

# Background

Caravel is a new, next-generation Learning Management System developed by Gabriel Sieben for Homeschool Connections. The goal with Caravel is to create a new, easier-to-use platform for teaching courses, which will fully replace our older Moodle platform.

The four main improvements ("pillars") compared to our older Moodle platform are the following:

1. **Simplified Design:** With a new, streamlined design, teaching courses feels more like 2023 than 2008. This newer design is also customizable, providing students and teachers with a fresh user experience we can be proud of.
2. **One account for every family:** Every family only has one username and password, with multiple student profiles underneath that account. It's similar to how Netflix or Prime Video work.
3. **Easier access to grades:** With a unified Grades tab for each student, it is much easier for students and parents to keep track of their progress.
4. **Unified Systems:** Registration, the "Grading Portal," and the Learning Website are now one system. Subscription management is also integrated, reducing confusion and removing incoherencies between systems.

Keep these pillars in mind as you continue reading how the system works.

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