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Implementation

- Opted for in-house development and support
- Started the pilot in January 2009
- Used for administrative tasks & committees
- First course:
LIB 120: Introduction to Information Literacy

Lessons Learned

- Not all upgrades are steps forward
- Be prepared for the unexpected
- Always have a Plan B

Practical Tips

- Be Straightforward
- Be Flexible
- Don't Assume Anything

Practical Tips

- Get a Sense of Where Your Students (or Your Audience) are Coming From
- Consider Assumptions About Students That May Not Be Obvious
- Make sure students know: “It’s OK If You Run Into Problems...”

Summary

- Selection Process
- Implementation
- Lessons Learned
- Practical Tips

...Preaching to the Converted?

Further technological change is inevitable: as educators, it's our responsibility to prepare our students to thrive in what will be their Brave New Worlds.

Questions?

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