

MOARS 0.8.2 Released

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News
MOARS version 0.8.2 was released today. MOARS is the free, open-source Mobile Audience Response System for students to use with iPod Touch, iPhones, and other mobile browsers. Here's an overview of the new features:

Student side: Language Choice

The students now have the option of changing their activity language to a different language, provided that you've installed a new "language pack". We're working on creating a number of new language packs right now, but if you can't find the one you want (look in the [student side language packs](#)

section), you can create your own by opening up the file "en_moars_student.php" from your site's student area, and following the instructions there.

How: Before they log in, there will be a button that they can push.

Surveys: Assign Second Shortcut

If you want students to take the same survey a second time, you can make a second shortcut for the survey.

How: Menu -> List all the surveys -> See full survey. At the top and bottom of the page, there's a "Assign Second Shortcut" button. Click that.

Note: This does not make a new survey. This is just a bit of "magic" due to the database restructuring.

Quizzes and Surveys: Assignment Deadlines

If you want to set homework, you can create a "start" and "end" date and time. Research shows that regularly-spaced practice helps students retain more. Using this page, you can restrict access to a homework assignment so that it is done within a particular window of opportunity. The deadline will only apply to students in the class(es) you've selected.

How: Menu -> Create / See assignment deadlines

Note: This is listed under "quizzes" but it can be used with surveys, too. Under "overview" click "read more" for full instructions.

Third-Party Add-Ons

The new update has made it much easier for third-party programmers to create add-ons for the MOARS system. We're working on the documentation now. Please see [the MOARS Add-On Download Section](#) for

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details.