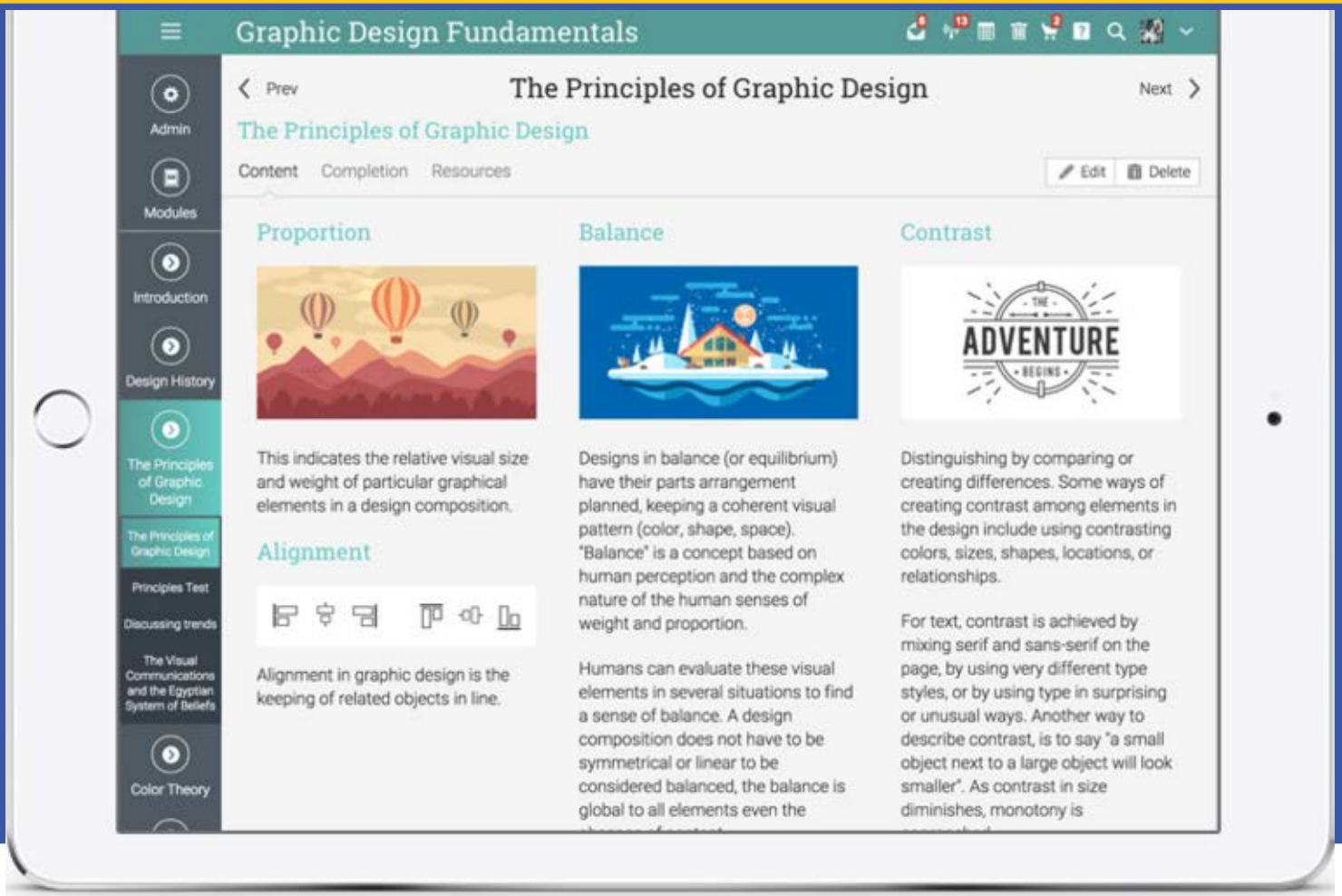

Learn LMS vs Moodle LMS Comparison

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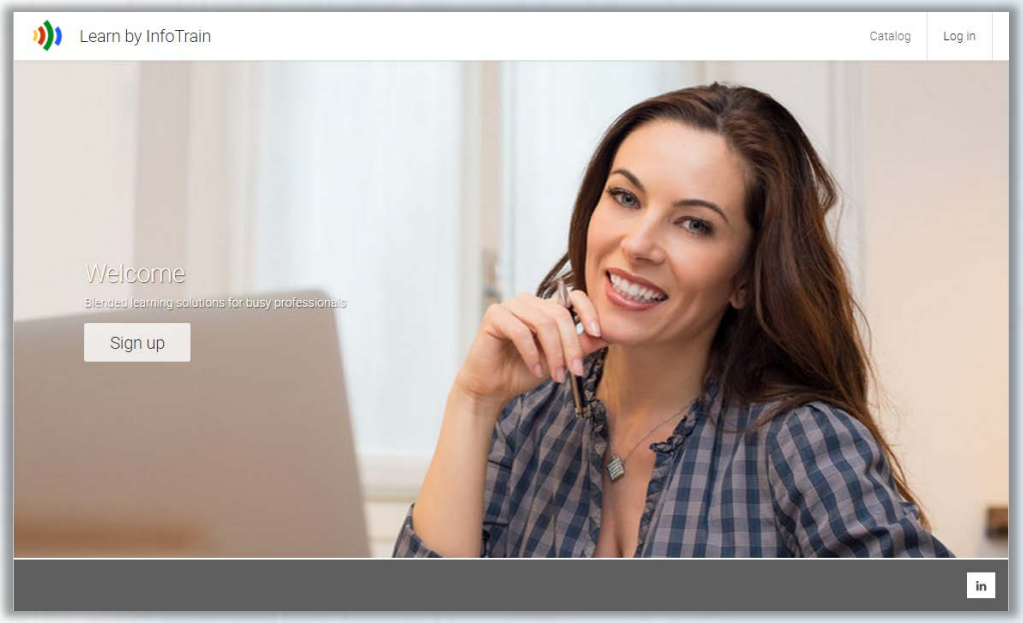
Introduction

Learn LMS is a simple, powerful, cloud-hosted LMS for businesses that want to deliver online and blended training and/or generate revenue by selling their courses.

Moodle is an open source LMS with a comprehensive feature set. You can download the source code and host it on your own servers, or pay a business to host and support it for you.



Learn LMS Portal

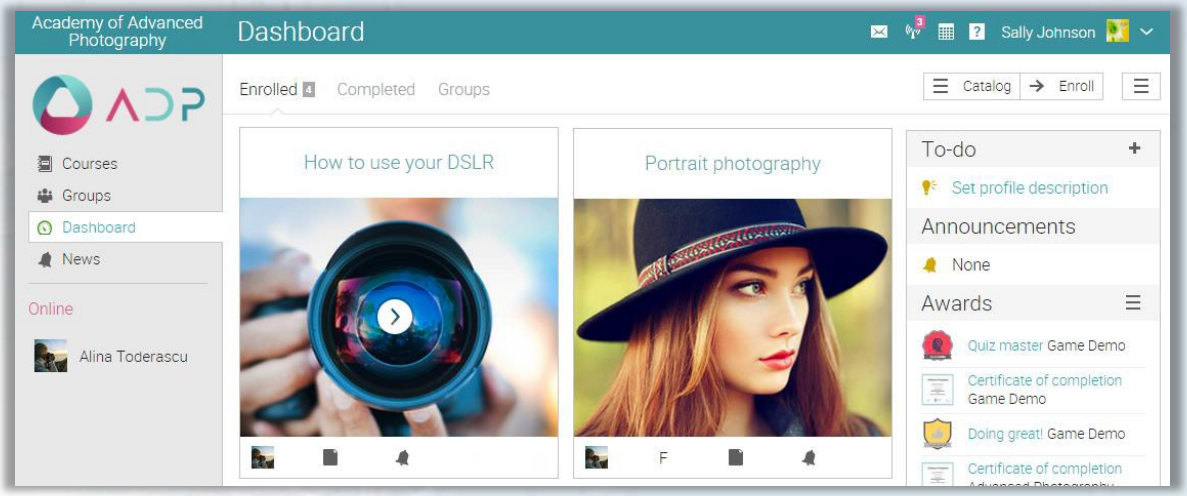
Portal

The Learn LMS interface is a modern, responsive design that looks sharp and automatically adjusts based on the type of device.

It provides attractive tile-based dashboards for students, trainers and administrators, a graphical course catalogue, as well as simple pop-out navigation. It provides rich content authoring as well as a visually attractive way to create and organise course material.

The Moodle interface is somewhat old-fashioned and clunky compared with what is expected of modern web applications.

Although the Moodle User Interface (UI) can be customised, most Moodle sites tend to be dry and uninspiring. The Moodle UI is even harder to use from a mobile phone, and doesn't seem to use modern UI practices to adjust well to smaller devices.



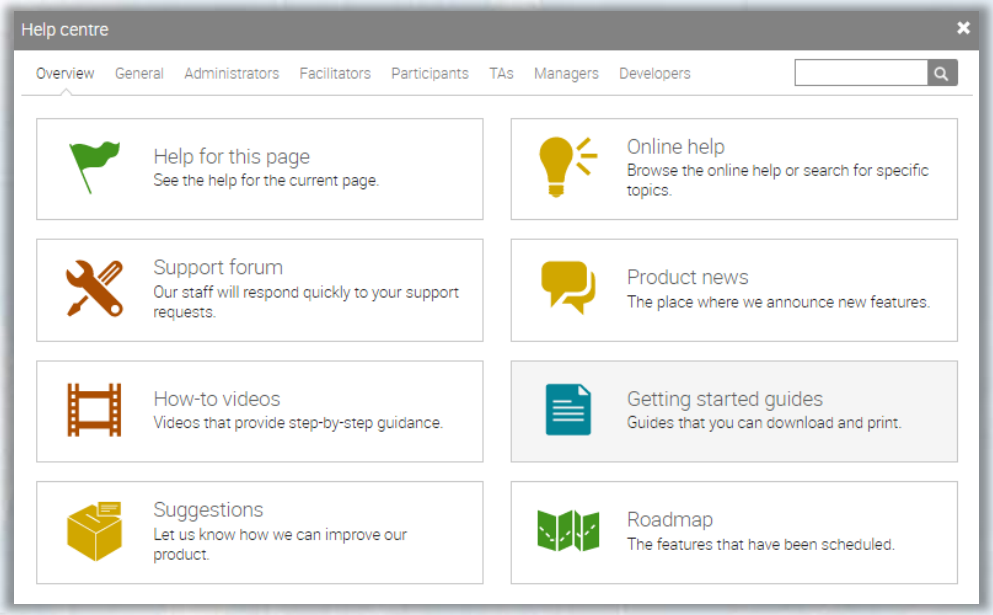
Learn LMS Dashboard

Dashboard

Learn LMS is very intuitive and easy to use. In addition, it includes an online help centre, with videos, getting started guides, and searchable help content.

Learn LMS also has a rapid response support forum where responses to questions occur quickly during business hours.

Moodle has a reputation of being fairly hard to understand and use, and many sites that use Moodle have to run training courses for their staff so that they are able to use it effectively.



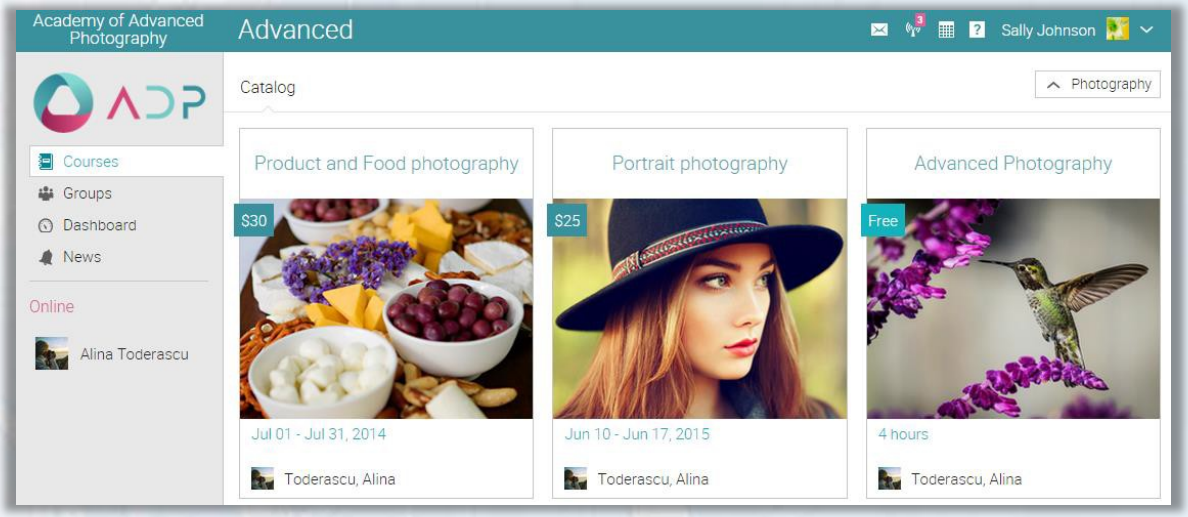
Learn LMS Help Centre

Features

Learn LMS provides the range of functionality you'd expect in a modern LMS, such as a customisable portal, support for courses (trainer led, blended, and self-paced), integrated e-commerce functionality, eleven kinds of assessment, question banks, course templates, rubrics, content authoring, gamification, rules engine, beautiful module layouts, curricula and proficiencies, chat rooms, blogs, wikis, e-portfolios, full-featured gradebook, and more.

Learn LMS also supports many important industry standards such as SCORM, Common Cartridge Format, LTI, QTI and LDAP.

Moodle provides a similar feature set, with the main difference being that the features are typically harder to configure and use.



Learn LMS Catalogue

Investment

Learn LMS

Learn LMS plans start from $250 including GST per month for 50 active students.

There are no setup fees for a starter plan, cancellation fees, storage fees, bandwidth fees, support fees, or other hidden costs.

Moodle

Moodle can be downloaded and self-hosted, or hosted and supported using a supplier company. Here is an analysis of the cost of each option:

Self-hosted for small businesses

You can run a few hundred students on a single server and single database, as long as you don't mind the possibility of outages if the server fails or occurs outside of normal business hours. A small business configuration can often be installed and administered by an IT enthusiast, so the cost is based on the price of the server, backups, and the IT person's hours.

The self-hosted option for small businesses usually costs more than the Learn LMS Starter Plan.

Self-hosted for large businesses

To run Moodle reliably (99.9% uptime) for a lot of students, you need a more sophisticated setup than just a single server. Specifically, it is recommended:

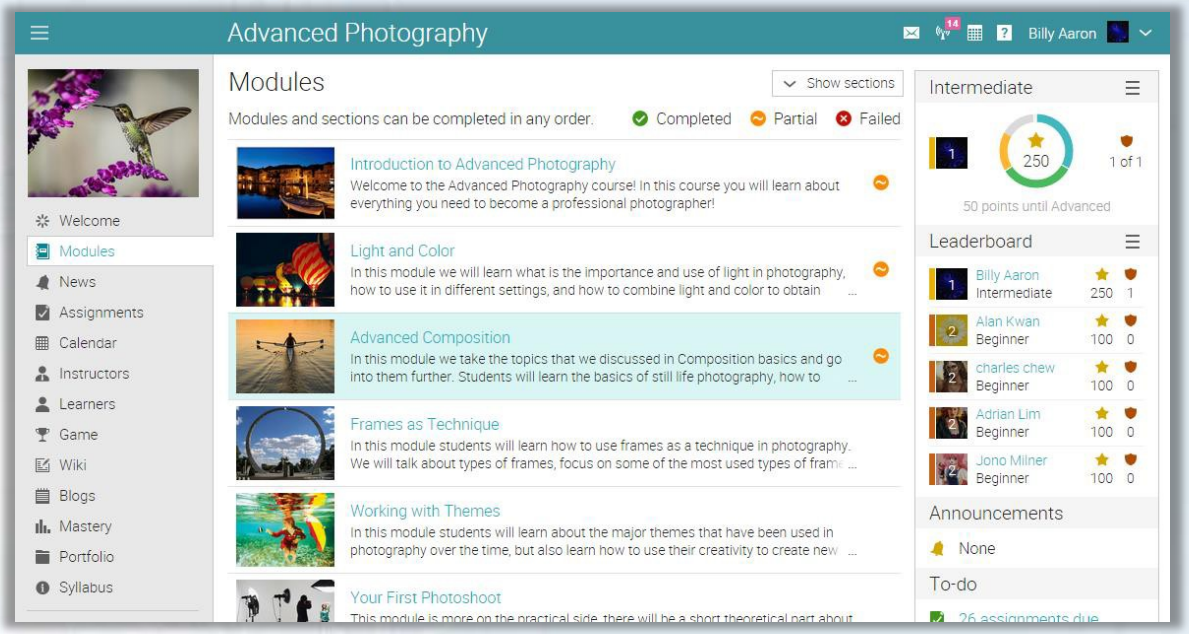
- 1 hardware load balancer;
- 2 servers or more, depending on the number of students;
- 2 copies of your SQL database in a master/slave setup with failover;
- 2 mem-cached servers for fault-tolerant caching;
- 1 high capacity RAID disk system for file storage and backups; and
- 1 search engine.

It also requires an IT specialist with knowledge of how to setup, configure, maintain a complex cluster environment, and who is available 24/7 to deal with performance issues and outages.

This self-hosted Moodle option usually costs more than Learn LMS Professional plan for 2,000 active students.

Commercially hosted

The cost of a commercially hosted Moodle will vary by vendor. We have heard anecdotally that suppliers are up to twice the cost of Learn LMS.



Learn LMS Course View

Summary

Learn LMS is a more attractive, easier-to-use LMS than Moodle, at a lower investment level for both small and big businesses.

Learn LMS is an LMS with a rich set of features that are very useful for businesses and make it easy to deliver online and blended training to your students, employees and clients.

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