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Content Template

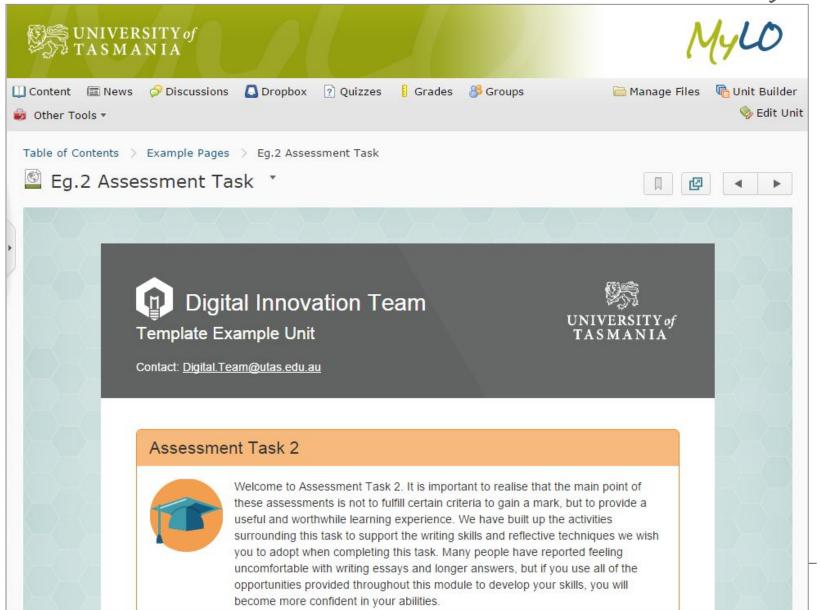
New name

Interactive Content Builder



What is the ICB?





What is the ICB not?



- An extension or a plugin to MyLO.
- A centrally supported system.
- Mandated across all units.
- Restricted to the Faculty of Health.
- A substitute for Quality Matters or the University Blended Learning Model.
- An assessment tool.



Consistency versus flexibility

And what about quality?



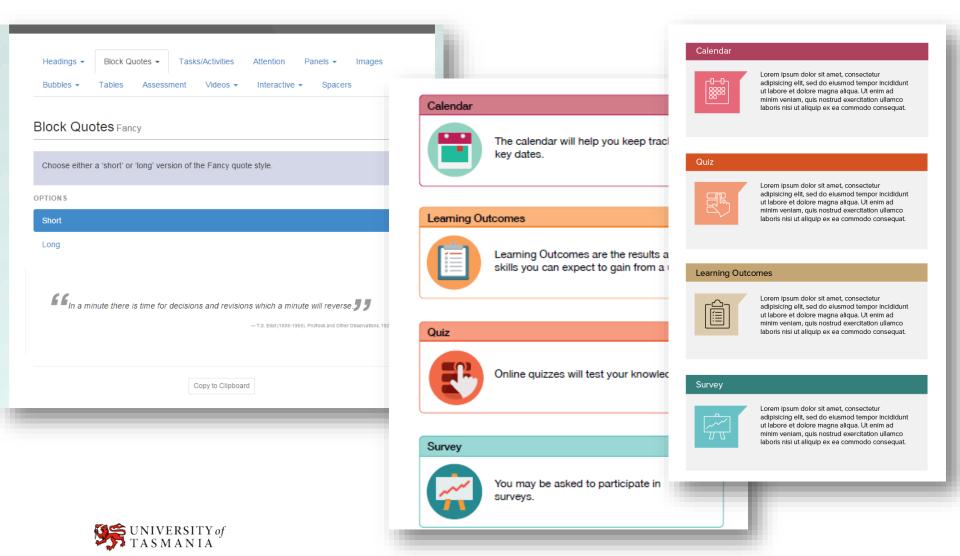


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Page components





How to use it

Copy to Clipboard



Reflective Writing Exercise

Over the next few weeks, you are going to be asked to 'reflect' upon your thoughts and ideas and to write a report based upon these reflections (Assessment Task 2). 'Reflection' asks you to consider your personal responses to the information you are learning, to your past experiences, or even an imagined scenario. Reflection enables you to step back from a situation, giving you the space to critically evaluate your attitudes, values and beliefs, enabling you to examine the justification for your thoughts or actions, to solve problems and find deeper meaning in key concepts.

This skill is also important in presenting factual information that is not embellished with emotion or ludgement – something important in both academic and professional writing.

The following exercise will help you to reflect upon this process.

Mavis and Dawn



Mavis

Mavis, one of the residents in your facility has just reported that she has been assaulted. She is very worked up and clutches you by the arm as she speaks loudly in your face. She delivers the following information:

Mavis: "I've never trusted Dawn! She has always been suspicious don't you think? Lurking around like that. I suspect she was trying to steal my purse, as she was always looking at it when I had it at dinner with me. I found her in my room just now with the diseaser drawer open. She was going through my things, throwing stuff around everywhere. She was absolutely shocked when I caught her. I said 'what do you think you are doing?' and this evil sort of look came over her face and I knew what she was thinking so I quickly went over and pushed her hand away from the drawer. That's when she hit me in the face. You'd better do something about her. She is a danger to the residents here!"

Your Task



You are asked by the facility to document the details of this assault in a short report for other staff.

In 2 or 3 lines, simply report the facts as you see them. Write these lines yourself (as part of your own written or typed notes) before checking the feedback supplied below this is not an assessment item, simply a reflective exercise).

When you have completed this activity, you may wish to compare what you have written with the sample answer provided below.

Click to view Sample Answer



Discussion Question



Reflect upon Mayle's statement and the short report that you wrote. Think about the differences between the two types of writing and how you went about extracting the facts from Mayle's statement. Share with others in the discussion forum, the thought processes that enabled you to complete this exercise? Are there ever times when you find it difficult to focus on the facts of a situation and get distracted by the emotion or judgements? What advice could you give others to help with this process? Enter the factorial writing' forum help will open in a new window or table.







Interactive elements



Illness and disease

Put in order from HIGHEST to LOWEST the number of deaths in the world this year from the following causes (simply drag and drop using your mouse - you will know when you get the correct answer!).

Malaria

Smoking

Cancer

Alcohol

Illness and disease

Correct - were there any surprises for you?

Cancer

Smoking

Alcohol

Malaria



How does it help staff?



- Many Best Practice criteria for content presentation embedded within ICB design
- Brief training session sufficient
- Positive feedback
- Meeting needs of staff who want to embed greater interactivity in units



Evaluation



Goal	Description
Efficiency and sustainability	Does the system avoid burdensome workloads and improve processes?
Knowledge sharing	Is the system documented well?
Quality and conformance	Does the system work well?
Usability	Is the system easy to use?
Extensibility and scalability	Can the system be deployed more broadly?
Security	Is the system robust?
Accessibility	Is the system able to be used by people with disabilities?



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What is important to students?

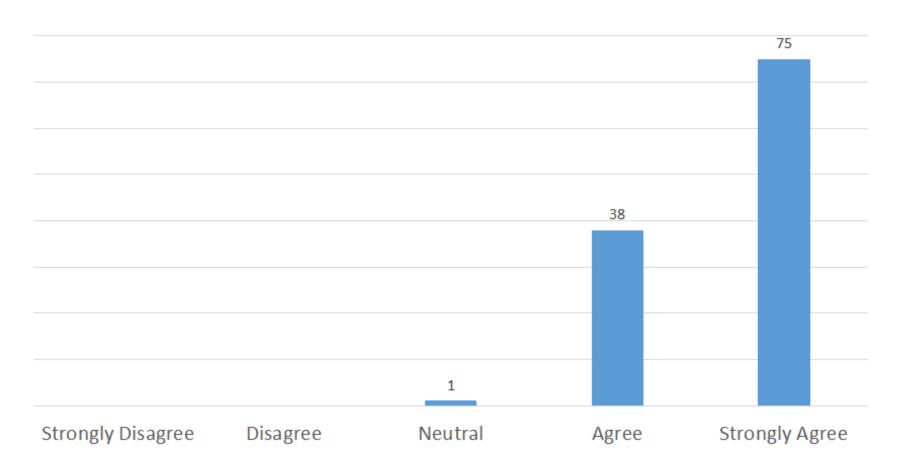


- 1. Ease of navigation
- 1. Quality of the information on the page
- 3. Ease of identifying important information
- 4. Simple, clear language
- 5. Uncluttered, clean layout
- 6. Videos and activities embedded directly in the page
- 7. Consistent look and feel of content across pages
- 8. Interactive activities
- 9. Attractive fonts and colours



The text was easy to read

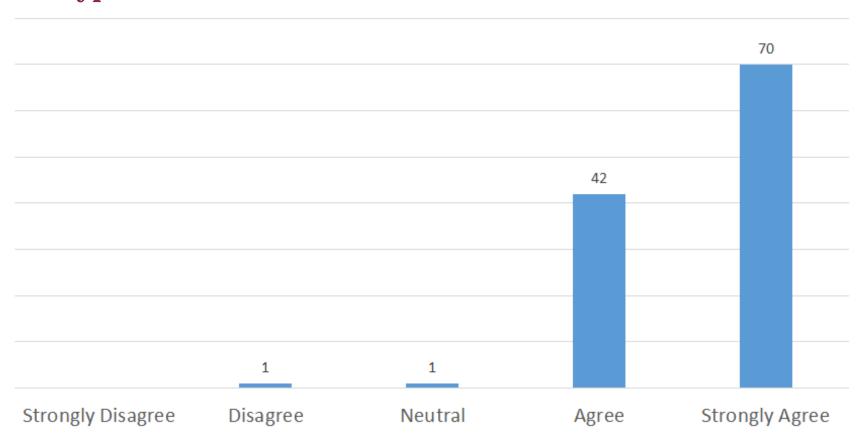








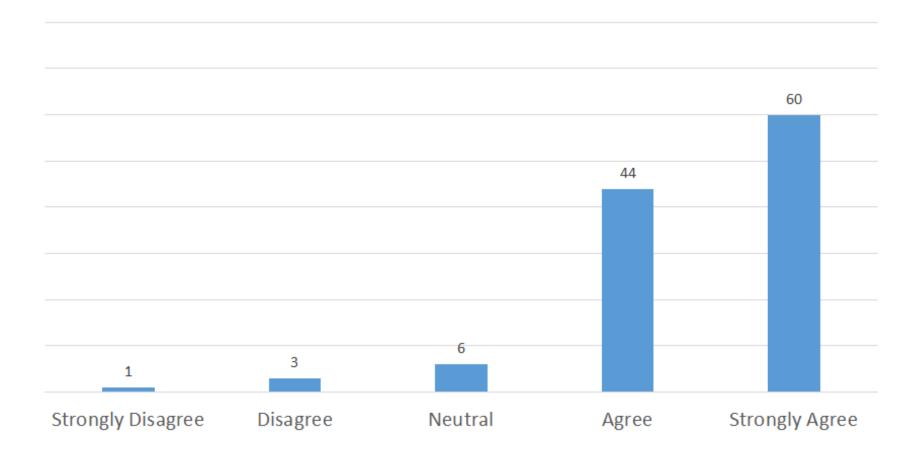
I could easily distinguish between the different types of tasks and activities







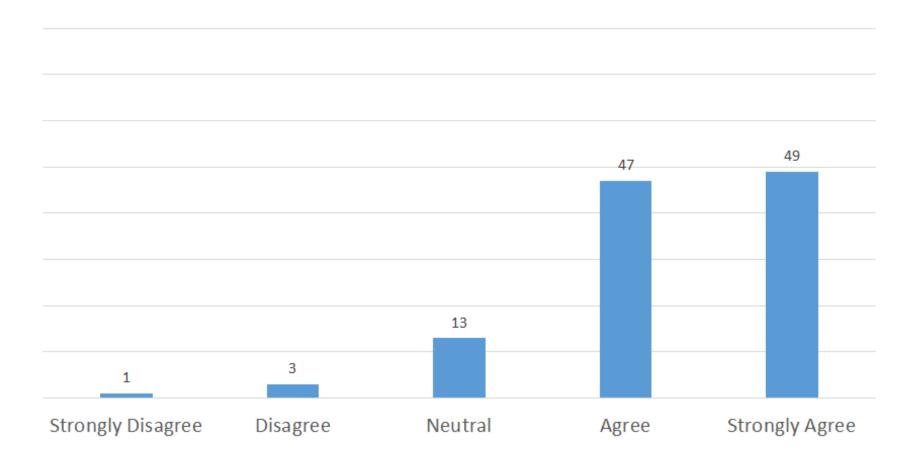
I could navigate through the page content easily







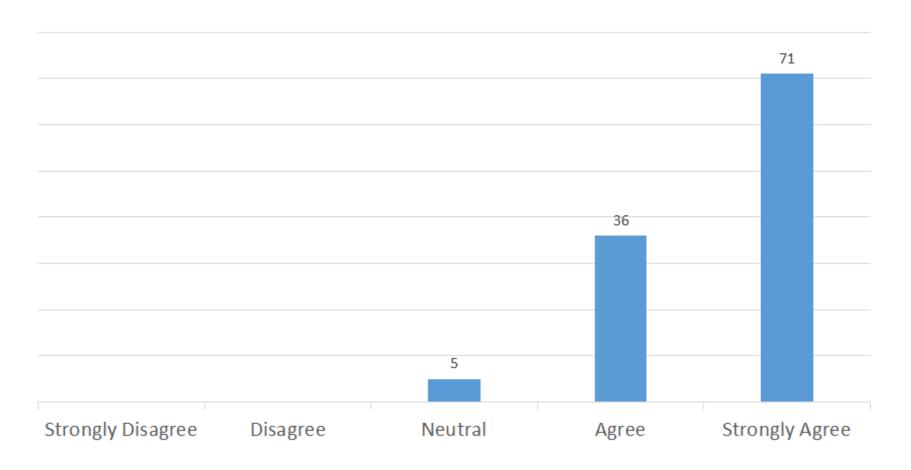
I could easily identify important information





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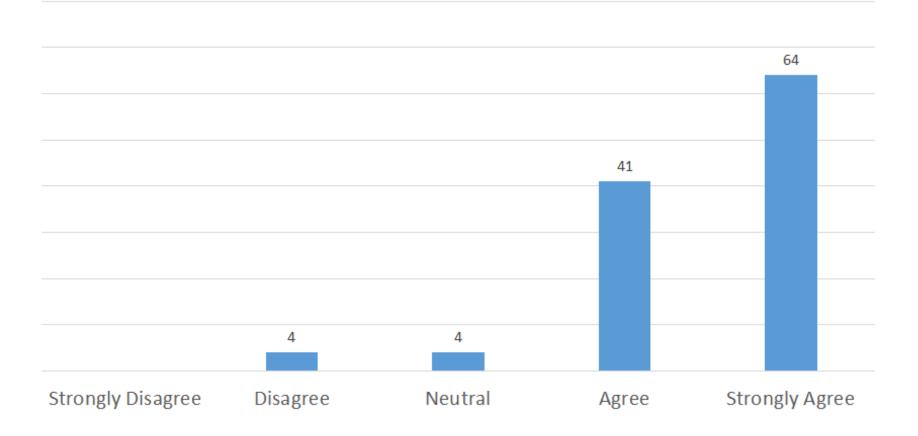
I liked the consistent design across pages





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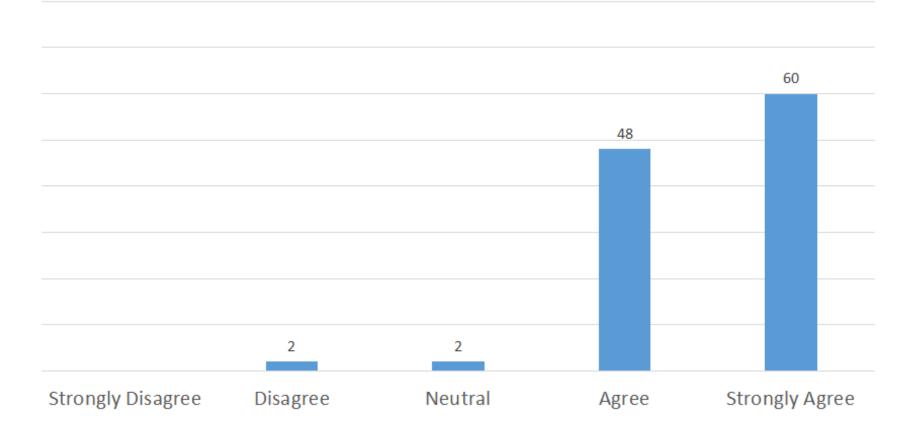
The "look and feel" of the content was uncluttered







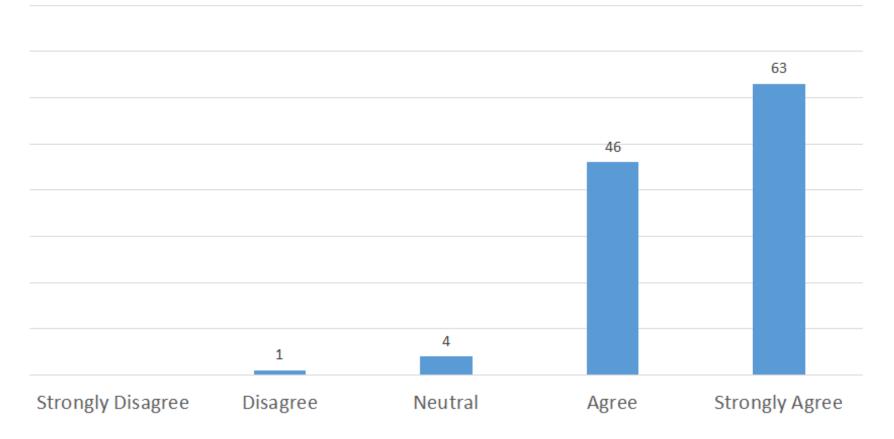
The presentation style made it easy to engage with the content





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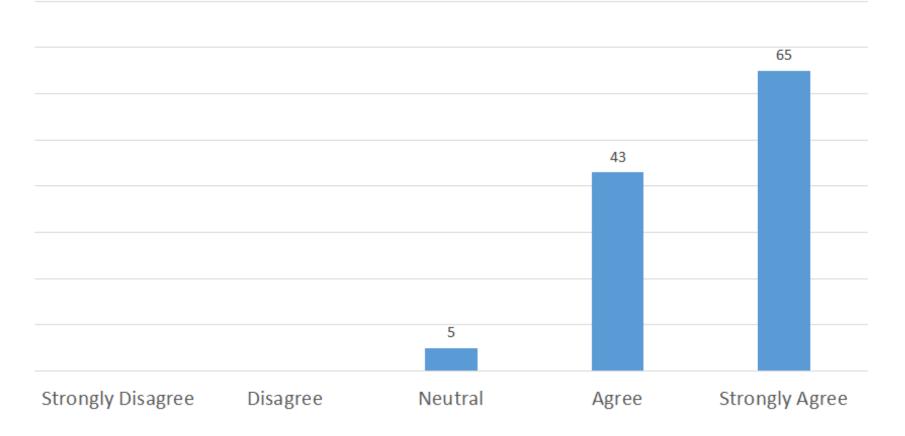
I could easily access the information on the page







I could easily interact with the activities on the page

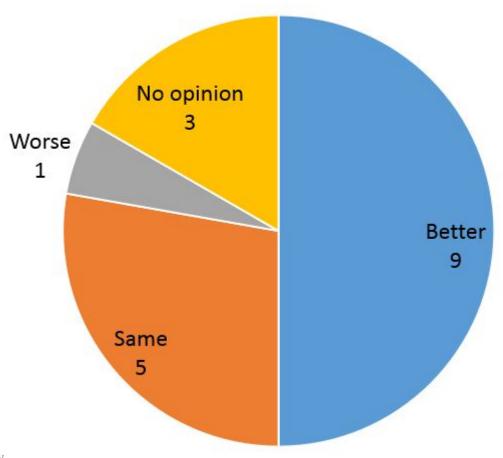




Comparison



Compare your learning experience of units that used the template with other MyLO units





Students' comments

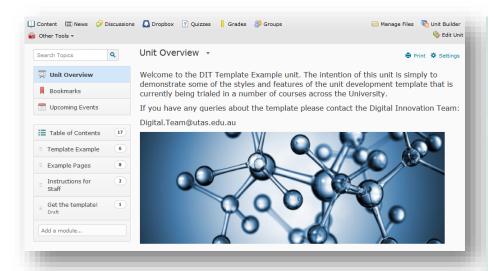






Example Unit and Best Practice





Access:

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Unit Overview and Introduction

Creating a welcoming first impression for your unit involves supporting students to quickly and easily understand the structure that the unit will take and how they can find key information and resources.

What is best practice?



- The overall purpose and structure of the unit is made clear to the learner at the beginning of the unit.
- Instructions make clear how to get started and where to find various unit components.

Open the yellow tab below for more information and examples.

Further information



The MyLO environment has a number of features that can be employed to achieve your best practice unit design goals. MyLO provides a range of tools and resources, while the University supports additional resources (e.g. MyMedia - Echo360 capture tools. Online Rooms - Collaborate).

What MyLO/UTAS tools could I use?



The interactive content builder (ICB) that provides the layout for the current page also includes a number of additional tools that you may wish to use.

Which ICB tools could I use?



There are many ways to engage and motivate students online. The 'Further Ideas' tab below provides some suggestions of new or alternative methods for approaching the best practice goals for each section of this module. These suggestions are derived from the 'Activities for Motivation and Engagement Online' document available to download within this module.

Further Ideas



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How to request



- 1. Enquiries: Digital.Team@utas.edu.au
- 2. If interested: request access with online form
- 3. Background is customised.
- 4. A package of files is uploaded into your unit.
- 5. Training is provided.



Where to?



Feedback:

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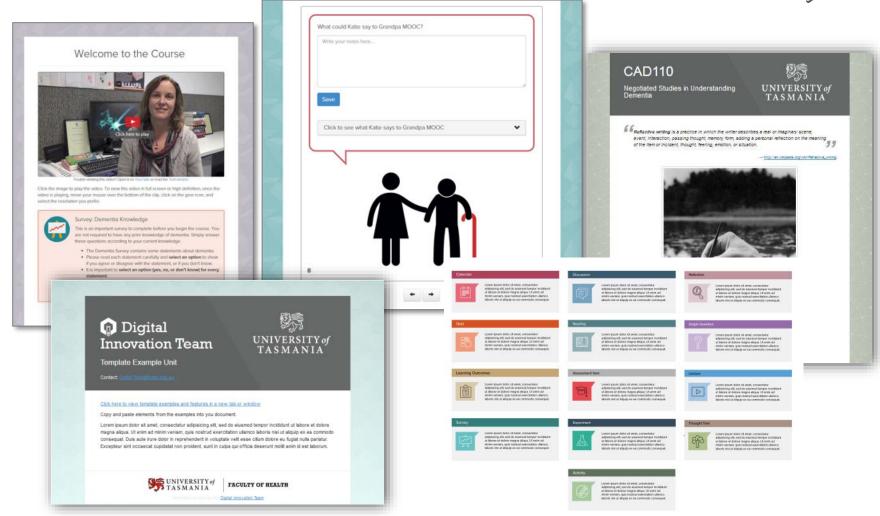
More info:

Web page FAQs



Questions?



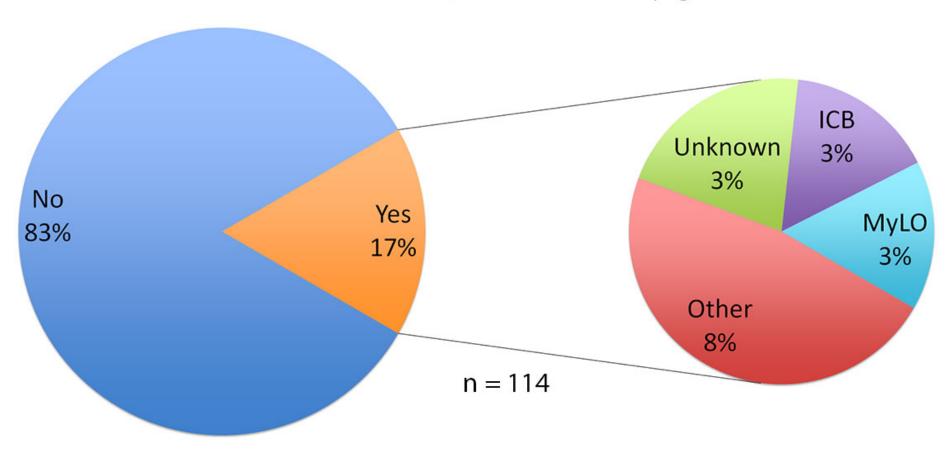




Supporting students



Did you have any technical trouble when accessing the material and/or activities on ICB pages?



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What did students say?



"First experience at a Uni Unit, didn't realise how **fluid** the content and information was released/displayed... now thinking about doing a few more Units."

"This was the most interactive, engaging and user friendly MyLO unit I have ever used."

"I really liked it and ho[p]e that other units I study use it."

"I would like it used in all my future units."

