How To Moodle
JUST ASK US

Moodle or Totara Learn:
"Which platform is best for me?"

If you are completely new to LMS selection and don't know where to start when evaluating the best platform, or have been using Moodle for some time and are unsure whether a move to Totara Learn will meet some of your unfilled objectives, our handy guide is designed to help you in deciding between Moodle and Totara Learn.

Simply tick an answer from the following questions (depending on your requirements) and total the amount at the end of the quiz to help determine which is the best platform for you.

What reports do you need?

	Moodle	Totara	Unsure
Tracking learner progress in single courses, including activity completion, and graded learning, with the ability to export.			
All of the above, plus on demand and scheduled reporting across multiple courses, attendance, completions, competencies, learning plans, appraisals and more.			

Do you need a system to manage performance reviews?

	Moodle	Totara	Unsure
No, I don't think we will need this.			
Yes, this is a requirement. We would like to conduct appraisals that link to the learning, record strategic targets/objectives, as well as both company and individual goals.			

Do your managers need to be able to review their team's progress?

	Moodle	Totara	Unsure
No, this is not a requirement.			
Yes. We will need to have a high level overview of a team's performance, with the ability to drill-down for a more detailed review.			

Do your organisational hierarchies need to be reflected in the LMS?

	Moodle	Totara	Unsure
No, this is not a requirement.			
Yes, we would like to be able to structure and define our hierarches by job roles, departments, regions, competencies and/or goals, with an automatic evaluation of competencies.			

Do you need to automatically allocate learning based on defined criteria?

	Moodle	Totara	Unsure
No, this is not a requirement.			
Yes, we would like to be able to automatically assign users to learning based on position, department, or belonging to a group.			

Do you need to be able to manage bookings of face-to-face training events?

	Moodle	Totara	Unsure
No, this is not a requirement.			
Yes, we will be carrying out face-to-face training that we would like to link into our LMS platform.			

Do your learners have to complete courses on a recurring basis?

	Moodle	Totara	Unsure
No, this is not a requirement.			
Yes, this would be very useful in our organisation.			

Does your learner's progress need to be managed through a sequence of courses?

Yes, I'm happy to manage this manually.

Yes, I'd like this to be managed automatically.

Moodle	Totara	Unsure

To what extent do you require use of learning plans?

We would like to set up site-wide competencies (linked to a course and it's activities) and attach these to a learning plan that is assigned to users by the administrator.

We would like to allow the users and/or their managers to create learning plans based on a template. Then add multiple courses, competencies and mandatory training, setting priorities and due dates, with the ability to comment on their progress.

Moodle	Totara	Unsure

To what extent do you need to manage user groups within your LMS platform?

I will need to manually create groups of users, and give these groups of users access to courses.

I will need the above, plus the ability to create dynamic groups of users, automatically adding/removing them when they meet/no longer meet certain criteria.

Moodle	Totara	Unsure

ADDITIONAL FEATURES FOR CONSIDERATION:

Scalability: Both Moodle and Totara Learn can scale as your users increase. Totara Learn requires an annual subscription. For details on the subscription costs visit www.howtomoodle.com/totara-subscriptions. If you do not wish to pay any additional fees to use the system please select Moodle as your option here.

Moodle	Totara	Unsure

Content and activities: Both Moodle and Totara Learn allow your learners to use a wide range of activities for assessment, communication, collaboration and information sharing, and deploying content.

Branding: Moodle and Totara Learn offer a variety of options to improve the look and feel of the site, along with matching your organisation's branding if required.

RESULTS

MOODLE

Enter your score

Moodle is the world's most widely used open-source learning platform, helping you to create effective online teaching and learning experiences in an engaging environment that's collaborative and completely private. You can find out more about Moodle at www.howtomoodle.com/about-moodle, or for a free 15 minute consultancy chat, get in touch with our experts on 0330 660 1111 to discuss your platform requirements further.

TOTARA LEARN

Enter your score

Totara Learn is an evolution of Moodle, giving you powerful tools to manage and facilitate learning online. Totara Learn maps to your organisation's structure, so learning can be automatically allocated based on a range of organisational and system criteria. But Totara Learn is much more than a course management system, it also offers performance management through flexible appraisals, learning plans, self-service face-to-face course booking and great reporting. Register to attend our free Totara webinar at www.howtomoodle.com/totara-webinar to find out more about Totara Learn, or for a free 15 minute consultancy chat, get in touch with our experts on 0330 660 1111.

UNSURE

Enter your score

If the majority of your answers have resulted in 'Unsure', we can help! To help define your requirements we would recommend getting in touch with our experts at HowToMoodle on 0330 660 1111, who can provide you with a free 15 minute consultancy chat, and talk you through your requirements in more detail. Alternatively, to find out more about either platform, you can visit the following links:

www.howtomoodle.com/about-moodle

www.howtomoodle.com/about-totara