

7 - Characterize use by properties of objects in a tool or site

This is awkwardly worded; what I'm trying to say is there is a need to measure how often users take advantage of different ways to create their objects. For example, are instructors using Assignments with attachments, or inline postings? How many Announcements are made publicly viewable? What's the average number of Resources sent with high/low/no email notification?

- This helps Researchers understand how the tools are used.
- This helps Testers determine what are the most common options for objects that should be tested.
- Designers may want to optimize page designs if infrequently used options are featured too prominently on a page.

Attributes of objects are most often stored in XML. To support this use case, attributes may need to be promoted out of XML so that they're searchable.

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