



Tips for Choosing a Learning Management System

When the decision to purchase a Learning Management System or using a free LMS, there are several pieces of information you need to consider.

Administration vs. End User Experience

It does not matter how much time the LMS saves you in administration if the students dislike the interface. The student experience is the most important thing about any LMS. The administration functions are important. They should be easy to use; this will save administrative time, but the end-users screens have the potential to save every single user time. So do not choose an LMS based on the ease of interface on the administration screens. Analyze the LMS from the students' perspective first.

Enrollment

Be sure that it is easy for your students to enroll using the LMS. A good system can save students time while saving you administrative costs. Depending on the size of your program, look for ease of enrollment. If you use online enrollment for populating your classrooms, you will need a much more robust system. It should help you manage student, instructor, and classroom locations.

Scalability

Be sure the LMS you choose can grow with your organization/program. Countless groups, agencies, organizations, and programs find themselves shopping for a replacement LMS because their existing one fails to provide the scalability to handle increased student loads, the flexibility to accommodate new document types, and the capabilities for tracking users in a growing online environment.