Advantages of badging outside the LMS

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

“Small pieces, loosely joined”

Global Badge Community
Issuers, earners

Modular.
Flexible.
Interoperable.

Open Badge Factory
Create, Issue, Manage badges

Mozilla Backpack
Store, Share badges

Mahara eP Plug-in
Issue badges

Moodle Plug-in
Issue badges

Other possible plug-ins
- eLearning Platforms
- ePortfolio Platforms
- WordPress, Drupal (CMS)
- Community Platforms
- SAP, Oracle (ERP/HRIS)

Badge Passport
Store, Share, Connect badges

Issuer Groups

Earner Passports

Open APIs

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