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Final project: Moodle Course (25 points)
http://moodle521.occ.utk.edu/course/view.php?id=273

I wasn't going to do a Moodle project originally, but after playing around with it some, I was intrigued by it. I'm not a teacher, so I decided to make up a course based on my interest in baseball. I came up with many topics and possible resources I could use, but narrowed them down to twelve "weeks." I chose to use the "topics" format in Moodle since it looked different than our 521 site.

I explored and implemented most of the features: Course Summary, Random Glossary Entry, RSS Feeds, as well as Assignment, Chat, Choice, Forum, Glossary, Lesson, Quiz, and Workshop.

Problems I encountered:
- Moodle works better in FireFox. When I try to relocate/move a resource or activity in IE, it gives me an error message about the script causing Explorer to run slowly.
- Whenever I delete a resource or activity, it gives me the proper pop-up window and it appears to get deleted, but then it reappears when I come back to the page. I used the hide feature, but the activity can still be seen grayed-out.
- I could figure out how to change the color on the section headings by "forcing the theme," but couldn't see how to change the background in each week/topic box.
- Moodle would often not let me enable the "open in a new window" option at the same time that I originally created the resource/activity. I have had to go back and edit it again. Might be an IE quirk.
- I tried to set up a Workshop in Session 3, but it doesn't look right.
- In the Glossary, I had to edit some of my initial keywords and categories because it highlighted too many words and partial words throughout the entire site.

I have spent a lot of time on this Moodle course (and it was fun), but I can (and probably will anyway) add more things to it this weekend if it is not enough for 25 points as it stands.