Making a truer Mahoodle

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Moodle, Mahara, MNET, theme – the student’s world

Each site has its own brand – QMPlus / QMPlus Hub

Different ‘brands’ allow for different expectations between platforms

But coherent theme ideas – colours, structure, layout – bring it together

A great place to start!
But they’re still two different systems

Two systems – two sets of alerts!

- Never designed for sharing
- Notionally self-contained
- You’d always go to the Moodle – how do you know to go to Mahara for anything?
Solution: synchronise the messages

Two become one...

- Mahara notifications are sent to Moodle – Moodle is the student’s home, everything lives in there
- Moodle notifications are not sent to Mahara – no point having users bounce back and forth
- Notifications left in Mahara so links from Moodle work as expected
Driving usage

- Fits with modern UX expectations: everything in one place – users know how to see everything that’s relevant to them

- Notifications for Mahara serve as a “call to action” to visit and engage that otherwise wouldn’t exist

- Improves experience for users by “not leaving content” behind

- Overall, student engagement has risen
Future thoughts

- Harmonising notifications is not the end of the journey

- Scope for bringing more calls to action to the Moodle homepage, surfacing more content for students, more options to engage

- All about supporting a student’s needs and goals by reducing friction to content discovery and ‘being in the right place’
Summary

- Reducing the barriers between Moodle and Mahara increases engagement

- Notifications are one of the key things to reducing those barriers to discovery and engagement

- Bringing notifications from Mahara to Moodle limits content being ‘left behind’

- Opens the door to further harmonisation between Moodle and Mahara
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