

Lernid 0.8.2

Version 0.8.2 introduces changes intended to make it easier to use.

- ◆ Better slide handling
- ◆ Less work when setting up events
- ◆ Smoothed out rough edges and confusing items
- ◆ Beginning to make Lernid more suitable for languages other than English.

Less likely to flub a session because it doesn't understand who is instructing it.

Slide Handling Improvements

- ◆ New [slidefile *url pagenumber*] directive for instructors to use to load slides. Slides don't have to be defined ahead of time in the calendar and multiple file of slides can be used in one session.
- ◆ As long as the classroom is moderated an instructor can use this to load a set of slides, or to change slides
- ◆ Students can save slides or page through them after opening them in their web browser (eg. Firefox), which can then open a pdf viewer like Evince.
- ◆ Slides again load without bogging down Lernid.

Session Scheduling

- ◆ There's no longer an event configuration file, reducing work. Student choices are organized by classroom, instead.
- ◆ Bugs were resolved that sometimes caused Lernid not to recognize instructors.

Rough Edges

- ◆ The 'QUESTION' control near the chatroom and its associated prompts
- ◆ Better matching of instructor and helper names
- ◆ Questions should appear in Italics
- ◆ Classroom names should include the '#' character so they become familiar to our students. No longer use a light text that confused some.
- ◆ The connect dialog should be more responsive
- ◆ No longer necessary to type 'http://' when using the Open URL... function.
- ◆ Desktopcouch and couchdb have sometimes been a problem. This version can bypass these.

Internationalization

- ◆ Lernid now connects to #ubuntu-charlas
- ◆ Added code to check for what to add to the beginning of questions. (Only English and Spanish for now).

Thanks

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