WebMentor LMS v8.1 – New Features

The WebMentor LMS version 8.1 adds a small group of enhancements most requested by customers. Customers of Avilar's hosted learning management service receive the updates automatically as they are deployed on the hosting servers. Licensed customers may contact Avilar Customer Support to arrange for upgrades to their installations.

This document describes the most important new features of this release.

MULTIPLE CERTIFICATES PER COURSE

In prior releases, generating a course completion certificate overwrote any existing certificate, so that only the most recent certificate was available. In version 8.1, prior certificates are now saved and remain available.

Benefit: Students who repeatedly complete the same course as part of periodic recurring training now have access to all past certificates of completion.

"STUDY GROUPS"

Course conferences/forums have been renamed "Study Groups" to reflect current usage.

The Instructor Dashboard now gives instructors access their Organization conference, if one exists, and any study groups for courses to which they are assigned.

Benefit: Instructors may now participate in Organization conferences.

IMPROVE COURSE CATALOG SEARCH

Students may now search the course catalog by course number, or by keywords in course descriptions.

Benefit: Courses are easier to locate based on keywords in their descriptions.

RSS FEEDS

Instructors may include RSS feeds as course links. The RSS feeds appear in the Syllabus screen for the assigned course or courses. Students may view an RSS feed by clicking on the RSS link or icon.

Benefit: Students gain easy access to live course-related news updates.

IMMEDIATE COURSE COMPLETION UPDATES

In prior releases, the LMS ran a batch processing job on a specific schedule (typically at the end of each day) to compute student course completions. In Version 8.1, student course completion is processed

immediately upon successful completion of a course and the results are reflected in the Student Main Menu or Student Dashboard and the Course Virtual Classroom.

Benefit: Students receive immediate feedback about course completion in the Student Main Menu or Student Dashboard and the Course Virtual Classroom, without having to wait until the end of the day.

COURSE RATINGS IN SYLLABUS

 "Course Ratings" are now displayed in the course Syllabus rather than in a separate tab.

Benefit: Student ratings and comments are visible directly from the course Syllabus.

WEB SERVICES API ENHANCEMENTS

WebMentor LMS now supports several new functions that may be invoked by other web-based applications using the Web Services API. See the *WebMentor LMS v8.1 API* document for more information.