LAMS Beginners' Workshop

Presenters: Bronwen Dalziel and other presenter (to be advised)

Length of workshop

Half day; 2pm – 5pm; Friday 8 December

Cost

$95 (half day) + 10%GST = $104.50

Venue

The University of Sydney Conservatorium, Macquarie Street. Sydney

Intended audience

This workshop is designed for teachers, instructors and students from any educational context, who have little or no practical experience with LAMS.

Maximum number of participants

16 participants

Workshop description and aims

The overall aim of the workshop is to provide a general overview of what LAMS is. We will also look at how the development of LAMS has evolved and how it is different from (but complementary to) other Learning Management Systems. Results from various trials will also be discussed. There will be a brief introduction to the LAMS Community site and the resources that are offered.

The workshop will be highly practical with participants having ample opportunity to explore the Learner, Monitor and Authoring interfaces in LAMS. There will be a number of ready made sequences available for participants to look at and/or adapt.

Outcomes for participants

During the workshop participants will:

- Examine the place of LAMS in e-learning;
- Examine the integration of LAMS with other Learning Management systems;
- Discuss learning and teaching issues and results from various trials;
- Participate as a learner in an introductory LAMS sequence;
- Author a sequence in LAMS;
- Explore various existing sequences and discuss pedagogical approaches;
- Explore the monitoring environment;
- Evaluate LAMS as a tool for facilitating e-learning.

Prerequisites

Familiarity with using the Internet, and basic computer skills. No prior experience with LAMS is necessary for this workshop.

Workshop Activities	Time
Welcome to LAMS Beginner Workshop Introductions & Workshop content	5 minutes
◘ Brief history of LAMS ◘ Kemnal College Video ◘ Brief introduction to the four interfaces of LAMS: Authoring, Monitoring, Learner and Admin ◘ Questions	20 mins
◘ Experience LAMS as a learner by participating in an introductory sequence ◘ Follow up discussion on the learner experience and LAMS in general. ◘ Look at where LAMS in being used around the world and results from trials ◘ Questions	40 minutes
Brief introduction to the Authoring interface and LAMS tools.	25 minutes
Break	15 minutes

Workshop Activities	Time
◻ An introduction to the LAMS Community and its resources. ◻ Demonstration of how to download sequences and import them to your LAMS server ◻ Continued exploration of the LAMS Authoring environment with time to explore others' sequences	45 minutes
The LAMS Monitoring environment	20 minutes
◻ Future directions ◻ Questions	10 minutes

Presenters

Bronwen Dalziel is an Educational Developer at LAMS International. She has extensive experience using LAMS as a teaching tool, writing over 50 lesson plans in various subjects for students from Year 1 to Year 12 (UK curriculum). Her previous teaching experience includes demonstrating face to face laboratory classes and tutorials in a university environment, as well as tutoring problem based learning (PBL) tutorials for the Graduate Medical Programme at the University of Sydney. Bronwen has a PhD in Medical Biochemistry.

Second presenter to be advised.