

# Using Digital Badges in Monitoring and Students Engagement

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# **Outline of Talk**

- The Context: Engineering and the Law
- The Problem: Engaging and monitoring 500+ Students
- The Research: Digital Badges
- The Design of a Solution: Digital Badges in Moodle
- The Results: Student Feedback
- Other Challenges and the future of this work



#### The Context: Engineering and the Law

The Learning Outcomes: On Completion of this course students will be able to

#### **Ethics**

describe ethical principles and analyse case studies from real engineers' experiences, that reflect the relevance of ethics in engineering practice.

#### Product Development and Entrepreneurship

appraise and apply product development lifecycle techniques to the specification of innovative sustainable engineering products and/or services.

#### **Business Law**

understand and apply legal principles to resolve identified issues from contractual agreements and wrong doing resulting from the relationship between rights and responsibilities, presenting arguable conclusions.

#### **Branding & Marketing**

recognise and apply strategies for business to business and business to consumer marketing market development using complex market channels.



## The Context (II): Engineering and the Law

#### **Ethics**

Ethical Principles / Business Ethics / Engineering Ethics / Corporate Social Responsibility.

#### Product Development and Entrepreneurship

Requirements Engineering / Product Lifecycle / Design for Sustainability / Innovations & Inventions/ 5<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution.

#### **Business Law**

Contract / Tort (Product Liability) / Employment / Regulations/ Standards / Intellectual Property / Health and Safety.

#### Branding & Marketing

B2B / B2C / Marketing Strategies / Marketing Channels / Market Share.



# **Student & Course Profile**

Glasgow College UESTC Students

 Year 3 of a 4 Year Scottish BEng (Hons) Degree in Electrical and Electronic Engineering with Communications Engineering / Information Engineering

Dual Award UESTC / University of Glasgow

IET Accredited qualification under AHEP v3.0



# **Student & Course Profile (2)**

 15 credits of study / 32 Hours of Tutor contact / Rt-Online Delivery via Zoom

2 Blocks of 45min per week of tutor contact.

Student support via email and Moodle discussion groups



# **Student & Course Profile (2)**

25% Coursework Assessment / 75 % End of Course Examination

 Each LO Delivered by Subject Specialist &/or Generalist Engineer.

504 Student Population

• 14 Teaching Assistants (Std/TA = 36)

# The Problem: Engaging and monitoring 500+ Students

- Identify learning progress with 500+ students.
- Motivate learners to engage in positive learning behaviours.
- Time management.
- Learning pathways and perspective of achievement of learning outcomes.
- Learning in a focused and byte size manner.
- Reward learning and achievement.



 Provide a clearer view of student learning in addition to traditional grades.

 Proving students have mastered a certain topic and are now ready for a more advanced topic.

Representation of Achievement.



• Students may be exempt from other skill tests or requirements.

Badges unlock privileges through a prerequisite.

Badges give students credibility with employers.



Portable learner records.

Stackable learning Pathways.

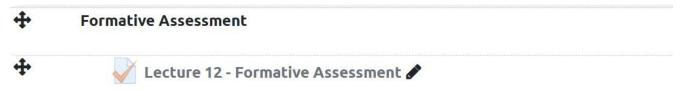
Skills aligned.

 World's Growing Digital Credential Network (over 25000 Organisations / 160 countries)



## The Solution: Content Dependencies

 Content dependencies ensure students complete their learning journey as pedagogically planned.



#### Restricted Not available unless:

- The activity Lesson 12 Health and Safety is marked complete
- The activity Lecture 12 Recording is marked complete
- The activity Kinds of Accident is marked complete
- The activity Electrical Safety and You is marked complete



## **Content Locking and Success**

 Success in Formative Assessment unlocks content and creates expectation and surprise.





#### **Learner checklists**

 Weekly checklist guide and remind learner to engage with the study of engineering and the law course.

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#### Timing as a criteria for badge award

 Timing is used to ensure continuous learning on a weekly basis and building knowledge foundations to advance through the learning outcomes.



Even driven criteria for the award of the badge.



# **Learner Monitoring using Digital Badges**

Where students are spending the most time on the course.

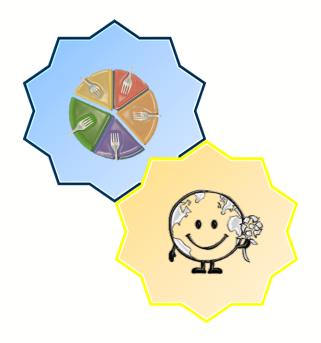
What links they are clicking on and what interests them the most.

 How long they are staying on each lesson and where they lose interest and leave.



## **Rewards and Learning Pathway**

Weekly Learning Objectives





**End of ILO Section** 

**End of Course** 





#### **Weekly Monitoring and Engagement**

Badges linked with the <u>learning objectives</u> of a weekly lesson.



Lecture 8 Badge

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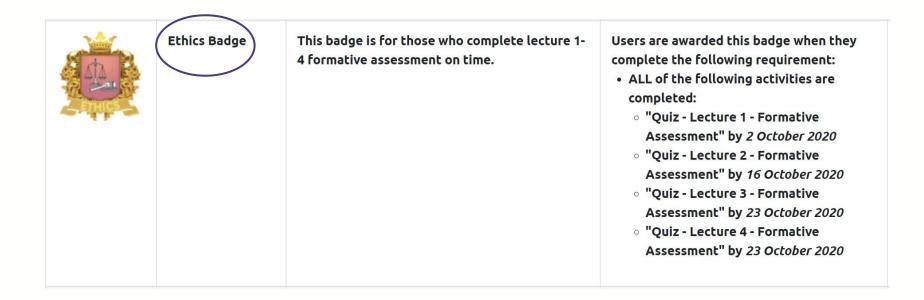
Users are awarded this badge when they complete the following requirement:

- The following activity has to be completed:
  - "Quiz Lecture 8 Formative Assessment" by 21 November 2020



#### **Learning Outcomes Monitoring**

 A Learning Outcomes associated badge links with a competency.





# **External Backpacks for Portability**

 The external backpack that students can connect to from your institution website.

https://eu.badgr.com/backpack/badges

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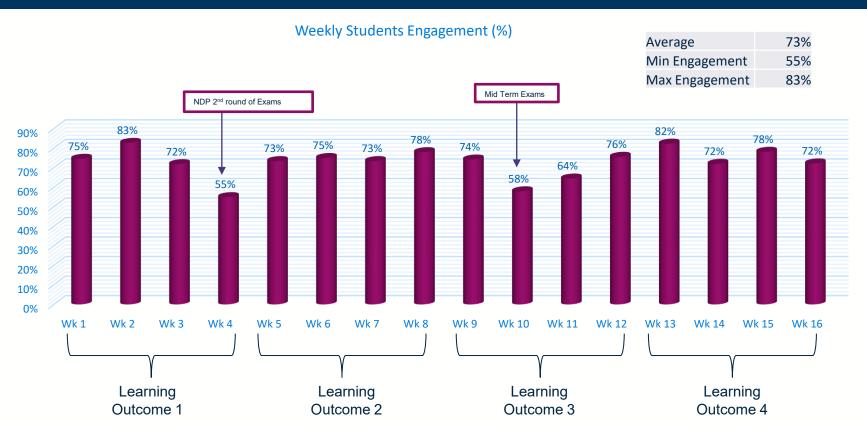
# **External Bagpacks for Portability (2)**

- Students can connect to an external backpack and share their badges from your course. (Must be enabled on your institution Moodle settings)
- Students may also choose to display any public badge collections from their external backpack on their profile page.





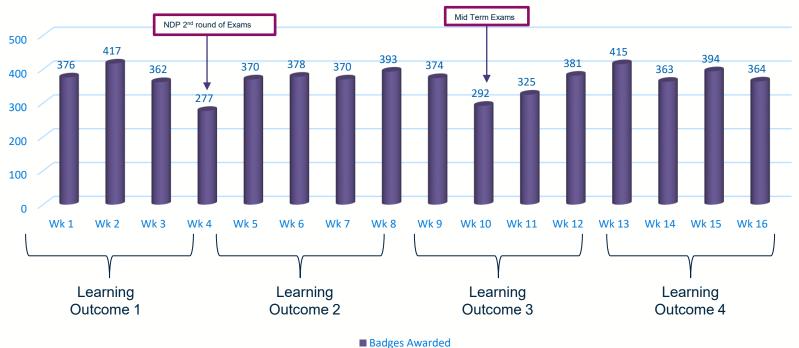
# Weekly Students Engagement %





# **Student Numbers Engagement**

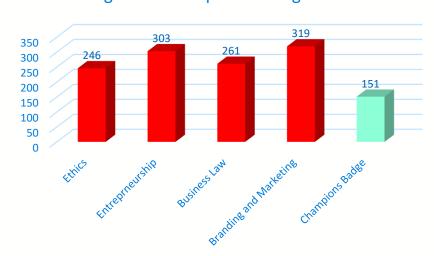
Number of Badges awarded every week out of a total student population of 504



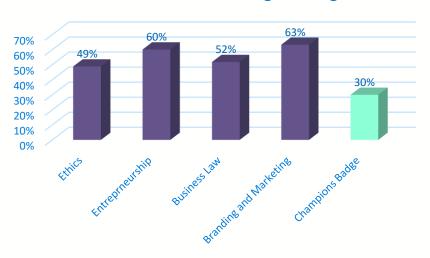


## **Engagement with Learning Outcomes (# & %)**

#### Badges Awarded per Learning Outcome



#### % of Students Obtaining LO Badge



## **Student Feedback**

- "Enjoyable and easy to follow"
- "I can share my badges on the social networks"
- "I learnt how to be UpToDate with my studies"
- "I enjoyed the collection of badges and I have them all"
- "There is a lot ot take in in this course but the learner lask list allowed me to know exactly what I had to do every week"



## **Other Challenges – Looking into the Future**

Designing Customised lesson Plans (Supported in Moodle)

• Linkages to Engineering Competencies.

Currency and acceptance.

