

E-Learning ZHAW

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New Features Moodle 2.3/2.4

- All users can set order and number of courses displayed on MyMoodle
- General file handling for users. Most important drag and drop (does not work on IE 8 and 9) (2.3) → we will give a recommendation to use FF (works on every OS, the browser with the least problems with Moodle)
- Assignment:
 - New type (2.3)
 - Group assignments (2.4)
 - Blind marking of participants (2.4)
 - Submission date extensions - Teachers can set a cut-off date (and time) beyond which submissions will no longer be accepted. They can also grant extensions for those who miss the deadline (2.4)
 - Submission statement (plagiarism)

New Features Moodle 2.3/2.4

- Book in the core (2.3)
- an number of small details on the surface (2.3 and 2.4)
 - Edit the name of any activity or resource directly on the course page without entering the settings (2.3)
 - New icons (as SVG/vector graphics) (2.4)
 - Tiny MCE can be better customized (turn off formula editor which needs Java)
- Integration of external calendars possible (2.4)
- Moodle now extracts most Zip archives with Unicode file names (however not Windows-zipped files...)
- improved Performance (2.2 and 2.4 are comparable on our test-environments, as we invested a lot in performance for 2.2) (2.4)
- Easy plugin update via web-GUI (2.4)

Experiences so far with Moodle 2.4

- Update on the test environment went quick and well (less than 1 hour)
 - Very few problems reported by test users
 - Some problems with plugins that use YUI2
 - Some problems with updating assignments from the 2.2-format
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- Another test update will take place in May/June
 - We will update to Moodle 2.4 this summer
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- Aufgabenbörse-Anbindung fall 2013
 - SWITCHcast-Plugin fall 2013 (?)
 - Evento-Moodle spring 2014

New features Moodle 2.5 (upcoming in May)

- Shorter forms (a number of options are collapsed by default)
- Text editor can be collapsed
- Integration of badges → compatible with Mozilla Open Badges
- Document display in folder can be chosen
- A number of improvements in the assignment (neater options/feedback types, resubmitting options)
- Drag and drop media on course page
- Word count in forum posts
- ...
- Responsive templates now included
- Install add-ons via GUI

Follow up last meeting

- *Usability: A number of improvements in 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 → I hope more can be expected*
- *Long term support: <https://moodle.org/mod/forum/discuss.php?d=223086> and message Thomas → Maybe 2.6? → no clear message yet. Please stress the subject in the forum (or should I create a bugtracker entry)?*
- *Responsive template (ZHAW): is now available as „simple“ on moodle.org (https://moodle.org/plugins/view.php?plugin=theme_simple)*