Old Task, New Tools: Effective Grading with the LMS

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Common grading headaches...

- *Difficulties in answer 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.*
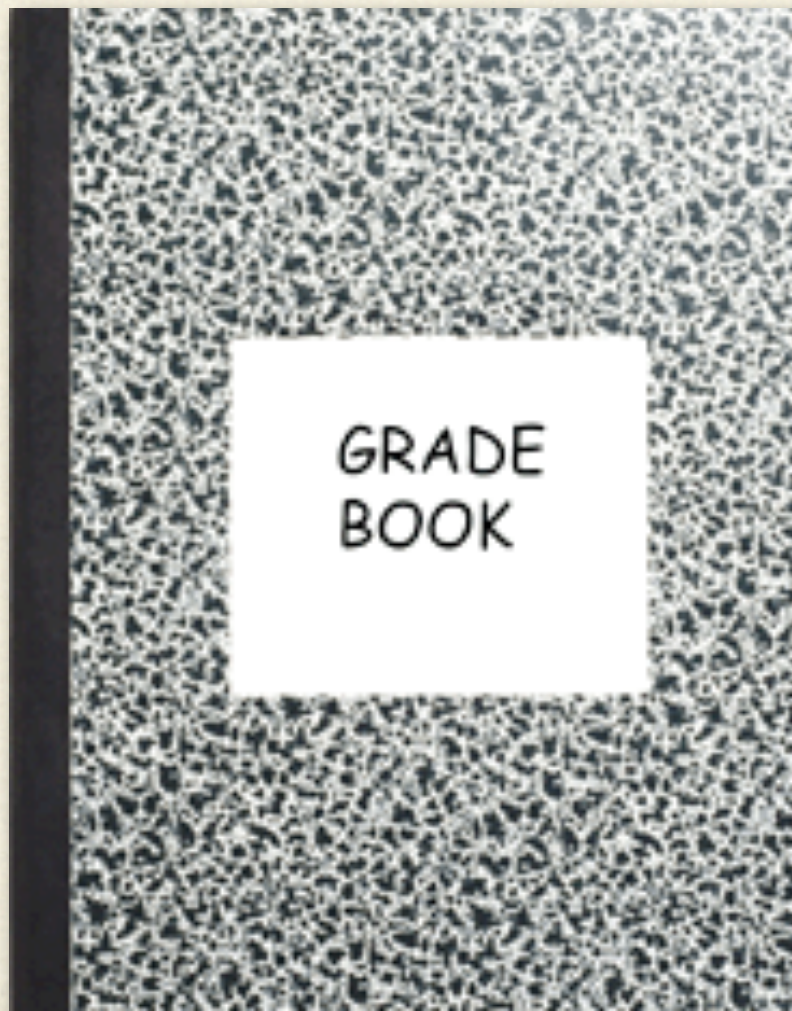
Common grading headaches...

- *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*

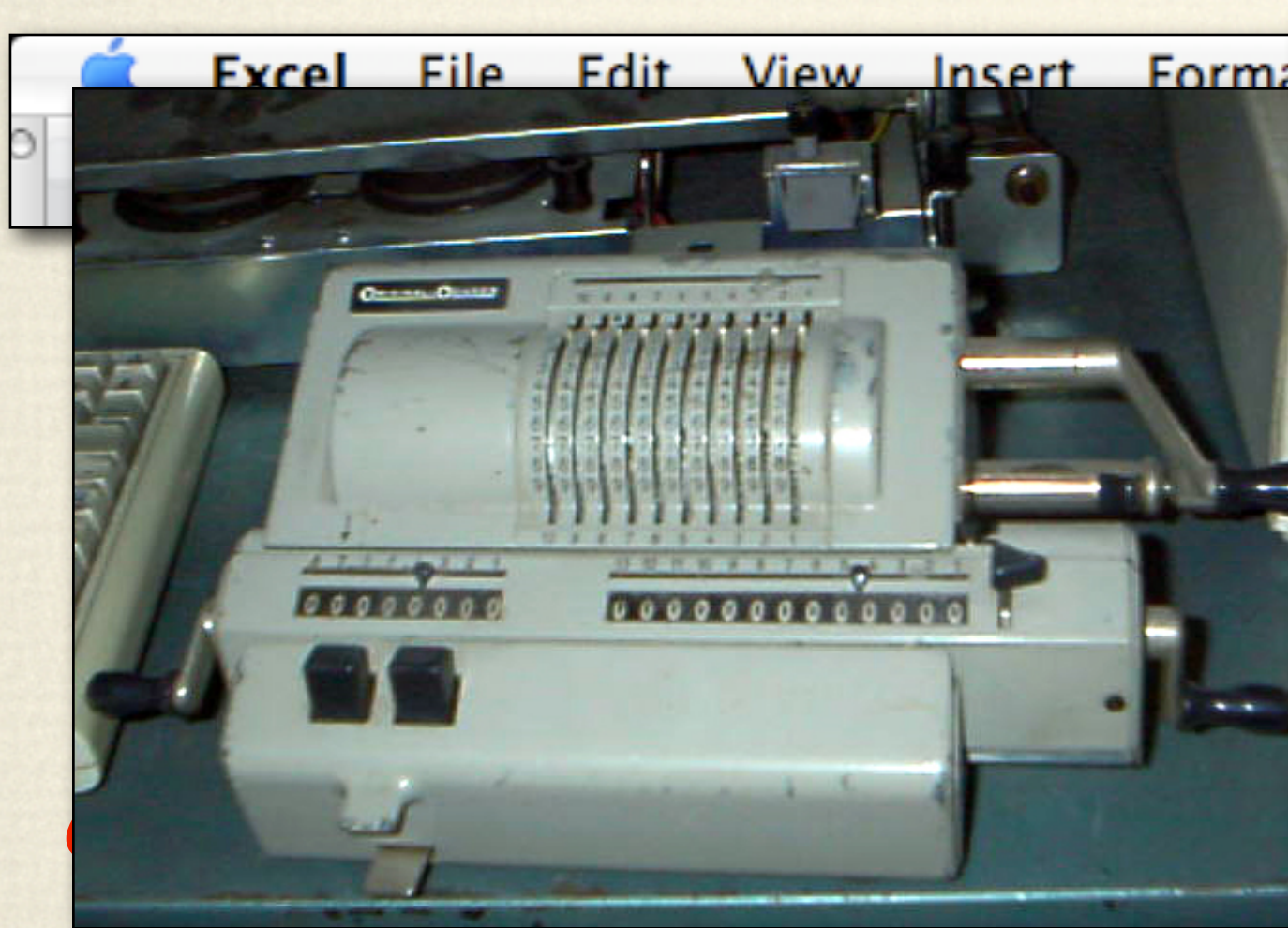# *Grading proposals, papers, and projects:*

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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