than once a week. Because they take lessons from Monday to Friday (and sometimes even Saturday) in Italy, they use it on a daily basis. Moodle is critical for all of us to use in our studies and

throughout our student careers. It's critical to learn how to operate online, as well as how to use social media and the internet in general, in a fair and secure manner.

CONCLUSION

Finally, my friends and I found Moodle to be quite useful for our studies and for all of the documents, slides, and information that we could locate for our research and assignments.

Especially during this pandemic era that we are living through.

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