



# LAMS Workshop

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# Workshop Agenda

- Where is LAMS today? LAMS V1.0.2
- LAMS Community
- Integrations
- **LAMS 1.1**
  - 1.0.x vs 1.1 Comparison
  - New Features and Functions
  - LAMS in the Future

# LAMS 1.0.2

- HTML Noticeboard

(Embed Video, pictures, Flash, JavaScript, etc in your sequences)

- Integration Hooks

(Moodle, Blackboard, Sakai, .LRN, WebCT, etc)

- LAMS Community integration

(Stay tuned with latest progress on LAMS, Share sequences with peers, etc)

- Documentation, Training Materials and Installers

<http://www.lamsinternational.com/documents/1.0/winks/>

- Improved performance and bug fixing

# LAMS Community

[www.lamscommunity.org](http://www.lamscommunity.org)

It's the global online community for all **teachers, administrators and developers** that use LAMS.

## 👁 Communities structure

Educational Community (K-12, Higher-Ed & Training, R&D)

Tech Community

## 👁 **Sequence Repositories**

# LAMS Community

(as of Feb 8th, 2006)

- So far since its official launch (30-Sept-2005) we have:
  - ✓ 760 users from 80+ countries
  - ✓ 76 shared sequences, downloaded 995 times.
  - ✓ 740 discussions messages started
  - ✓ 2100 average requests per day

# LAMS & LMS Integrations

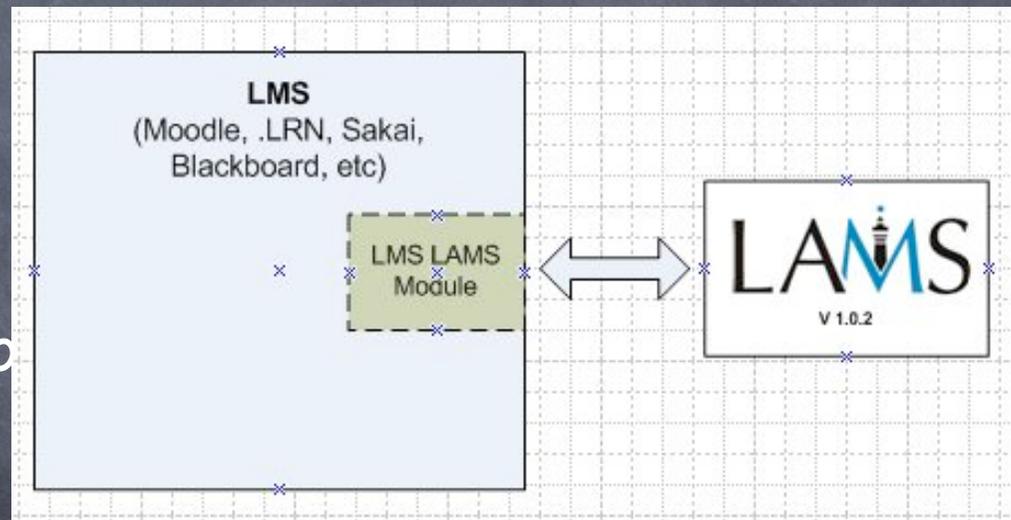
<http://lamsfoundation.org/integration>

5 LMS integrations already... and more to come!

- Moodle
- Blackboard 6
- Sakai
- .LRN
- WebCT Campus Edition

Work in progress

- uPortal
- Microsoft SharePoint



# Testing LAMS Integrations

<http://lamsfoundation.org/integration>

Available for testing:

- ✓ Moodle
- ✓ Sakai
- ✓ .LRN

All integrations released under the GPL License, fully documented (including walkthrus and animations) and supported by the LAMS Community

Introducing...

# LAMS 1.1 (Dolly)





# LAMS 1.1

- ① Why a new LAMS? Comparing LAMBS
- ① Feature and Improvements
- ① LAMS & its Tools
- ① Architecture
- ① Your feedback and questions



# Why LAMS 1.1?

- Better pedagogical support
- Research Development
- Need a Modular Architecture (tool plug-ins)
- Support for Internationalisation
- Interoperability
- Complex Activity tools
- Complex sequencing options



# LAMS 1.1 Features

- Pedagogical support and Reusability
- Communication & Collaboration
- Usability and Interface
- Technical improvements



# LAMS 1.1 Features

## Pedagogy Support

- Activities can be run Offline and Online
- Teacher's instructions for online and offline activities
- Introducing Portfolios (whole class and individual student)
- Lesson/Design Printouts
- Simple and Complex Branching
- Grouping: 3 types (manual groupings supported!)
- Specialized and bundled Activities
- Gates (permission, synchronization and time!)
- IMS LD Level A export
- Better Monitor
  - Hide/Remove entries
  - Force Complete Students
  - Statistics and performance reviews
  - Start/stop sequences according to dates and time



# LAMS 1.1 Features: Teacher's instructions for online and offline activities

Forum Tool

## Forum

Basic Advanced Instructions

**Please input online and offline instructions**

Online Instrcuton:

Online instruction

Upload online file:  Browse... Upload Online

Offline Instrcuton:

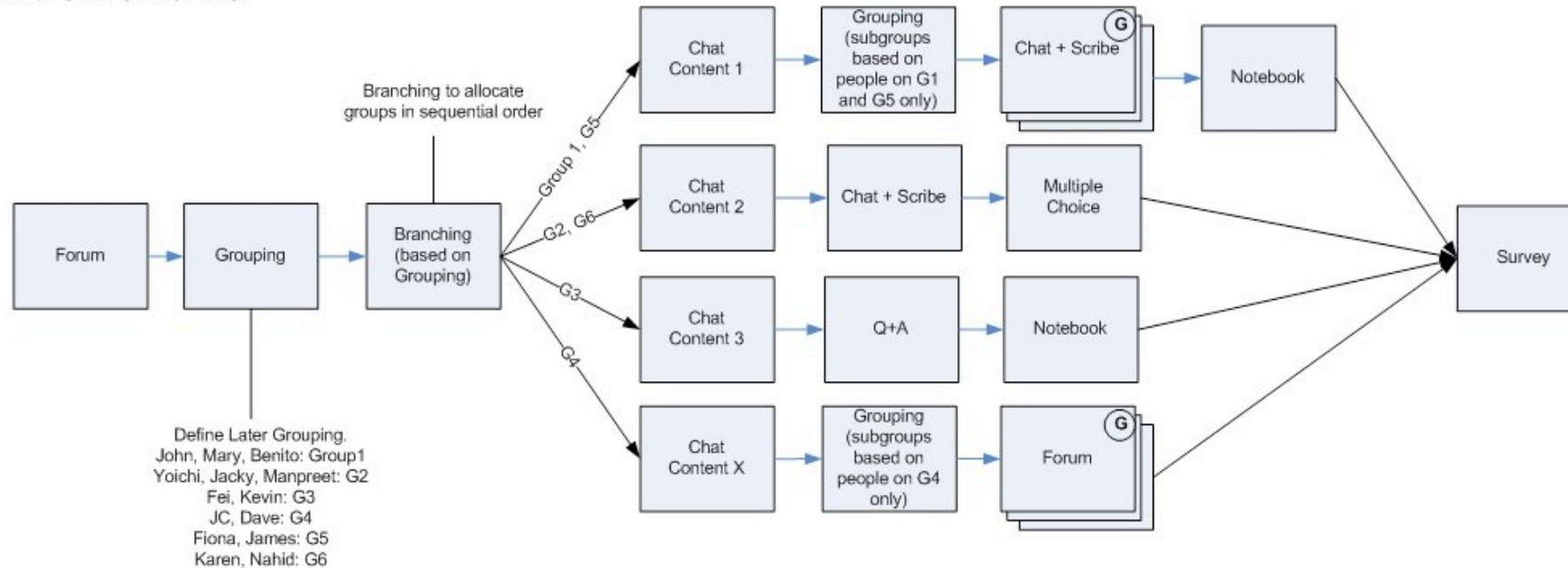
Offline instruction

<http://dolly.uklams.net:8080/lams/tool/laforum11/jsps/authoring/authoring.jsp#>



# LAMS 1.1 Features: Simple and Complex Branching

Visualization of Branching/Grouping # 3  
Multiple groupings/subgroupings



Karen, Nahid: G6



# LAMS 1.1 Features: Groupings

Three types of groupings:

1. Number of Random Groups
2. Number of people per group (also random)
3. Do-it-your-own groups



# LAMS 1.1 Features

## Communication & Collaboration

- All activity tools support collaboration
- Instant Messaging
- Improved workspace management for peer collaboration
- LAMS Community interoperability
- Shared repository (files, videos, sequences, docs, etc)

**LAMS**  Resume  
 Exit

Available sequences

Started sequences

**Psych 101** 

**Teaching Rats** 

**AA** 

Finished sequences

Progress

You have not selected a learning sequence. No progress information is available.

Instant Messaging

- Psych 101**
- Yoichi
- Manpreet
- Fei
- Emiliano
- Bill (Teacher) 
- Teaching Rats**
- Gabriela Sabatini (Teac... 
- John Travolta

**GO!**

Sequence Complete [HELP]

**Congratulations, you have finished.**

You have now completed your learning activity. Please log out or select a new session from the Available Sessions Panel



# LAMS 1.1 Features: Workspace

http://dolly.uklams.net:8080 - Author :: LAMS

File Edit Tools Help

New Open Save Copy Paste Transition Options Gate Preview

Activity toolkit

- Forum
- Multiple Choice Quest
- Noticeboard
- Question and Answer
- Submit File
- Parallel Activity Title

**Workspace**

Location Properties

Location: New Cut Copy Paste Delete Rename

- ?
- Mary Morgan Workspace:Folder\_6
- Organisations:Folder\_-2
  - LAMS:Folder\_4
  - MACQUAIRE UNIVERSITY:Folder\_2
  - MELCOE:Folder\_3
  - MAMS:Folder\_5

Name

Open Cancel

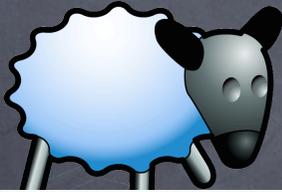
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# LAMS 1.1 Features

## Usability and Interface

- Multi language support
- HTML Online Editors by default
- Themes and skins
- Accessibility specifications (W3C Level A)
- No more locked sequences!!



# LAMS 1.1 Features:

Online HTML Editor

Forum Tool

## Forum

Basic    Advanced    Instructions

### Basic input information for forum

Title:

Instruction:

**Here we put the instructions for students.**

**We can edit HTML straight on the browser**

Style: Custom Bold    Format:    Font:    Size:

[Create a new topic](#)

Save    Cancel

Read dolly.uklams.net



# LAMS 1.1 Features

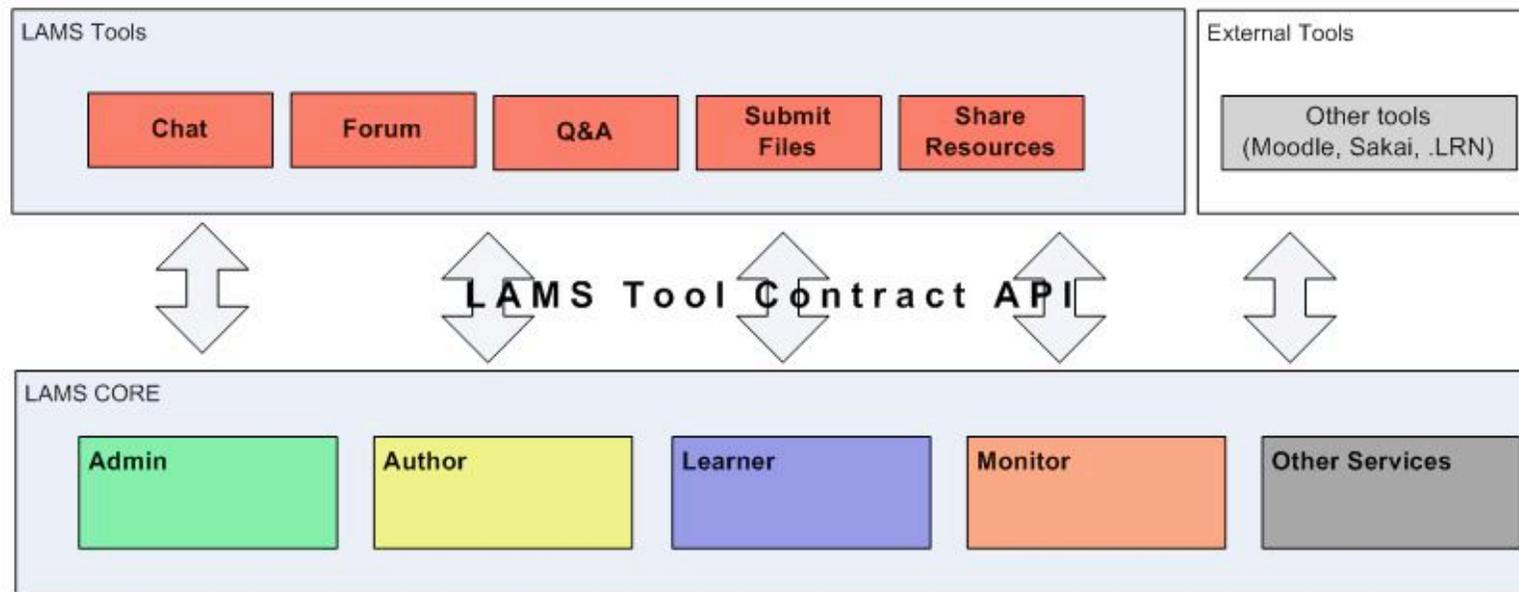
## Tech stuff

- Multiple authentication mechanism
- Native support for integrations
- LAMS Tools Contract
- Easy deployment of Tools
- Support for multiple databases
- External Tool Wrapper
- etc...



# LAMS 1.0.x vs LAMS 1.1 Architecture

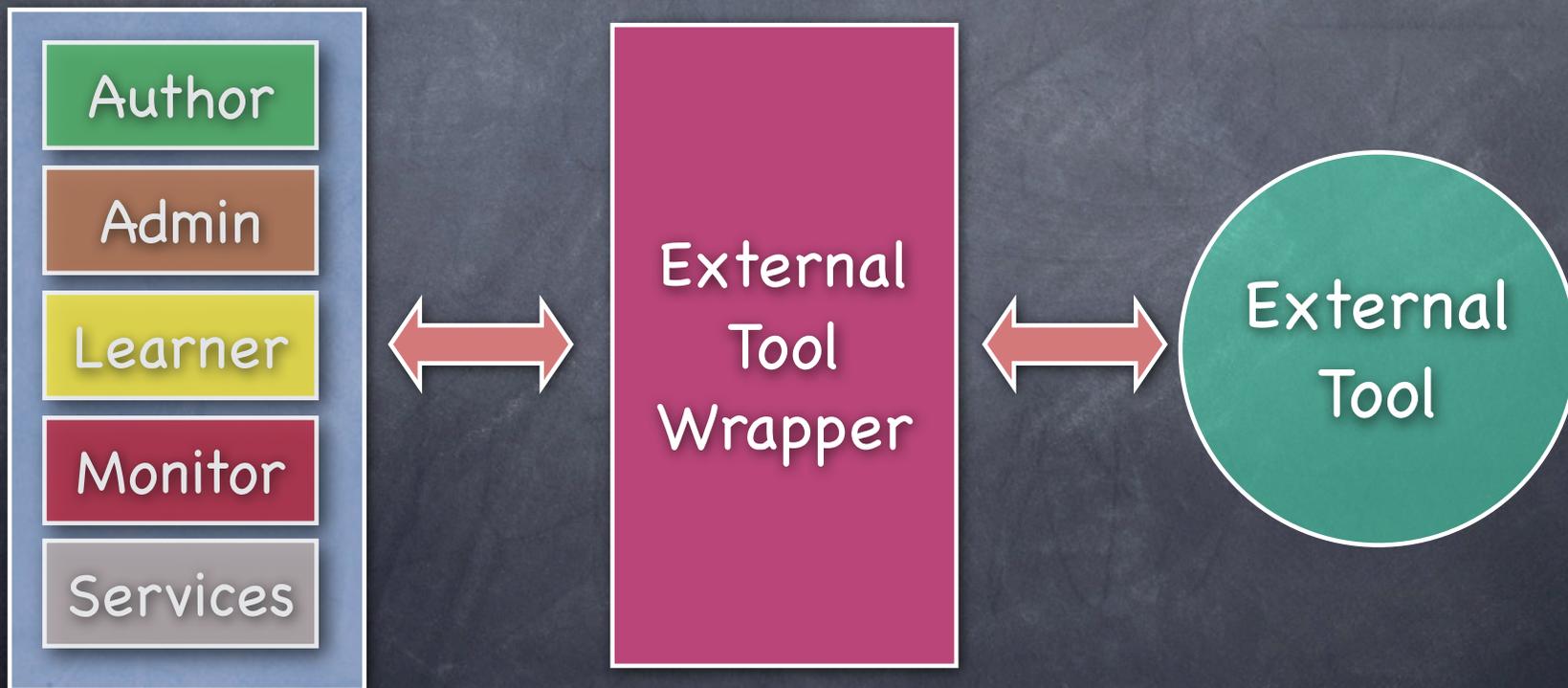
## LAMS 1.1 Architecture Overview





# External Tool Wrapper

External tool can be used as normal LAMS Tools using the tool wrapper. Effectively, Moodle, .LRN or Sakai tools can be used as native LAMS tools (including advanced features as groupings, branching, define in monitor, etc)

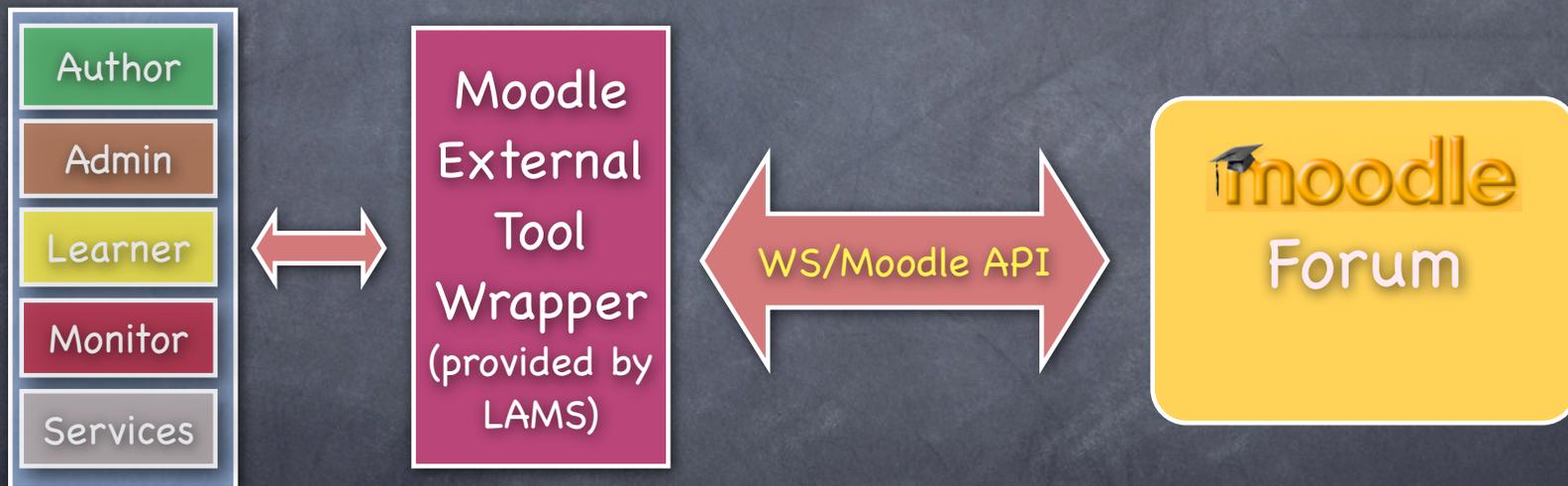




# External Tool Wrapper

## (Moodle Example)

The LAMS/Moodle wrapper provides another level of abstraction to bundle Moodle activities as LAMS native tools that you can drag and drop create learning sequences just like any other tool



# LAMS 1.1 for Tech-heads



In Soviet Russia,  
LAMS is the way of  
the future!

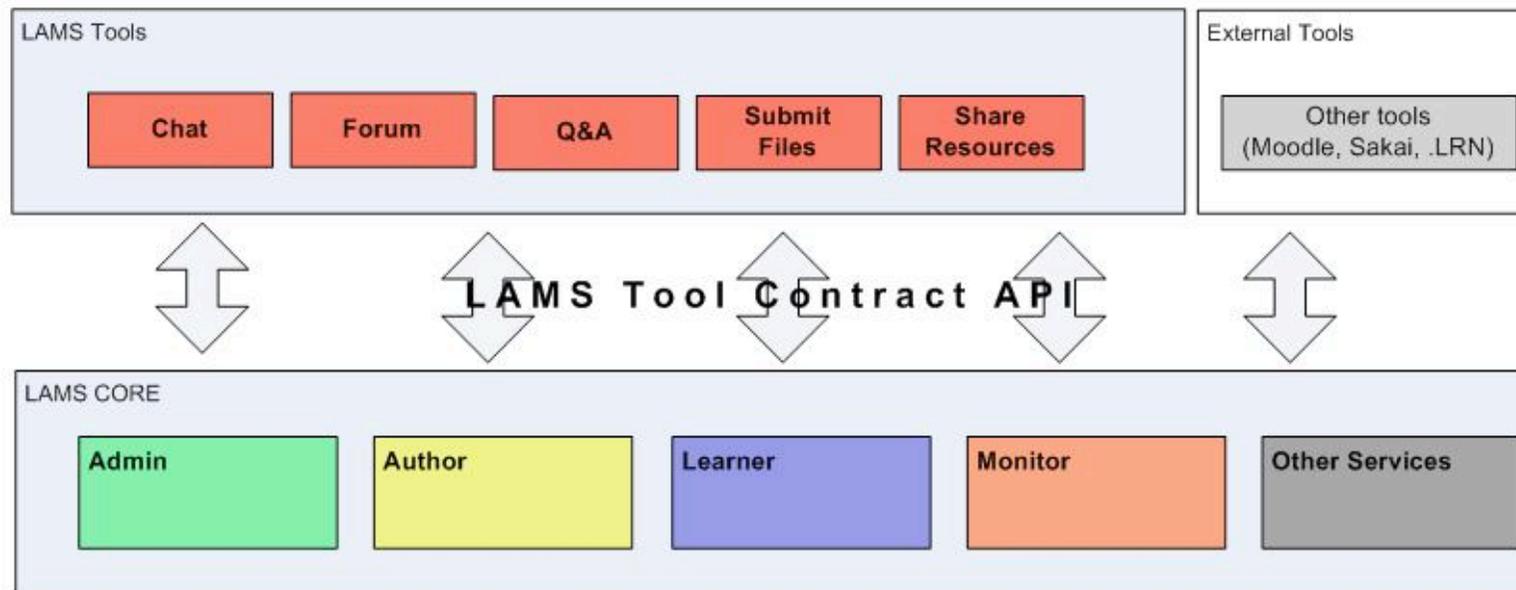
# Dissecting Dolly

- LAMS 1.1 is a framework for sequencing activities
- Your all one-stop-dev-shop for LAMS 1.1:  
<http://lamsfoundation.org/wiki>
- Architecture
- Tools Contract
- LAMS Tools
- Built-in content repository and note services
- Developing a LAMS Tool
- Sequence External Tools within LAMS



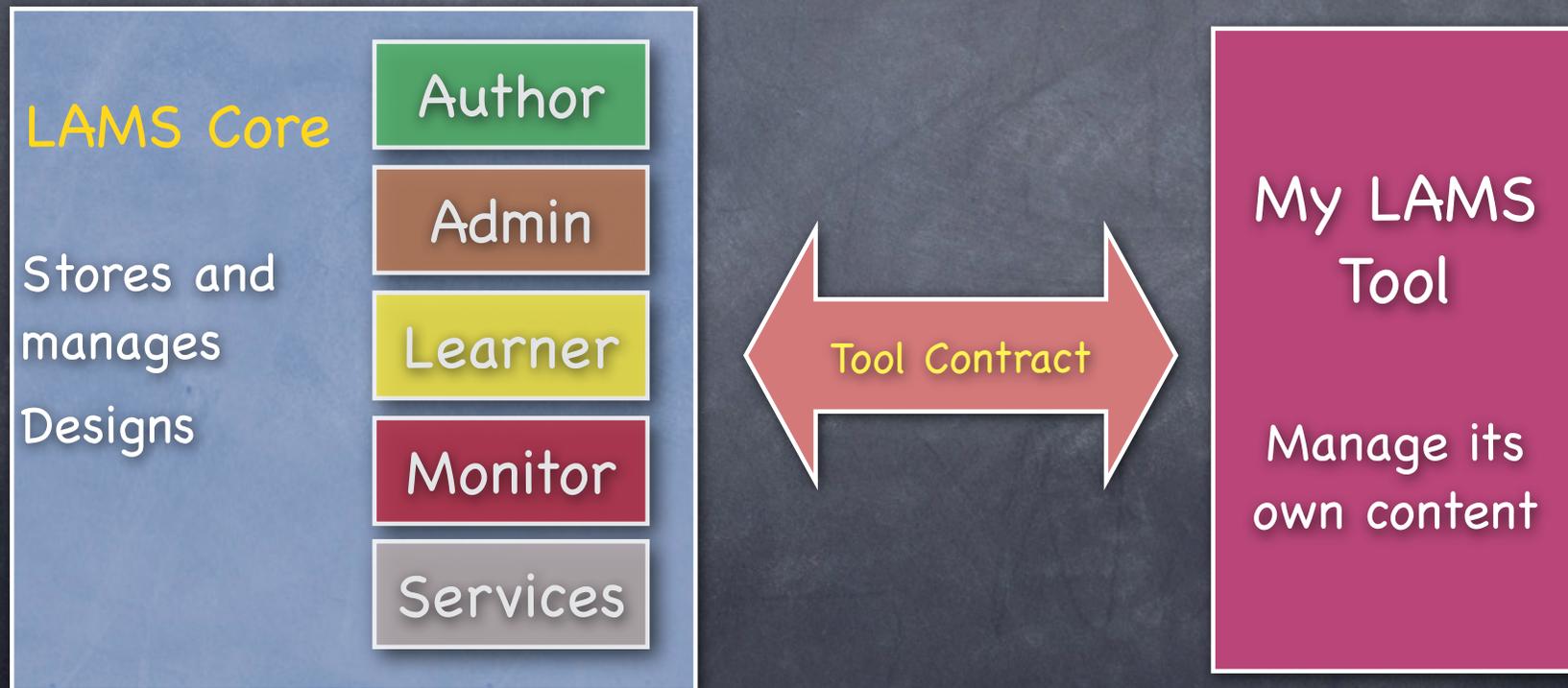
# LAMS 1.0.x vs LAMS 1.1 Architecture

## LAMS 1.1 Architecture Overview



# Tools & Tools Contract

- Tool as "almost" independent web applications.
- Set of expected behaviours, registered URLs and API calls that a LAMS Tool has to implement to "talk" to LAMS Core.
- Clear separation between Design and Tool Content.



# My LAMS Tool



Author

Admin

Learner

Monitor

Services

## My LAMS Tool

Author Contract/API



Author

- Authoring URL  
i.e.: <lams base path>/<tool's authoringurl>&toolContentID=123
- Default Tool content
- Author environment must have three mandatory tabs: Basic, Advanced and Instructions
- Preview URL
- Export content format
- LAMS Xpress interface
- Data exchange (input and outputs data types)

# My LAMS Tool

Monitor Contract/API

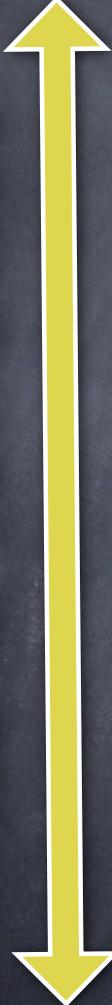


Monitor

- Monitor URL
  - Implement Summary, Instructions, Edit Activity and Statistics tabs.
  - Allow edit and hide entries (when required).
- Export Portfolio URL

## My LAMS Tool

Learner Contract/API



Learner

- Learners URL
  - Track progress within tool
  - Define later, Lock on Finish, Run offline
  - Notify Sequencing Engine of users' completion
- Export Portfolio URL

# My LAMS Tool

Admin Contract/API



Admin

- Administration URL
  - Edit "Default Tool Content"
  - Provide statistics about Tool usage
  - General view of Tools metadata (tool version, etc)

# My LAMS Tool

Services API



Services

- Chat/IM server (based on Jabber)
- Journal and notes
- Content repository
  - Add/Remove content
  - Add new versions of content
  - Stream content to users



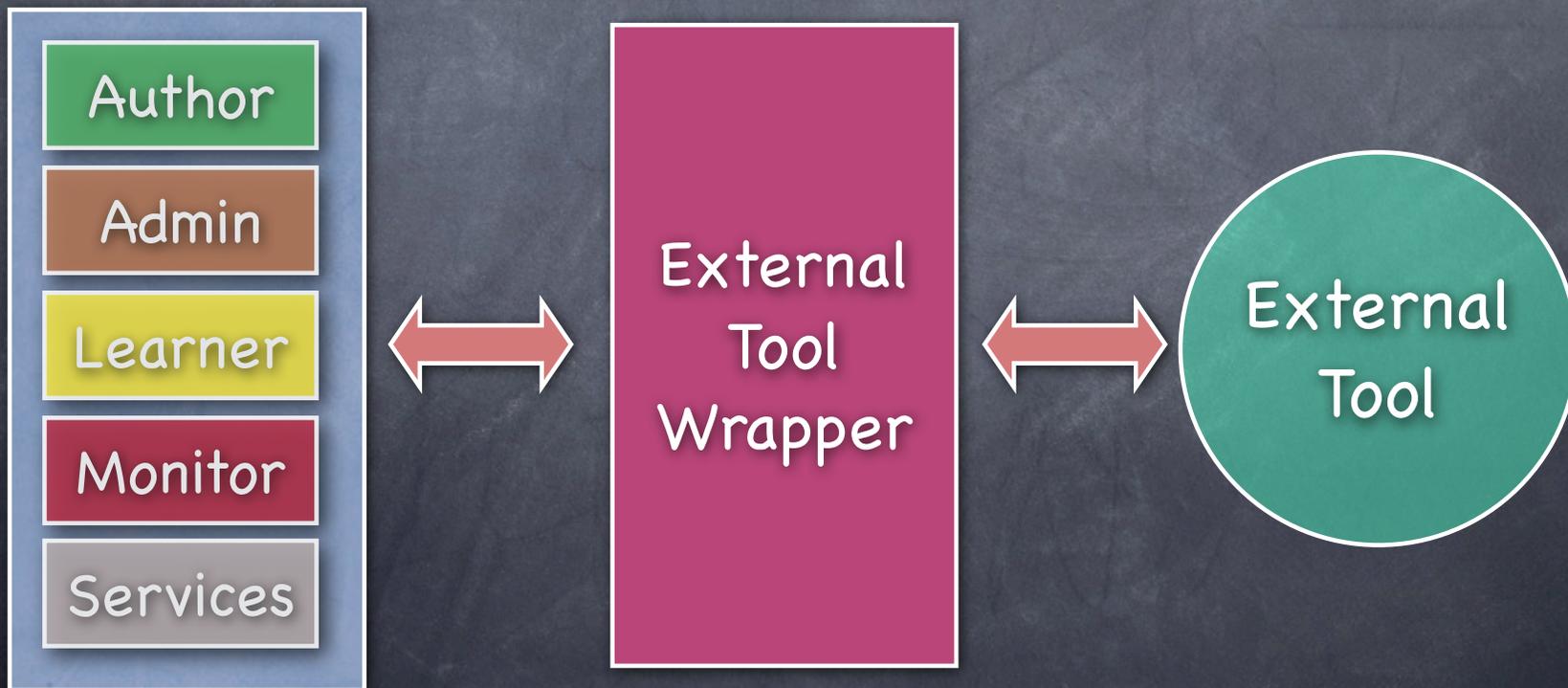
# Tool Compliance and Certification

Test	API+ Authoring (except define later, run offline), Learning (except portfolio export). Used for testing only.
Minimal	TEST + Monitoring (except define later, run offline).
Full	MINIMAL + define later, run offline, portfolio export.



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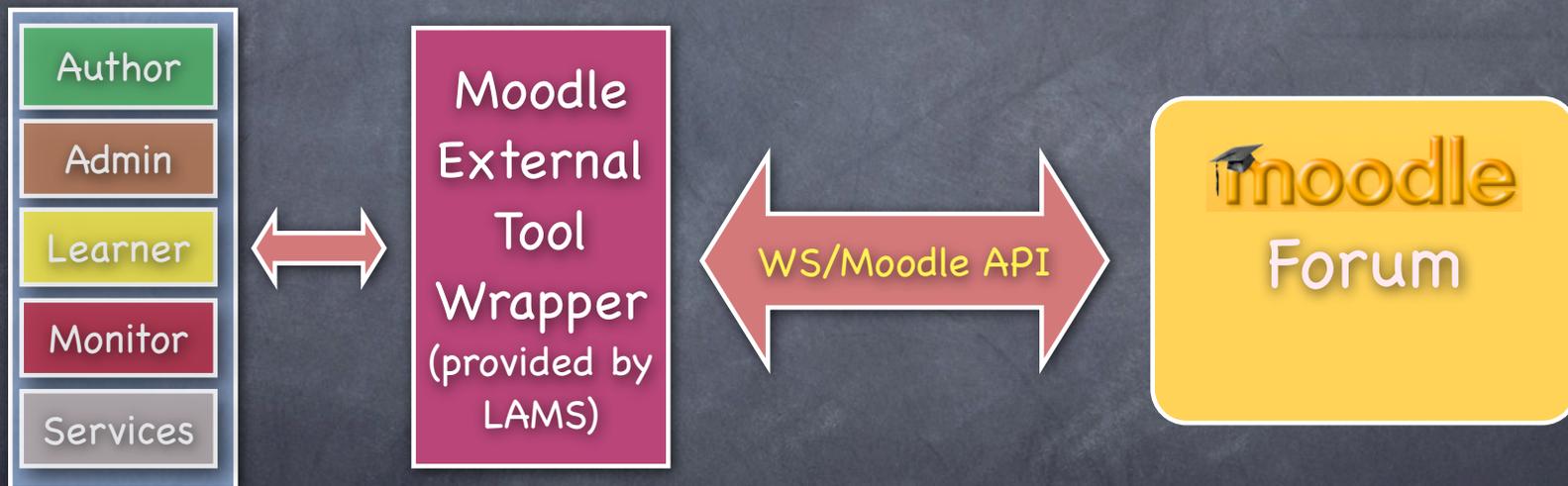




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# Where/How do I start developing a LAMS Tool?

- The LAMS Wiki

<http://lamsfoundation.org/wiki>

- The LAMS Tech Community

<http://lamscommunity.org>

# Questions?



Any questions?