BEST LMS HACKS

What ELSE can you do with a course shell—besides teach a course?

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Overview

- Repurpose Course Shells
- Internal Logistics and Partnerships
  - Sustaining the Effort
- Create Your Own Hub Templates
  - Communications Hub
  - Advising Hub
  - Open Discussion
What was Repurposed?
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Communication Hubs
Communication Hubs (Comm Hubs)

• What?
• Why?
  • Promote internal communication
• Target Audience: faculty & staff only

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Communication Hub: Demo
Hack Challenge #1: Comm Hub

- Faculty Research Hub

- Goals:
  - Grants, resources
  - Faculty share research ideas/collaborate
  - Culture of research

- Parameters: faculty-focused
First Step:

Select 4 sections for the homepage of your Faculty Research Hub.
Second Step: Build content subcategories for your Faculty Research Hub.
Faculty Research Hub Project: Get Started

STEP ONE

- Tenure and Promotion Requirements
- Collaborate and Connect
- Grants and Forms
- IRB Boards (FAQs)

List 2 to 4 Major Categories

Need a way to factor the or gift?

What are some subcategories?

what are important resources and tools that can be linked?

STEP TWO

- Tenure & Promotion
- Requirements

- Collaborate & Connect
- Sub
- Webinars

- Grants & Forms
- Grant Info
- Forms

- IRB (FAQs)
- IRB
- FAQs

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Advising Hubs
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• What?
• Why?
  • Advise students + promote student success
• Target audience: students

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Advising Hub: Demo
Hack Challenge #2: Advising Hub

Advising Hub (Student Hub)

• Choose your own target audience
  • e.g., Department or program
  • Or international students, At-risk students, etc.

• Parameters: student-focused
Step #1: Build Homepage

First Step:

Select 4 sections for the homepage of your Advising Hub.
Second Step:
Build your subcategories for your Advising hub.
Training Hubs
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- What?
- Why?
  - Training
- Target audience: varies

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Training Hubs: Demo

Library Readiness Mini-Course

- Welcome (Start Here)
- Articles
- Research & Academic Integrity
- Get Help
- Books
- Go to Library
- TAKE QUIZ

Advisor Hub

- Welcome
- Registration & Student Planning
- Forms & Policies
- Get Advising Help
- Advising Special Populations
- Professional Development
- Program-Level Advising
- Take Quiz
- Discussions & Feedback

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Hack #3: Training Hubs

Time to share – brainstorm – plan!

Do you have an innovative way you have used the LMS at your institution?

- or -

Do you have an innovative idea about how you might use the LMS at your institution? What will you create? What will you include?

Now it’s your turn!
More Tips...
Why Not Just Do a Website?

• Familiarity with learning system
• Ease of access
• Faculty and staff can build & control—no permissions needed
• Easy for faculty & staff to maintain—no HTML skills required

• FUNCTIONS that websites lack:
  • Announcements
  • Discussions
  • Crowdsourcing
  • Quizzes
Building Tips

- Fewest clicks
- Self-updating links
- Give them a Home key and menu
- Keep it simple (not too many tabs)
- Build with revisions in mind
WHO builds these?

- Sometimes it’s 100% faculty or staff
- But usually it’s a partnership…
  - Instructional Design
  - Educational Technology
  - Information Technology
Challenges and Limitations

• How to add students
  • Partner w/ Instructional Design & Ed Tech
• Scalability
• Maintenance
• Getting target audience to use it
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Session Resources

- Best LMS Hacks TOOLKIT
  - Video tours of each hub
  - Session PowerPoint
  - List of Hub content areas

https://tinyurl.com/OLCBestLMSHacksToolbox
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