Centralised user management across multiple Moodle estates
The background

Multiple Moodles, Maharas, MNET

Challenges

- Users got confused where to log in
- Users need to be in some but not all sites
- MNET access control is very coarse
The solution

Manage everyone centrally

Benefits

- One login, no user confusion
- Can manage access to specific sites
- Various integrations and access rules possible
- Can surface additional content
One home page to rule them all
Getting you where you need to go

Online Learning Dashboard

- Professional Development
- Student support
- PDQ Connect

- Links to sites
- Links to surfaced content; here, enrolled courses
User administration – admin level

The main admin area, where we can get to the core configuration needed
Each area provides a relevant list of users/groups/sites

See all the entries, with filtering where it makes sense
Even out of the box, a variety of options are available:

- Managing email address and password
- User’s name and details
- User active/staff/superuser controls
- User’s access groups
- Additional permissions
- Dates of joining/last access
Non-admin management

Non-admin users have limited user management tools – and don’t use the admin area

Removing users from Mahara institutions

Bulk adding users (to the uploader’s own Mahara institution)
Additional notes

- Changes to account access in the portal can be synched immediately (e.g. email address, account active) or on login (first name, last name etc.)
- Moodle/Mahara/Totara integration currently available, more can be added
Always in motion, the future is.

Some developments under consideration:

- Adding Open ID Connect support in addition to SAML
- Synching users with Azure AD
- Surfacing notifications from across all linked sites
- Additional integratable site types, e.g. Drupal
- xAPI based display to show highlights across the connected sites
One way to solve multiple-Moodle estates

- Centralises users in one place – one source of truth and no confusion
- Spotlights relevant content like courses or portfolios to drive users to what’s relevant
- Easiest to manage if all your connected sites share codebases, e.g. 1 Moodle codebase for all connected Moodles
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