Old Task, New Tools: Effective Grading with the LMS

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Common grading headaches...

- Difficulties in answering the student question “how am I doing in the class?”
- Claims from students that they handed in an assignment that you never received.
- Disagreement about what the student earned for particular assignments.
- Disagreement about final grade and its calculation.
Common grading headaches...

- Students who don’t seem to realize they have fallen catastrophically behind on work.
- Students who are surprised when they fail the class.
- Students who drift off from otherwise exemplary work.
Common grading headaches...

- Frustration with having to program an Excel Spreadsheet for each class, dealing with grade exceptions.

- Overwhelming task of calculating grades at the end.
Common grading challenges...

- How can I keep on top of the task of grading?
- How do I give my students feedback on their work?
- How can I streamline the assignment submission process?
- How do I report final grades to students?
Entering everyday grades into the LMS

The Old Ways:
Entering everyday grades into the LMS

- Participation grades
- Quiz and exam grades
- Other activities and in-class assignments
Grading proposals, papers, and projects:

The Old Way:
Going electronic with assignment submission

- **Student text**
- **Student digital files**
- **Other graded activities...**
Calculating student grades

The Old Way:

Excused from class
Making LMS do the grading for you...

- What is each item worth?
- Categorizing graded items
- Weighting categories
- Calculating total scores
- Assigning letter grades
Making LMS do the grading for you...

• What students see...
Making LMS do the grading for you...

- What about security and backing up?
Costs of using the LMS to grade...

**Time:**
- Setting up LMS assignments
- Adding student grades weekly

**Transparency:**
- Students see their grade
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