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New MOODLE Websites for the 2022-2023 Academic Year

In light of the significant increase in online teaching activities at the Technion, the Center for the Promotion of Learning and Teaching is leading a change in how we utilize the Moodle system. Starting the upcoming academic year (2022-2023), new websites will be created for courses being taught during that year. Course websites from previous academic years will continue to be available even after the end of the academic year, and all content and data stored in them will be saved. Users will be able to move between the websites of different academic years and the teaching staff will have the option to easily copy content between sites.

The course websites for the 2022-2023 academic year will be available for the teaching staff to access starting Monday, September 12, 2022. The new websites will be empty, and accessible only to the teaching staff and students of that year, in accordance with placement and registration. A separate message, with detailed instructions and explanations for preparing these websites will be sent to the teaching staff soon. The course websites for the 2021-2022 academic year (including summer courses) will be available to accessed through the navigation bar, under the heading "Other Years."

There are many advantages to having a separate course website for each academic year.

For teaching staff:

- Prepare course websites for the upcoming year, without affecting previous years' websites
- No need to clear and reset the sites for the upcoming year
- Access to all courses that the lecturer taught in previous years
- Ability to save different versions of the course website, including those that utilize various learning and teaching methods (in-person, online, hybrid...)
- Easily copy content across the different websites owned by the same teacher
- Access to student data (grades, submissions, discussions, etc.) from previous years
- Prevents contradictions between the content provided by different lecturers (for example, different lecturers who teach the same course in different years)

For students:

- Access all study materials in courses taken during previous years
- Ability to view submissions, grades, and activity history over the years
- Clear separation between websites of different academic years
- Access only to relevant websites

We are aware that difficulties may arise in the first few weeks and that malfunctions may occur. We apologize in advance for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience and understanding. If you encounter a problem, malfunction or something that is unclear, or if you would like to share feedback/comments, please send us a message at moodle-support@listserv.technion.ac.il, and we will address the matter as quickly as possible.

We wish you a successful semester and a Shana Tova,
Dr. Olga Chuntanov, Head of the Center for the Promotion of Learning and Teaching