Moodelrooms Joule Demo Days

This document contains a collection of questions asked during the two day demos. The time stamp is the approximate time the question was asked. Some answers have content added to them that was said at at different time.

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Q: Is Joule a hosted solution? (20:05)
A: Yes, it is a hosted SAS model.

Q: What does Joule offer for a mobile LMS? (21:00)
A: There is a mobile theme for the site, you just need a mobile device with a web browser. You are given a full featured device but with limits of the device you are viewing the site on. It also works with Blackboard mobile.

Q: Can Joule Social content be sent out to external social sites like Facebook? (32:50)
A: It can not, Joule Social is a self contained environment.

Q: Is there a way to control group members in a group in Joule Social? (34:50)
A: Yes, you can have the group be invite only.

Q: Are there problems with playing different types of videos? (38:20)
A: The videos are played back with whatever

Q: Is there a limit to the webcam videos? (39:25)
A: They can be set from the admin level.

Q: In Joule what text file types display inline? (39:50)
A: Right now PDFs display inline and we are finalizing Word.

Q: Does Joule support LTI? (1:04:00)
A: Yes.

Q: Can you speak to publisher relationships with Joule? (1:04:35)
A: It does vary from publisher to publisher. We do support common cartridge and LTI, so depending the format they give you they can be imported. We are working to leverage the relationships Blackboard has established to get the same content into Joule.

Q: Who can 'lock' things down in Joule? Is it the administrator of the system or the instructor? (1:24:25)
A: Both. From the system level the administrator has the final say over all roles, they can lock down anything for all roles created. The instructor has the ability to lock down things in their courses.

Q: Is there a size limit in the file repository? (1:27:50)
A: The administrator can set a limit for various roles.

Q: Can you have multiple rubric per course? (1:38:55)
A: Yes, you have have one for each assignment or for for your entire course. It is completely up to the instructor how they use the course.

Q: Are rubrics sharable? (1:39:15)
A: You can export and share them. We are working on way to share without having to export.

Q: What type of outcomes can be used? (1:39:50)
A: THere are two types of outcomes, one is sitewide which is applied to all programs across campus and the other is course specific. The course specific ones are controlled by the instructor of the course.

Q: What types of outcomes can be imported? (1:40:20)
A: You can import outcomes from anywhere as long as the files is XML or CSV. Those file types work best.

Q: Is there an interactive calendar that collects the due dates? (1:42:00)
A: Yes, all the due dates for the assignments and access dates will be automatically put on the student's calendar in Joule. Assignments in the future will not appear if date restrictions on them. Assignments that are visible with restriction information will appear but not be accessible by the student. The administrator can also put global events that will show to everyone.

Q: What is the completion date? (1:44:00)
A: It is a target date, it is like saying 'If you haven't completed the assignment by this date you are probably behind'. It ties in with the progress of the course, it is easy to tell how quickly or slowly a student is progressing through a course.

Q: When you create a discussion board there is a lot of functionality. Is there a simple view the just shows what is required? (1:44:40)
A: All of the forums will default with settings that will just create the content and set it up. The only thing you need to fill out is the name and intro.

Q: Is there a way to save without have to scroll all the way down? (1:45:00)
A: You will need to scroll down to save.

Q: When a course copy is done all of it course copies over including dates? (1:45:35)
A: If you copy through Conduit it will project the dates and project dates for the assignment the assignments based on the start and end dates of the course. If you manually backing up and restoring the course and change the start and end dates.

Q: If you have multiple sections of the same course can you copy the rules in the Personalised Learning Designer to all the sections? (1:54:20)
A: Yes, you can do it through a master course or copy across courses. The administrator can also create rules and make them available to all instructors. The instructor has the option to turn on the rules.

Q: Does the email that is sent to the student contain the complete message or just a notification telling the student they need to go to Joule to view the message? (1:56:15)
A: It is the complete message.

Q: Is there a way to see who received what messages when? (1:57:45)
A: It will not track who received a message. A log is kept showing what notifications based on what rule students received and when.

Q: Is there a way in the grade book to give every student a certain grade? (2:03:10)
A: Yes, you give all students any grade you want for a specific column.

Q: When sending email through the grade book is there a record of the message being sent? (2:05:10)
A: Your messages show all the communication you have sent.

Q: If you have a large course how does the grade book sort them? (2:12:25)
A: The Joule grade book list all the participants. With the Joule Grader you can pick and choose what students you want to see.

Q: Will the student list be in a container with in the page that you have to scroll or will the page be extended to accommodate the students? (2:13:05)
A: It will extend and scroll your browser window.

Q: Do students lose access to a course after the semester ends? (2:18:015)
A: You can change a course to a read only archive. Students can read the content but not make changes.

Q: Do instructors have the option to archive a course for themselves? (2:19:05)
A: Yes, instructions can gray out or hide courses so they do not get in the way of current courses.

Q: Is there a way to identify courses from a particular semester? (2:19:30)
A: Yes, you can do by the naming convention you use for courses.

Q: Is there a read only student role? (2:20:00)
A: Yes, you can create as many roles as you want with whatever permissions you set.

Q: Why does the student view not have the same tools as the instructor? (2:21:40)
A: You can set what roles have what features by default or make tools optional. You can also not allow a role to have access to a tool.

Q: What type of eportfolio does Joule have? (2:23:00)
A: There is integration with Mahara, an open source eportfolio, that will allow for single sign on.

There is no additional charge for this software.

Q: How does a student view feedback? (2:26:25)
A: Students can view the grade, the rubric and feedback for an assignment by clicking on the name of the assignment in their version of the grade book.

Q: What control do instructors have over the color and theme of a course? (2:27:45)
A: You can completely theme the site overall and create multiple themes for categories of courses.

Q: Does Moodelrooms support CAS authentication? (2:28:40)
A: Yes, the group who runs it on the institution side will work with us and there may be additional costs for configuration.

Q: Is there a way for students to see their grades for all their courses at one time? (2:31:46)
A: Not currently.

Q: Do you allow SCORM modules to edit the grade book? (2:37:00)
A: Yes, but if you have multiple assignments in a SCORM module it will just give the raw grade.

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Q: Do you have any integration with clickers? (47:45)
A: Not at this time but that is something we are working towards.

Q: Are notifications settings across all courses or can you change them per course? (57:25)
A: They are across all courses.

Q: What is an individual wiki? Can you share it with other students at a later time? (1:37:18)
A: This is a wiki between a single student and instructor. The settings can be changed to allow other student to view the wiki.

Q: Is it possible to have a group wiki that is only viewable by that group but once they are done allow other groups to view the wiki? (1:37:30)
A: Yes, you can have visible groups. The students can see see the other groups content but not be able to edit.

Q: Can you make the first page of the wiki the table of contents and link to the other pages? (1:29:20)
A: The map tab is the built in table of contents location. All of the wiki pages have a unique link so it is possible to create a table of contents page.

Q: Do you peer review or peer grading? (1:06:40)
A: Yes, you can allow in certain areas and have the option for the peer grades to be the grade of give the instructor final say to the grades.