

# Glossary of Terms

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| Activity                 | A unit of progress in a Learning Design. There are many types of Activity  |
| Admin                    | A user role for managing an Organisation (including creating new child Organisations)  |
| AMS/TOIA                 | An online Assessment system: used by Oxford: to be integrated into LAMS  |
| Anonymity                | Some tools may wish to make responses anonymous. For example, Q&A may want to show the learner's names against the responses, sometimes it may want to just list the answers with no names. The author will select whether the responses should be anonymous or not.   |
| Authentication Method    | The method and details a specific user requires to authenticate  |
| Author                   | A user role for creating Learning Designs  |
| Chosen Grouping Activity | A type of Grouping Activity where the Groups for the created Grouping must be formed by a Teacher  |
| Class                    | A sub type of Grouping with one normal Group: all the Learners in a lesson, plus a special Group with all the Teachers in the Lesson   |
| Complex Activity         | A type of Activity that contains other Activities  |
| Define Later             | Of an Activity: when the content for the Activity must defined in the Lesson (via Monitoring) rather than by the Author  |
| Force Complete           | When the Teacher forces a Learner to complete an Activity or Activities without the Learner's intervention   |
| Gate Activity            | A Simple Activity which prevents further progress until certain conditions are met   |
| Group                    | A set of users. If created via the Admin screens it is a permanent group for organising users, Learning Designs and Lessons. It should model a "real world" group of users such as a course, a tutorial class, etc. In previous versions of LAMS this was known as an Organisation. There are also "temporary" groups that exist within a LAMS lesson only, created by a Random Grouping Activity or a Chosen Grouping Activity. These temporary groups apply within that lesson only and are made up of the learners in the lesson. |
| Grouping                 | A set of Groups of Learners that can be used with Activities in a Lesson   |
| Grouping Activity        | A Simple Activity in which a Grouping is created   |
| Learner                  | A user role for engaging in Lessons as a student   |
| Learning Design          | A learning program plan that can be used to create Lessons (synonym for Learning Sequence)   |
| Learning Library         | A collection of Activity templates that can be used to make Learning Designs   |
| Lesson                   | A specific instance of a Learning Design and a Class (previously known as Learning Session)  |
| Lock on Finish           | When the learner finishes the task their responses are locked and the learner cannot change the response. Chat and Forum are the main two tools that will want to control this behaviour - tools like Question and Answer always lock the responses.   |
| Monitoring               | The act of creating and managing Lessons and Learners in Lessons   |
| Options Activity         | A Complex Activity in which the Learner chooses which sub Activities to complete (and in which order)  |
| Organisation             | See Groups   |
| Parallel Activity        | A Complex Activity in which the sub Activities must be completed in parallel   |
| Permission Gate Activity | A type of Gate Activity where progress depends on permission from a Teacher  |
| Portfolio                | An export of a Learner's contribution to an Activity or an entire Learning Design  |
| Random Grouping Activity | A type of Grouping Activity where the Groups for the created Grouping are formed by random choice (according to some parameters: e.g. number of groups or number of learners in each group)  |
| Root Organisation        | The root of the "permanent" Group tree in a LAMS instance: only visible to the Sysadmin  |
| Schedule Gate Activity   | A type of Gate Activity where progress depends on time (start time and/or end time)  |
| Sequence Activity        | A Complex Activity in which the sub Activities must be completed in series   |
| Simple Activity          | A type of Activity that contain no other Activities  |
| Staff                    | A user role for Staff in an Organisation   |
| Synch Gate Activity      | A type of Gate Activity where progress depends on all Learners in the Class or Group reaching the activity   |

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| Sysadmin      | A user role for a managing a LAMS instance  |
| Teacher       | A user role for creating, monitoring and managing Lessons (same as Staff?)  |
| Tool          | A pluggable software unit that runs a specific learning Tool Activity. Tools may or may not support Grouping  |
| Tool Activity | A type of Simple Activity that requires interaction with a specific Tool  |
| Tool Content  | The content data for a specific instance of Tool Activity   |
| Tool Session  | Represents the use of a Tool for a Tool Activity for Learner or Group of Learners (depending on whether the associated Tool is Grouped)   |
| Transition    | Describes the progression of a Learning Design from one Activity to another Activity  |
| WebAuth       | A system of authentication in which a user is first redirected to a login in server to authenticate and then redirected to the requested resource with their credentials: used by Oxford University |