

Course Management Software

Supporting the university's teaching
with technology initiatives

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What are Course Management Systems?

Web-based

Password-protected sites

User-friendly web publishing and class administration

Key Features:

Integration with other university systems

Communication tools

Teaching tools

Customizable interfaces

Integration with 3rd party applications



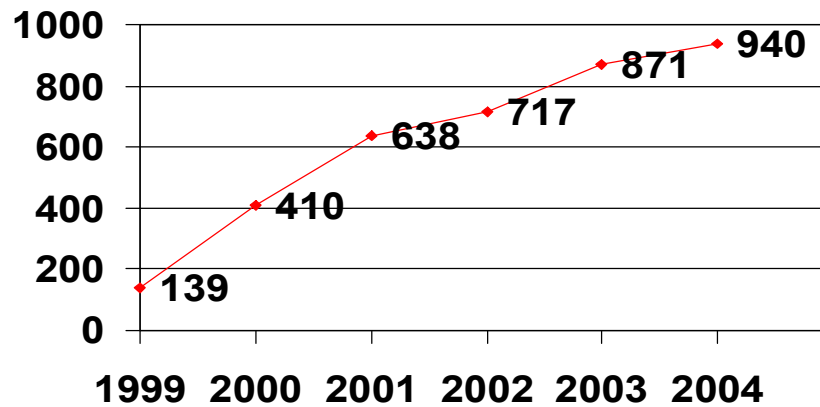
Key Advantages:

Convenience

Automation

New teaching opportunities

**Number of active fall quarter
course sites at Northwestern**





Key Players

WebCT

\$125 million
>2000 clients

Blackboard

\$77 million
12 million users worldwide
>2000 clients

Sakai

\$6.8 million, Andrew Mellon Foundation grant
Released first software version June 2004



Northwestern's Implementation

Technical:

Integration with student registration, content management, library software
Integration with several 3rd party applications

Support:

2 FTE's for 900 course sites/10,000 users

Services:

2East

Digital Media Services

Ereserve



<http://courses.northwestern.edu>



Library and CMS Integration

Content

Seamless navigation, addition of library content within CMS
Class/department subject sources automatically provided

Personnel

Ask a Librarian-access to an online reference service for students

Training

Standardized training modules for library staff training
Information literacy modules for students



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Relevant Northwestern websites

<http://course-management.northwestern.edu>

<http://2east.northwestern.edu>