

4 ways to use a learning management system, and why they matter

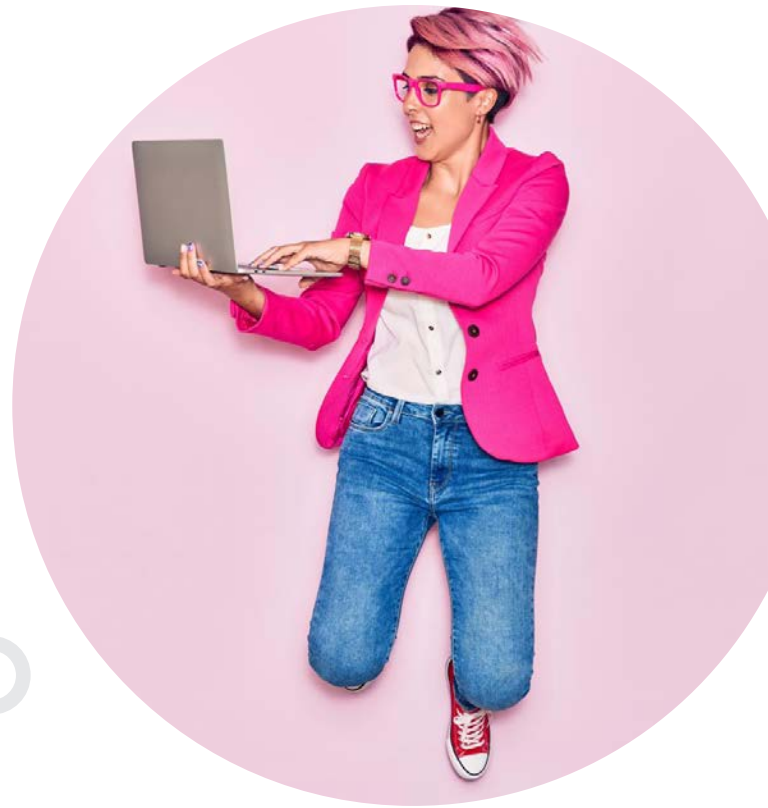
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Welcome to LMS 101

When training and onboarding employees, about 9 in 10 employers offer digital learning opportunities.¹ More often than not, this is made possible by a learning management system (LMS).

Let's dive into LMS essentials and use cases – and why they matter to companies across all industries.



LMS, defined

An LMS is a software solution designed to help organizations source, create and deliver educational content and training programs. This type of application also comes with administration, tracking and reporting capabilities to provide visibility across the company.

Top 5 features to look for



A user-friendly online portal your staff can access from anywhere, on demand.



Pre-loaded courses populated with engaging, multimedia content.



Easy tools for developing custom courses and training paths.



Quizzes, certifications and gamification features to keep participants motivated.



Advanced reporting capabilities for easier tracking.

Keeping remote employees connected

Cloud-based learning management systems have always been helpful for **training offsite employees**. Online training programs are easy to implement from a distance and provide HR with access to consolidated reports and dashboards for improved visibility. A robust LMS keeps track of course completion rates and employee performance, even when workers carry out job responsibilities from home.

Why it matters

With some 88% of companies abruptly switching to a work-from-home model in the spring, this past year has underscored the critical importance of having tools in place to support and sustain a remote workforce.²

As employers have found in the wake of COVID-19, an LMS can make rolling out new safety trainings and company policies faster and more effective. This is especially important as plans and processes change and employers strive to engage much of the workforce from a distance.

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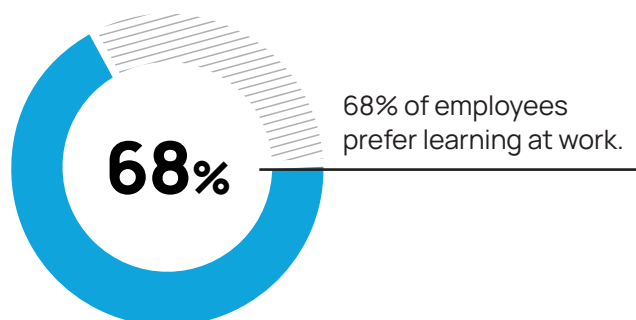
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Onboarding and training new hires

Increasingly, learning and development professionals spend less time offering instructor-led training. Instead, they spend roughly 29% of their time on creating or sourcing educational content and programs for their workforce.³

Using an LMS, administrators can create custom course paths for different roles or departments. With each guided path featuring easily consumable content, new hires can work through important training and onboarding materials at their own pace.



Why it matters

Workplace learning studies have shown that most professionals value the flexibility offered by an LMS. A reported 68% of employees prefer learning at work and 58% prefer learning at their own pace.¹

Whether used for remote or on-site training, an LMS can save a significant amount of time for HR and management while improving the onboarding experience.

Supporting professional development efforts

The value of a learning management system doesn't stop after new hires are fully ramped. Instead, staff members at all seniority levels can continue using an LMS for advanced training and certification courses.

Despite juggling busy workday schedules, more than half of employees (56%) are willing to dedicate more time to learning if a manager steps in and suggests that they take a particular course to improve their skill set.¹

Why it matters

These types of internal professional development programs show an investment in the workforce, which can help boost employee engagement while upgrading skill levels across the company.

LMS use can even promote employee retention: A staggering 94% of employees would stay with a company that supported their career development.¹



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Conducting compliance training

Pre-built or customized courses loaded into an LMS can bring workers up to speed on HR compliance and other important matters. While hours-long training workshops might be a tough sell, easily consumable content issued on a regular basis can keep team members compliant.



Why it matters

Keeping up with changing regulations and training employees on the latest policies are two of the top compliance challenges business leaders face.⁴

An LMS can help companies more easily keep up with changing regulatory environments and maintain good compliance training records.

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