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Cellulose Free Extensive Reading

When discussing the reduction of paper use, the debate is often framed from the use of paper in an office setting with the general understanding being to reduce unnecessary copies or the printing of digital documents. Further muddying the waters is the mismatch of current Digital Rights Management policies with the existing capability of digital technologies. This mismatch has largely caused Japanese university libraries and the bound volumes of cellulose they contain to be excluded from the paperless debate. Fortunately, new, non-traditional companies are offering ebooks in a variety of formats and licensing arrangements. Learning Management Systems such as Moodle can now enable teachers to tackle this mismatch from the bottom up. This poster will present an overview of an ebook library created to supplement an existing, physical extensive reading program. The pros and cons of ebooks will be outlined from the perspective of an English teacher at a Japanese university. Means of obtain ebooks with the appropriate types of copyright and hosting them in a Moodle database will also be presented. Future plans to integrate ebooks and their respective quizzes into a local MoodleReader installation will also be introduced.