Moodle Interview
with Rick Jerz
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Dr. Rick Jerz

Question #1

- Can you introduce yourself and give us a summary of what you do?

Question #2

- When did you first use Moodle?

Question #3

- I understand your organization uses a different LMS, but you prefer Moodle - how do they compare?

Question #4

- You run your own Moodle site for your learners and have previously presented on that topic.
- What tips would you give to educators who want to have their own Moodle site, either for individual tuition or because their organization doesn't use Moodle?
- And are there any privacy concerns with this?

Question #5

- What are some of the challenges educators face regarding teaching currently? How do you think this will change in the future?

Question #6

- You've been awarded the "Particularly Helpful Moodler" badge on Moodle.org for the last ten years.
- What do you get out of advising people on Moodle.org?
- Do you notice any common patterns in the types of problems people come for help with?

Question #7

- Do you prefer in-person, hybrid, or online teaching?
- Do you think they all have a place in the future?

Question #8

- On your own Moodle site with your students, which particular Moodle modules, standard and contributed, do you like to use?
- Do you have any 'tricks' you use to improve the display of your materials?

Question #9

- What improvements would you like to see in the Moodle software in future years?
- Do you have any constructive suggestions?

Question #10

- Tell us more about the transition from in-person to online education. You presented on this at Mountain Moot.

Question #11

- Tell us more about your presentations at MoodleMoots.
- Do you have a favorite topic you have presented that you can share?

Question #12

- What do you find beneficial about attending Moots?

Question #13

- Is there anything else you'd like to share with Moodlers?

Moodle versus Canvas

- "A Comparison of Canvas and Moodle Discussion Tools"

- Posted on Moodle.org and Canvas discussion boards

- https://vimeo.com/703445037/10ca0ef0ac

Privacy and Security

- Don't allow Guest access
- Limit the number of "administrators"
  - I have only one.
- Update Moodle regularly, especially applying security releases
- Use an SSL
- Avoid messing with modifying roles
- Be careful and aware of what you do

Favorite Moodle Modules

- URLs
- Text and Media
- Pages
- Discussion forums
- Quizzes
- Assignments

- The grade book is the best!

Common Course Elements

- My message
- Discussion
- Some kind of assessment

Rick's Homepage: www.rjerz.com
MoodleMoot Presentations

- Quality Matters Certification using Moodle
- Using Calculated Multichoice Questions
- How to Install a "Sandbox" Moodle on Your Windows PC/Mac
- Using Tableau with Moodle for Visual Analytics
- Managing Course Content Using a "Personal Repository"
- Making Boost do MORE
- Customizing MORE to Improve Your Moodle's Appearance
- Expanding your MoodleCloud Storage to Fill the "Entire Sky!"
- Using RSS Feeds for Distributing Videos
- The Power of the Podcast

Benefits of Attending Moots

- Learning from others
- Meeting people in person
- Saying "Hi" to Martin, Mary, Sander, and others
- Sharing ideas
- Opportunity to travel and understand other cultures

Problems with Blackboard

- Discussion boards were problematic
- Quizzes would break
- Blackboard went down a lot