**A DOODLE WITH MOODLE**

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**Moodle** (*Modular Object-Oriented Dynamic Learning Environment*) is a free, open source Course Management System currently used by more than 50,000 institutions in over 200 countries and in 75 languages. Many Australian universities have already adopted Moodle, and many more are in the process of evaluating this feature rich learning platform. Australian universities using Moodle include ANU, University of Canberra, UniSA, University of Southern Queensland, Central Queensland University, and Moodle is scheduled for release next year in La Trobe University, University of Ballarat, and University of New England. The largest vocational training institute in the ACT, Canberra Institute of Technology, also uses Moodle.

In this presentation, I aim to introduce some of the dynamic features of Moodle as a learning tool; its ease of use, and also to explore some of the ways technical staff can use the power of Moodle to enhance laboratory teaching and safety. I hope this presentation will sow some seeds of interest and generate discussion on further possible uses of Moodle by university technical staff e.g. could we run TechNet on Moodle? Can we use Moodle to establish an online ‘one stop shop’ for the exclusive use of all university technical staff where resources can be shared, and ideas disseminated? – Come along and find out.