



If you have been coming to this site before you will notice that I have changed everything. In the first place, it is much simpler. There are no banners shouting that "ethics matters" or "anti-corruption matters" with links that direct you to other sites. Neither are there any references or links to clients, partners or services. Quite simply, I have decided to confine the website to my teaching and research at the University of the West Indies.

Bringing a website down and putting a new one up is something of a big deal. My previous site was a content management system set powered by Joomla! 1.0. The one is powered by Joomla! 1.5. These CMS are quite different one from the other. I believe that Joomla 1.5 is a great improvement on 1.0, but transferring your data from the older to the newer version while possible, at least for me, is not very easy. After a lot of thought, I just decided abandon the earlier content. So we are starting here with a clean slate.

It will take some time to add the content I had on the previous site, and I am not sure that I want to. I do not wish to rehash the old ideas I trotted out on the previous site. There is no obvious explanation, but I do not think that last academic year my students used my Learning Management System (www.derrickmckoy.net/LMS) as effectively as they had in previous years. Last year, there was the unfortunate tendency for my students to use the LMS simply as a repository for information. Everyone seemed to have wanted access to the site, but having got access there was no discussion among them. That there were larger numbers of students with access to the site cannot be an explanation why there was so little interaction among them. One would have thought that the greater number would have led to greater interaction among the students, not less. It seems clear to me, however, that was not the case.

I will use this site to support my LMS, but I won't duplicate the content. I intend to have a more general discussion here under three broad topics: law, management and policy.

It will be sometime before we get everything organized. I will add the menu items as they are set up. However, to start I will just use the main blog (Home on the main menu) and the redirection to the LMS (Learning Management System on the main menu).

Although the emphasis is on simplicity, I have bitten the bullet and added a translation link on each page. I think that it works reasonably well, although I can't vouch for the vast majority of what it purport to translate. It is powered by Google. If you translate a page, you can always go back to the original page by clicking the link at the top of the page.