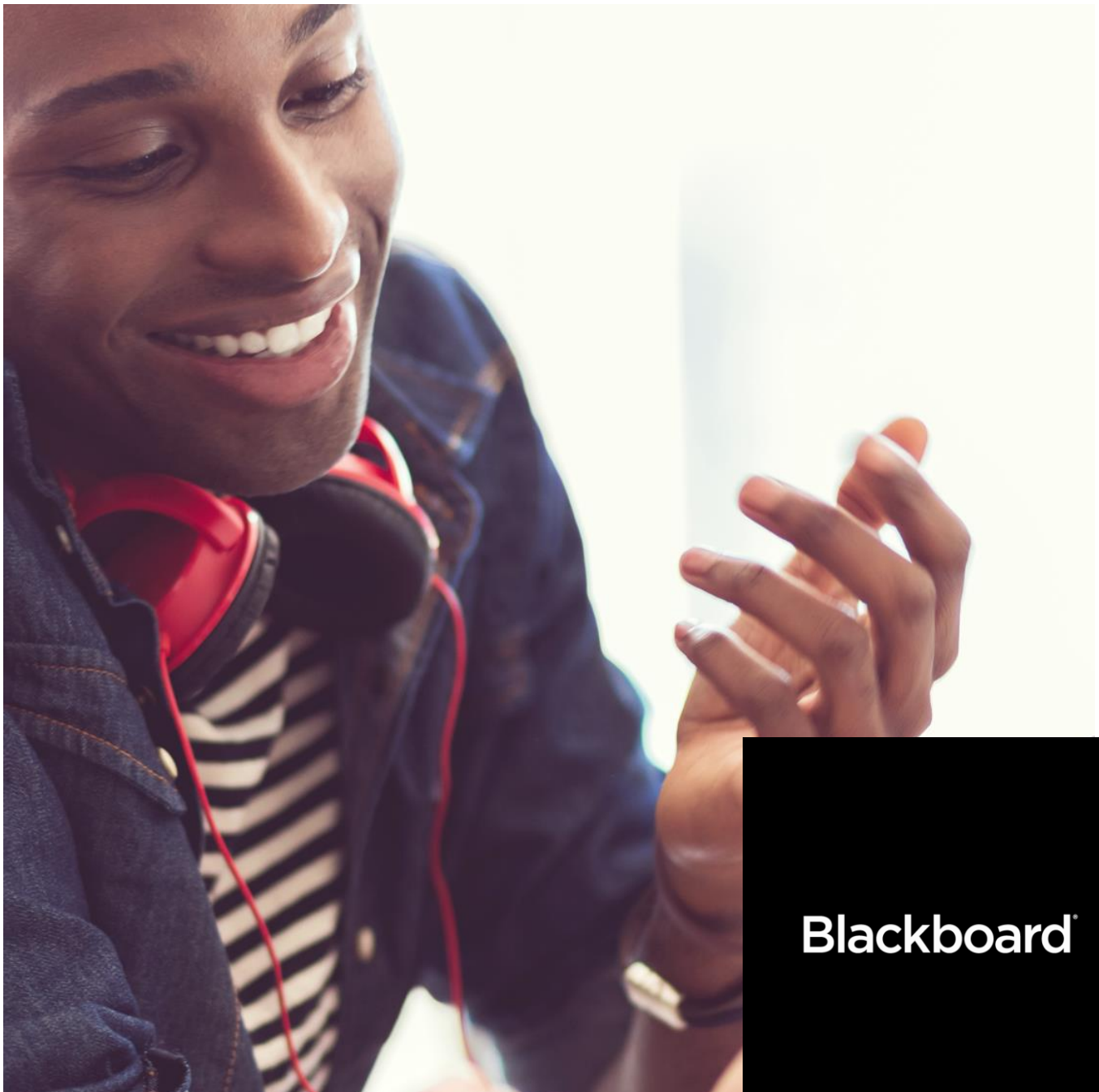


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# Moodle and Open LMS

A quick overview



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### Moodle

Moodle (Modular Object-Oriented Learning Environment) is an open-source platform for educators to develop and manage courses online. Also known as a learning management system (LMS), the Moodle project is run by Moodle HQ from Perth, Australia. With more than 65 million users and the ability to support over 100 languages, Moodle is the most popular open-source Learning Management System (LMS) in the world.

Because Moodle is open-source, you can host, support and maintain Moodle software yourself, or look to a certified Moodle Partner for hosting, maintenance, training, support and customization.

### Blackboard Open LMS: the largest hosting organization

Blackboard Open LMS is a SaaS product based on Moodle. Since it's SaaS, we make it easy to teach and learn online by providing the best uptime and upgrade experience. As the largest hosting provider for a Moodle-based product, we provide an enterprise services platform that limits the time, effort and money typically required to support Moodle on your own, so you get the best parts of the software without the headache.

### What makes Blackboard Open LMS different?

Our team of experts make considerable investments that improve our cloud infrastructure, enhance customer service, and develop a cutting-edge feature set for institutions across the globe to deliver the best LMS experience. Here are some of the main differences between Moodle and Blackboard Open LMS:

Key aspect	Moodle	Blackboard Open LMS
<b>User experience</b>	The new Boost theme, that provides a very familiar experience in a Moodle environment.	Optimized user experience using Snap, using a clean and modern design with focus on the content.
<b>Processes and scalability</b>	There are some challenges when considering the scalability of a self-hosted Moodle instance, including additional costs for monitoring, implementation, long testing processes and plugin compatibility.	Almost instant scalability, that includes 24x7 monitoring, disaster recovery plans, quality control for newer versions of Moodle and bug fixing at no additional cost.
<b>Track and predict success</b>	Moodle reports can provide insights on the performance	Using Blackboard Open LMS Reports, administrators can

	of the course, while administrators and apply learning analytics using third-party plugins.	have an overall view of the performance of the courses. Additionally, with X-Ray Learning Analytics, instructors can perform predictive analysis and assess risk in order to act early on their courses and boost student engagement. IntelliBoard also provides a robust reporting solution for administrators and instructors, giving them access to over 60+ reports and analytics.
<b>Integration with the IT ecosystem</b>	Moodle can be integrated with the suite of Blackboard Solutions to get all the benefits that X-Ray Learning Analytics, Ally and Collaborate have to offer.	Blackboard Open LMS integrates much easier with the suite of solutions that Blackboard offers, including X-Ray Learning Analytics, Ally and Collaborate.
<b>Hosting and service orientation</b>	Moodle is “free like a puppy”. Although you can download it for free and host it on your own servers, you’ll need to consider several hidden costs such as: , staff, security, SIS integration infrastructure ns, etc.	Blackboard Open LMS operates as a SaaS-based solution, meaning that we take care of the infrastructure, security, support, and monitoring, so institutions and organizations can focus on delivering great learning experiences for their learners.