

Advantages of badging outside the LMS

Feature/Aspect	Internal Moodle / Totara LMS plug-in	External OBF plug-in
System Control	Teachers can create/issue badges on the fly, then abandon them. No global picture of institution badges.	Centralized badge creation by designated badge creators; distributed badge issuing via API. Centralized tracking of all badges.
Access to badges	Difficult to copy badges, access same badges from different courses	Same badges accessible from different courses
Reports	No comprehensive reports – examine each badge	Detailed global reports
Record management	Badge records are vulnerable to course deletion, system upgrades	Centralized, secure badge records
Badge Criteria	Moodle / Totara LMS statement only	Complete editing control
Adding Evidence	No way to add evidence	Option to add evidence
Badge applications	By assignment completion only	Fully customizable form
Badge claiming	Inside Moodle / Totara LMS only	Inside or outside Moodle
Milestone badges	No	Yes – stack small badges into bigger ones
Mahoodle	Issue in Moodle / Totara LMS only	Issue in Moodle / Totara LMS and/or Mahara

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“Small pieces, loosely joined”

