



WHY CHOOSE NETDIMENSIONS' ENTERPRISE KNOWLEDGE PLATFORM LMS?

The Enterprise Knowledge Platform (EKP) is a powerful Java-based learning management system that lets organizations deliver, track and administer learning initiatives for customers, employees and partners.

EKP includes all the tools needed to manage the learning process. It handles enrollment, course descriptions and catalogue management, test authoring and delivery, security and overall network interaction.

Quick To Implement -> Lower overall costs

- EKP can be deployed faster and with fewer implementation services than almost all other LMS systems in the market
- This difference: deployment in weeks vs months, and is due in large part to its configurable structure.

Security -> Best in class

- EKP security is superior to most leading LMS' as it was designed using a banking systems transaction server model, where all Internet requests are treated as individually controllable and auditable transactions that must pass through the Security Manager before being processed by backend business components.
- It is impossible for any request to bypass the Security Manager, and no risky scripted page templates are used anywhere in the system.
- Thus, it is possible to identify every request by specific user in the system, and to get detailed statistics on each transaction.

Highly Scalable -> Grow as you grow

- EKP can scale to very large numbers. Our current tests have shown upwards of 500,000 users and more than 100,000 concurrent users.

Ease-of-Use -> Only adjustable interface

- Every vendor claims this, but often fails in delivery.
- The EKP user interface is dynamically adjustable (no other major LMS offers this), as the screen is built at the outset, based on the customer's organizational structure, preference settings, skin properties, language choice, and system configuration.
- Thus the most appropriate information is delivered to the user. Casual, non-technical users will receive a simple screen while administrators can have access to greater functionality.
- The current default UI is the product of a year long study with Cathay Pacific Airlines, and a University research group that analyzed user patterns to develop the most logical, intuitive UI. And even that is configurable!
- It may sound slow and cumbersome, but it is actually very fast since all of this happens in memory instead of requiring access to templates on disk, thus – speed and tailored information delivery.

EKP is ideal for:

- Candidate screening
- New-hire orientations
- Skill and competency assessments
- Employee reviews
- Career development planning
- Certification procedures
- Sales and service training
- And more.

Openness -> more Open than others

- Every vendor claims their system is "open", but some are more open than others!
- EKP is a 100% Java, platform neutral environment, which enables the customer to run it on Windows, Unix, Linux etc.
- Also allows MS-SQL Server, Oracle, Sybase, and MySQL databases, with application server environments from the Open Source based Apache/Tomcat to high-end production servers such as WebLogic and IBM WebSphere.
- Also, a variety of XML and Web Services based interfaces are available for interacting with external systems.
- Some competitors have made a choice of Microsoft only, or have used Java in an incomplete manner that does not support cross-platform use – but with EKP, no such compromises have been made.

Speed to Customize -> Reduces risk, time, \$\$

- Where customization is required, EKP stands out as it was designed with change in mind. It uses a component-oriented architecture that allows individual components to be replaced or added without interfering with other components, much as "Lego" blocks used to create new structures.
- For competitors, customization often means rewriting substantial parts of the system, resulting in a one-off that cannot be upgraded to later releases.
- EKP's component approach allows new releases to incorporate customized components, thus ensuring an upgrade path for customized systems.

Language handling -> Multiple languages

- EKP was designed from the ground up to be language neutral, hence it is able to support many languages simultaneously on the same server.
- Competitors often support English plus one other language on the same server, but EKP - since its inception nine years ago - has always supported multiple languages, selectable by the user at any time, on the same EKP instance.

Ease-of-Administration -> Increased reliance & usage

- Typical tasks could include: distributing news articles to specific groups; management of certification and compliance training, and recurrent blended learning (reminder emails and emails based on trigger events e.g. 60 days after completion of a course, 90 days before certification expiration, etc.).

- EKP is very strong in automating routine administrative tasks – a blessing for overtaxed administrators!
- Competitive systems require significant customization to automate these routine tasks.

Mature environment -> Protects investment

- A key objective for NetDimensions is to create an environment that can readily incorporate change, so that a customer's investment today will continue to be useful and helpful years from now.
- EKP in its current form is undoubtedly one of the most powerful LMS environments available, with sophisticated certification and compliance functionality, a Career Development Center, report scheduling and email delivery, blended learning through "knowledge centers", and much more
- Thus, EKP includes a powerful set of features to take care of today's needs as well as tomorrows.
- Newer versions of EKP are available to existing EKP clients on the form of Upgrade Kits free of charge – clients will not get stuck with what they bought first, they get the latest – no extra cost and no reinstallation.

EKP works over the Internet as well as on intranets and extranets. Within this environment it can be scaled to any size. It is designed to be secure and robust.

EKP provides for Internet and intranet access to learning management functions including:

- Catalog creation and management
- User data entry and maintenance
- On-line test and evaluation creation and delivery
- Web-based launch and tracking of supported third-party course materials
- News article posting & news library management
- Skills assessments
- Certification programs management
- Discussion forums, bulletin board, and live chat
- Internal EKP mail support
- Security and access control to on-line materials
- Built-in on-line reports and Report Wizard
- On-line help manuals
- Personal home page information