ISP 1600 for Fall 2005
Web.Edu: How Internet Courses Work

Second meeting
September 17, 2005
http://www.is.wayne.edu/drbowen/WebEduF05
Class names

• Initial the signin sheet
• Review of names
• Pictures (not a requirement but you may not like the alternative, will be repeated for next two weeks)
Course web site

• Start a web browser (Internet Explorer, Netscape, Mozilla, Firefox, AOL, Opera, plus about fifty others)

• Go to (type into the input line at the top)
  http://www.is.wayne.edu/drbowen/WebEduF05

• The course web site is the central place for an online course
  o The URL or web address is what you need to find if you register for an online course
Course web site (cont’d)

• This course web site:
  o Instructor contact information
  o Syllabus, notes for each class
  o Interactive:
    • Moodle (Course Management System like BlackBoard) – notice the two links
    • Example Schedule (more later)
    • Web Hub (more later)
  o Useful links and Other information
Moodle

- Can you get your email from the computers here, using a web browser?
  - If not, will only be able to go so far tonight, will have to finish another day
- Click on “Moodle” link
- Scroll to bottom, click on “Login”
- First time use right side, *left side afterwards* (or the direct link, even faster)
Moodle (cont’d)

• Click on “Create Account”
• Fill in form
  o Email address must be a working one
  o Surname = last name or family name
• Click “Submit” button at bottom. You can now close this window (click “X” at upper right)
• Now go to your email, look for the message
  o Title: “CULMA Open Learning Forums: account confirmation”
  o From Bill Warters (SysAdmin)
  o Click on the link in it
Moodle (cont’d)

• Maximize this window (click on square box in upper right)
• Click on Courses
  o Links in Moodle are sea-blue, not underlined
• Enroll in WebEdu
  o Enrolment Key: “webedu”
Moodle

• What is there:
  o Participants (list of class)
  o Online users (class members online now)
  o Chat
  o Edit Profile
  o Forums
    • Introduce yourself! (do this now)
    • Starting out
    • Course discussion – ongoing during the semester
Moodle

• What is there:
  o Study Schedule
  o Recent activity (everyone, since the last time)
  o Under Administration, Activity report (yours)
  o Link back to course web site
  o More coming (grades)
Moodle: Activity Reports

- **Outline**: what you did
- **Complete**: what you read and did
- **Today’s logs**: graph Vs time, today
- **All logs**: graph Vs time, from start
Overview

1. What is in an online course?
   a. Almost always
   b. Sometimes

2. What is different about online courses?
   “Autonomy and Responsibility”
   a. The online discussion is the star
   b. If you start to feel you are out there all alone, and you run into any trouble, then you will probably do badly or drop out
Overview (continued)

3. Technical issues for online students
   a. This is what concerns most students (is my computer good enough, are my Internet skills good enough?) but…
   b. There are a lot of things that might go wrong. Each one is rare.
What can be in an online course?

• Fairly common
  o Textbook. Most of your reading is not online
  o Web site for course
  o Required class meeting(s), especially WSU
    • Hybrid courses
  o Online discussion forum
    • Synchronous (chat - rare) Vs asynchronous
  o Online way to turn work in & get it back
    • Can make you nervous, but actually more secure
What can be in an online course?

• Maybe yes, maybe no
  o Online web tests, reports, forms
  o In-person tests
  o Optional course meetings
  o Student web pages or blogs
  o Online reading
  o Online work groups
  o Online audio and video (multimedia)
What can be in an online course?

• Maybe yes, maybe no (continued)
  o Special software (rare in DIS)
    • Spreadsheet, database
    • Lotus Notes for Business
    • Graphics
  o Guests
  o Assigned outside links
  o PDA use (WSU Medical School)
  o Online evaluation (SET at WSU)
About the Internet

• URL – Universal Resource Locator
  o “web address” for a web page
  o Home page – designed as beginning web page for a site
  HTML – Hypertext Markup Language – how web pages are formatted.
    • Example: <b>Wow!</b> makes Wow! (bold)
  o Web pages are computer files formatted with HTML and having the extension htm or html
  o A web site is a group of related web pages.
About the Internet

• Four ways to get to a web page
  o Type in the URL
  o Click on a text or graphical link
  o History list (only on that computer)
  o Make a favorite (IE) or bookmark (Netscape, Mozilla, Firefox) (only on that computer)
About the Internet

• It’s a jungle out there – more later
  o Don’t use easy passwords
  o Keep antivirus software up to date
  o Scams, phishing, hackers
  o Internet security suite – includes firewall, data safekeeping
  o Don’t click on free offers that are too good to be true
About the Internet

• It’s a jungle out there – more later
  ◦ Don’t open email attachments from someone you don’t know
  ◦ In a lab, log out whenever you can
Online life at WSU

• Check your WSU email (“xxnnnnn@wayne.edu”)

• If you do not use it, forward it to an account you do use
  o Your Instructors expect to be able to reach you, especially for online courses
  o Check the forwarding – send yourself an email to your WSU email address
For next week

• Web Hub?
  o Download it to your desktop – it will remind you, and has all of the links you need.

• In textbook, read Chapter 14

• Remember where we meet next week

• Be ready for photo if you put it off tonight

• One or two posts to “Course discussion”
Done!