R2D2 to the Matrix: A Galaxy of Online Learning Style, Motivational, Blended Learning and Learner-Centered Examples









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# Technology Let's Think Outside the Box!

(For 99 Seconds—what technologies that you might not think about using for learning, might students today prefer to use?)

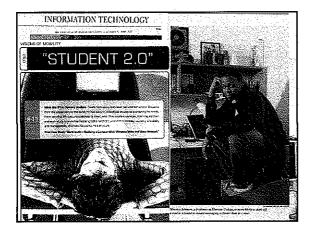




# Poll #1: How many ideas did you write down?

- a. None—my brain malfunctioned.
- b. 1 (and it is a lonely #).
- c. 2 (it can be as bad as one).
- d. 3-5
- e. 6-10
- f. Higher than I can count!



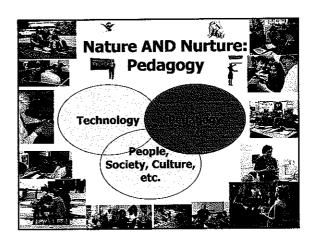


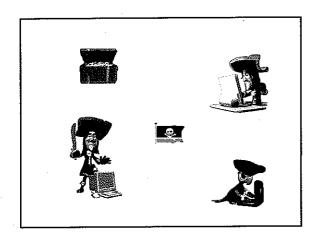
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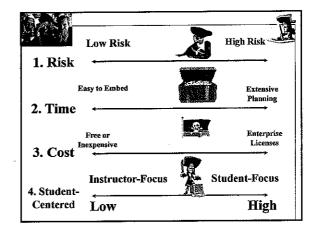
- Nick Currie and his girlfriend Shizu Yuasa (R) surf the internet over breakfast in Tokyo in this handout photo. As the Internet evolves --with its webcams, iPods, Instant Messaging, broadband, wi-fi and weblogs -- its image as a relationship-wrecker is changing. Now a sociable habit is emerging among the Netorati: couple-surfing. (Nick Currie/Handout/Reuters)
- "For my birthday, he upgraded my RAM and I thought it was incredibly romantic," writes Jess.

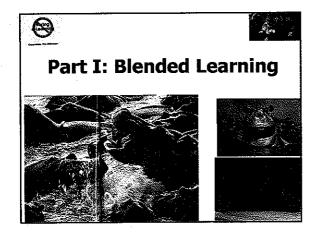
### **Bonk's Addiction Q'er**

- 1. Who has 2 or more cell phones with Internet access?
- 2. Who has 2 or more laptop computers with wireless connections?
- 3. Who is on email in the morning? At noon? Who does it at night?
- 4. Who suffers from nervous tension when you cannot get on email?
- 5. Who is on the Web right now?

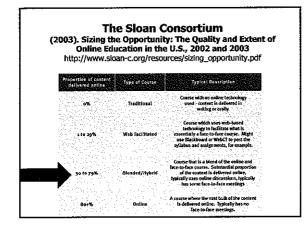






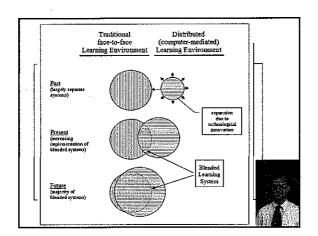


# This part of the talk will COVET: 1. Definitions of blended learning 2. Advantages and disadvantages 3. Models of blended learning 4. Examples of blended learning 5. Implications for blended learning



# Definition: Blending Online and F2F Instruction

 "Blended learning refers to events that combine aspects of online and face-to-face instruction" (Rooney, 2003, p. 26; Ward & LaBranche, 2003, p. 22)



### Fully Online and Blended Learning Advantages

- 1. Increased Learning (better papers, higher scores)
- 2. More effective pedagogy and interaction
- Course access at one's convenience and flexible completion (e.g., multiple ways to meet course objectives)
- Reduction in physical class or space needs, commuting, parking
- 5. Increased opportunities for human interaction, communication, & contact among students
- 6. Introverts participate more



### Where is Blended Beneficial?

http://www.center.rpi.edu/PewGrant/ProjDesc.html

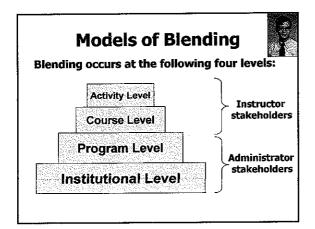
- Large Classes (spanish, intro psych, algebra, elementary statistics, biology)
- · Classes with working students
- · Students spread over a distance
- · Classes with certification
- Classes with need for standardization
- · New requirements for a profession
- · Writing intensive classes
- · Theory classes

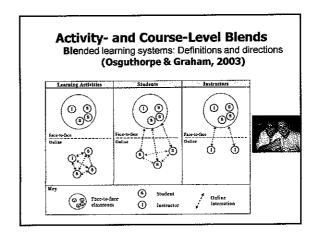


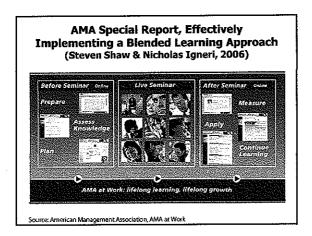
# Examples of Blended Learning, Margaret Driscoll, e-Learning, March 2002

- Put assessments/reviews online
- Follow-up in community of practice
- Put reference materials on Web
- · Deliver pre-work online
- Provide office hours online
- Use mentoring/coaching tool
- · Access experts live online
- · Use e-mail and instant messaging





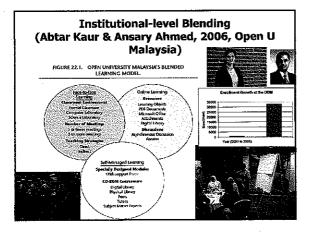




# Institutional-level Blending (Brian Linquist, 2006)

**Example 2: University of Phoenix** 

- Completely online courses
- · Residential F2F courses
- Blended Courses
  - Local Model = 5 week courses with first and last week F2F
  - Distance Model = 5 week courses with half first and half last week F2F (the last meeting of one course is coordinated to be back-to-back with the first meeting of the next 5 week course)



Blending Live Field & Online Class
National University
Department of Teacher Education
(Reynolds & Greiner, 2006)



- 12,000 Enrolled Students
- Since 2004 More than 50% of Candidates Enrolling as Online rather than On-site
  - They will take a majority of classes online
- Each Candidate Takes 7 Credential Classes
- Each Class Contains 2 Field-based Exp.
- 500 Classes/Yr. & 20 Students/Class =
- 20,000 Field-based Experiences/Year

### 13 Fully Online and Blended Learning Problems and 24 Solutions



# Problem Situation #1: Brief FTF Experiences

 Face-to-face (FTF) experiences are brief, one-week journeys.
 Need to need to build selfconfidence, create social supports, teams, camaraderie, etc.

# Blended Solution #1+. Sample Activities for Brief Meetings

- Assign web buddies, email pals, critical friends based on interests, confidence, location, etc.
- 2. Ice breakers—paired introductions, corners.
- 3. Solve case in team competitions with awards.
- 4. Test technology in a lab.
- Assign teams and exchange info for small teams using text messaging.
- 6. Library (digital and physical) scavenger hunt.
- 7. Do a podcast documenting the meeting.
- 8. Have everyone create a blog on the experience.
- 9. Open an e-portfolio for each student
- 10. Brainstorm how might use technology in program.

# Problem Situation #2: Student Absenteeism

 Students miss class to attend a conference or event or a personal problem arises. Or students asks to watch the class a second time.

# Blended Solution #2. Video Streamed and Webcast Lectures



# Problem Situation #3: Facilities and Time

 Limited facilities or rooms for teaching. Or students cannot make it to class every week or are working full time.

### Blended Solution #3.

Divide Online and Class Experiences: English Classes Online

Graham, Ure, & Allen (2003, July). Blended Learning Environm A Literature Review and Proposed Research Agenda

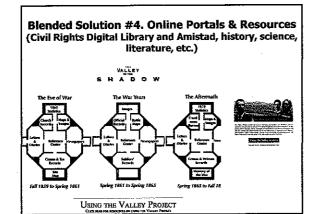
 Freshman English at BYU: Students are required to meet F2F once a week instead of three times a week. Online modules provide writing instruction and teaching assistants use online and F2F contact to provide feedback and guidance on writing (Waddoups et al., 2003).

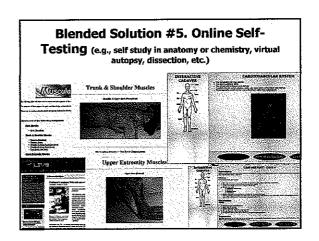




# Problem Situation #4: Web Supplemental Activities

 Fail to finish class discussion or other activity in time. Or desire to integrate the Web more in your face-to-face instruction or outside of class. Want to provide course resources and activities for students to explore.





# Problem Situation #5: Student Learning Control

 Want to give students more control and ownership over their own learning. Want to foster student generative learning or being authors of their own knowledge.

# Blended Solution #6: Student Podcast (in schools—kids have power!)

"Just the word 'podcast' scares a lot of teachers away," Ms. Schrock said. "There are a lot of misconceptions."

"All you need is a computer, access to the Internet and a microphone that you can buy at Toys 'R' Us," Mr. Warlick said. "I listen to podcasts on my computer." (NY Times, Jan 25, 2006)

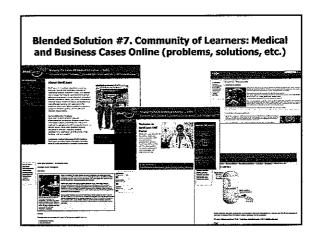


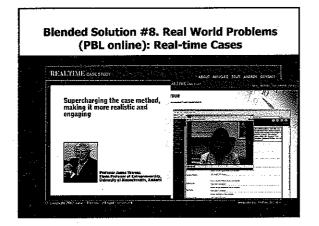


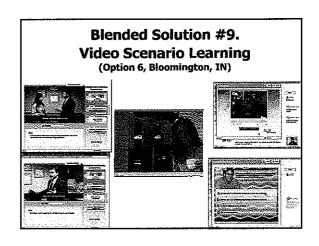


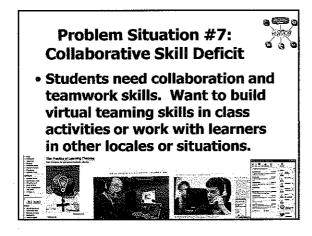
### Problem Situation #6: Preparedness for the Profession

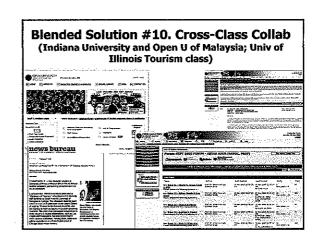
 Students are not prepared for their professions when they graduate. Or want to better apprentice students into their chosen profession. What to provide opportunities to work with practitioners, experts, mentors, and coaches in authentic learning environment.









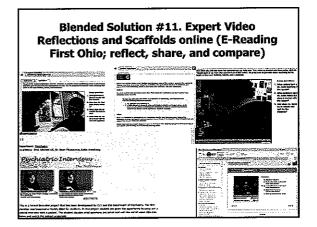


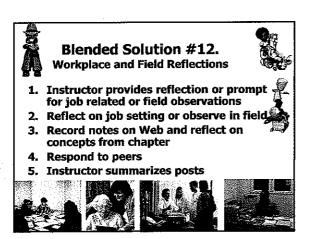
# Problem Situation #8: Student Reflections and Connections

Students are not connecting content.
 They are just turning pages and going through the motions. Minimal student reflection is seen.



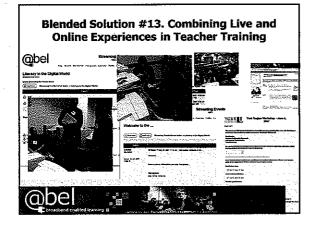






### Problem Situation #9: Learning Community

 There is a preference for creating an online learning community in order to increase student learning and retention in the program. Such a community might be in a single class or across a series of classes.



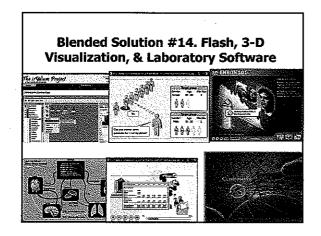
### Problem Situation #10: Need to Visualize Content

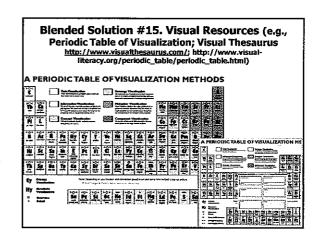
 Content is highly visual in nature and difficult to simply discuss in class. Or students have a preference for visual learning.

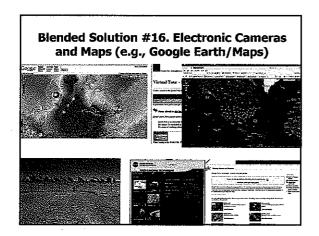


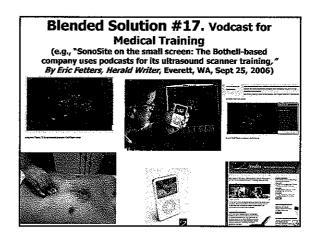


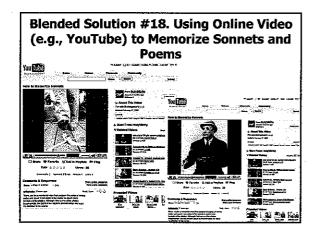


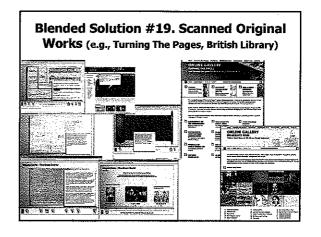






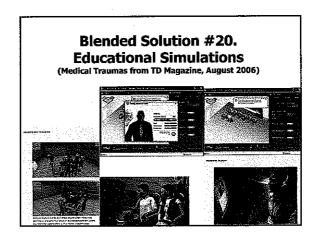


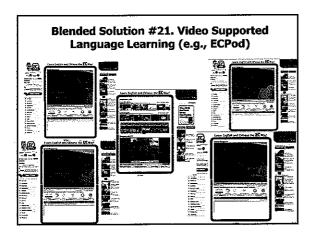


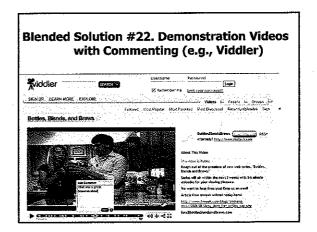


### Problem Situation #11: Need for Hands-On Learning

 To learn the material requires that students try it out in a lab or real-world situation. Or students prefer hands-on learning activities.

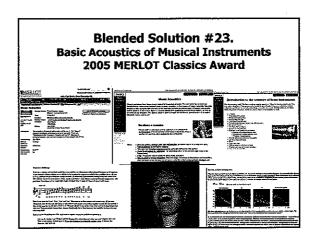






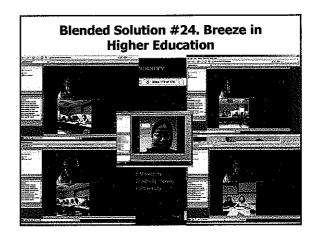
# Problem Situation #12: Preference for Auditory Learning

 The content is heavily verbal or words. Or students have a preference to listen to a lecture or hear an instructor deliver a lecture.



### Problem Situation #13: Lack of Instructor Presence

 Students need to see or hear from the instructor. They need a sense that the instructor is supporting their learning. They prefer face-to-face but are willing to try online.



# Implications and Challenges for Blended Learning

- 1. Faculty and students are more mobile.
- 2. Students more choices.
- 3. Student expectations rise.
- 4. Greater self-determined learning.
- 5. More corporate university partnershi
- 6. Courses increasingly modular.
- 7. Less predefined schedules.
- 8. When teaching less clear; when learning less clear.

# 99 seconds: What have you learned so far?

- Write down 1-2 solid ideas and 1-2 fuzzy ones.
- · Share with partner.
- · Share with group.





# Part II. Addressing Learning Styles



### Why Address Learning Styles?

- · Promotes reflection on teaching
- · Move from just one mode of delivery
- · View from different viewpoints
- . Offer variety in the class
- · Might lower drop-out rates
- Fosters experimentation



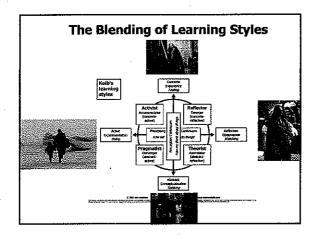


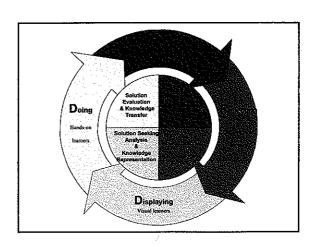
# Poll 2: Which learning style do you prefer?

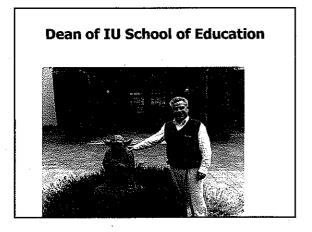
- a. Read (Auditory and Verbal Learners)
- b. Reflect (Reflective Learners)
- c. Display (Visual Learners)
- d. Do (Tactile, Kinesthetic, Exploratory Learners)

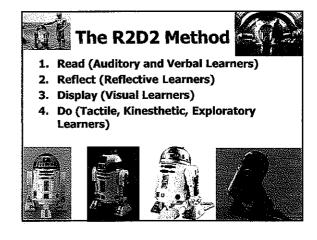
VARK learning styles (Fleming & Mills (1992a, 1992b). Four types of learners and learning styles

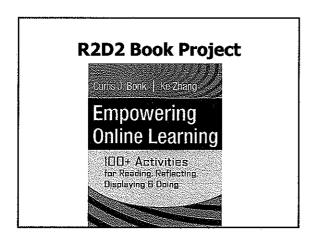
- Visual learners prefer diagrams, flowcharts, graphics (they do not mention video, film, Webcasts, or PowerPoint presentations).
- 2. Auditory learners prefer to hearing directions, lectures, or verbal information.
- Reading and writing learners prefer text passages, words, and written explanations.
- Tactile or kinesthetic learners learn best by connecting to reality through examples, practices, or simulations.

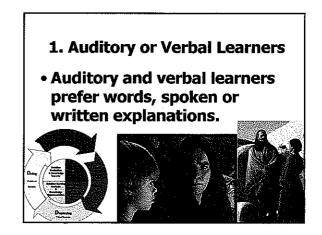


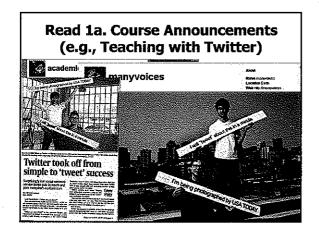


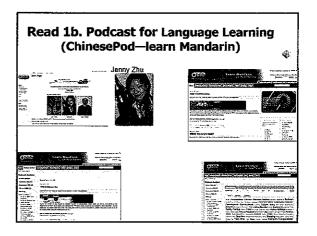


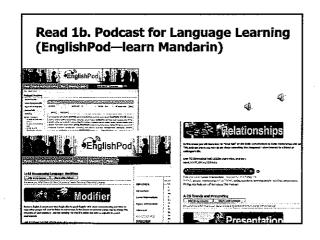












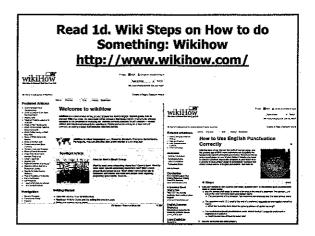


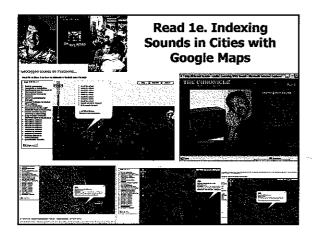
# Read 1c. Educational Applications of Podcasting (Essex, 2006, Leftwich, 2007)

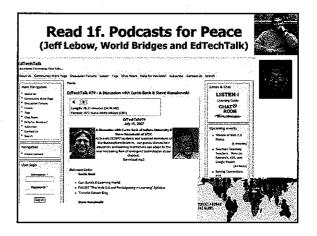
- 1. Recordings of lectures (Coursecasting)
- 2. Supplemental textbook or entire book
- 3. Student projects
- 4. Interviews
- 5. Language lessons
- 6. Oral reports
- 7. K-12 classroom interactions
- 8. Downloadable library of resources
- 9. Recordings of performances

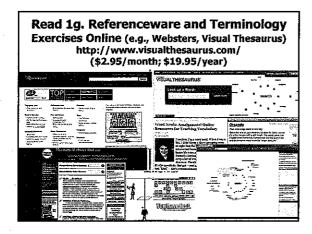


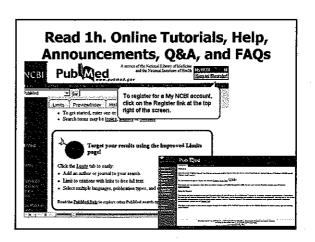
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# 2. Reflective and Observational Learners

 Reflective and observational learners prefer to reflect, observe, view, and watch learning; they make careful judgments and view things from different perspectives







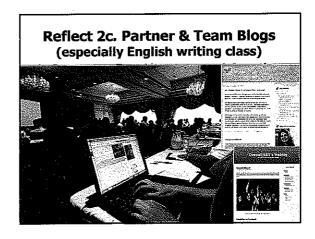


### Reflect 2a. ORL or Library Day

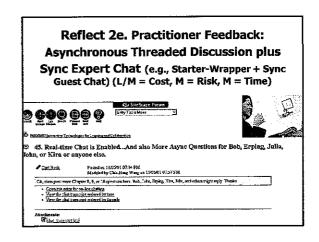
(L = Cost, M = Risk, M/H = Time) (Bonk, 1999)

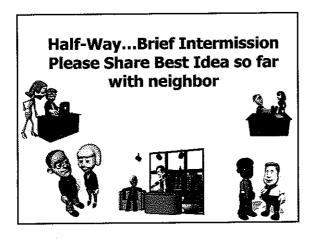
- Have students spend a day in the library or online finding and summarizing a set number of articles.
- Have them bring to class or post abstracts to an online forum.
- Share in small groups interested in similar topics.
- Perhaps give each student 1-2 minutes to describe what found in a chat.

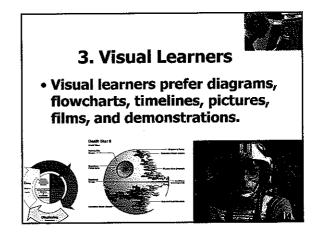
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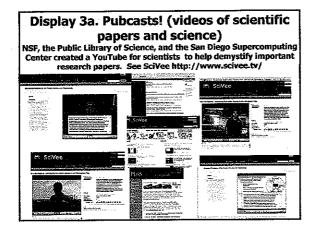


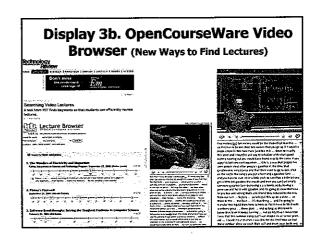
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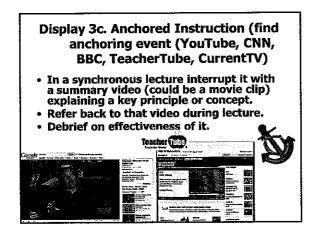


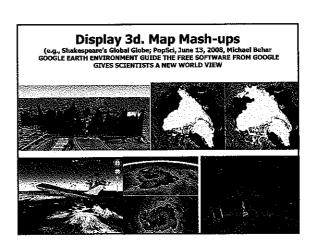


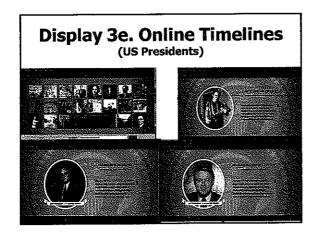


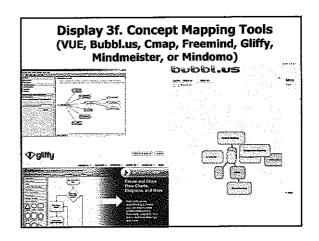








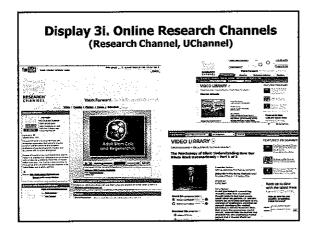


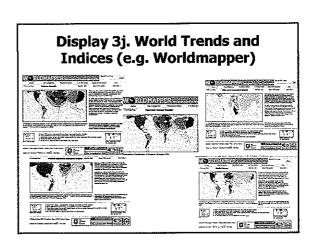


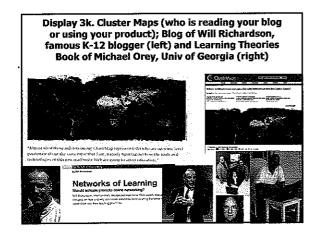
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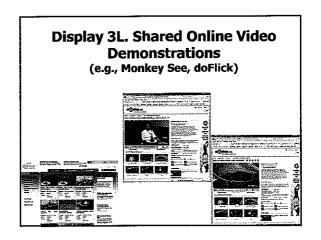
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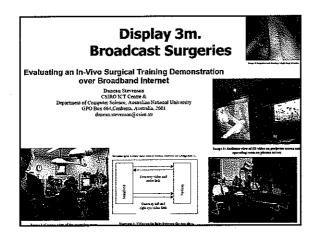


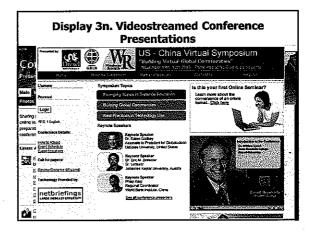


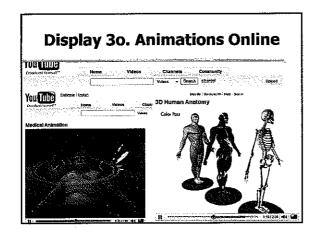


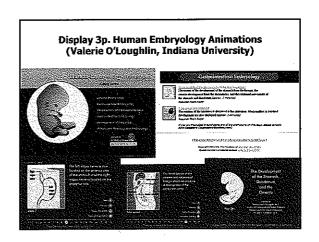


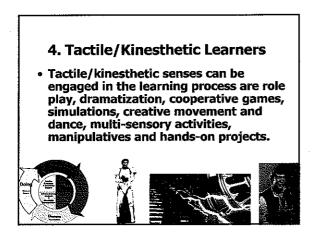


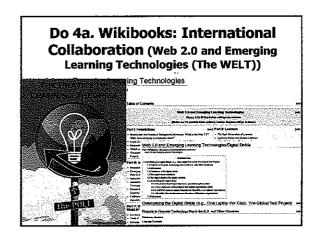


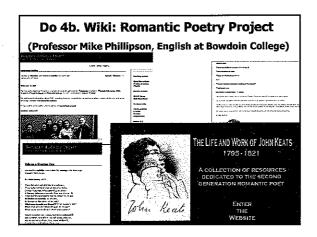


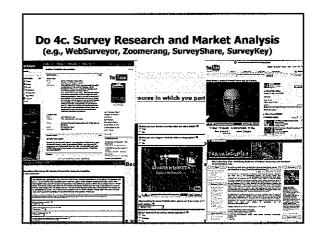


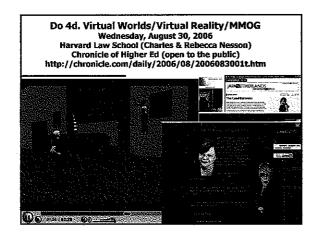


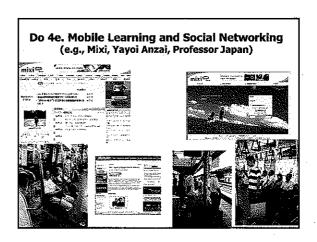


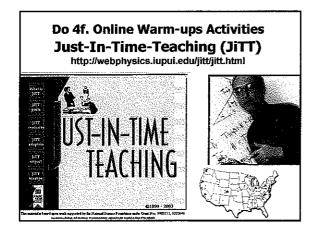


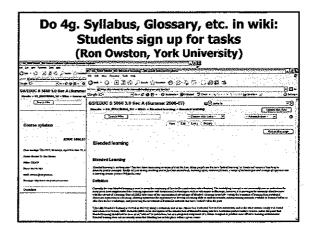


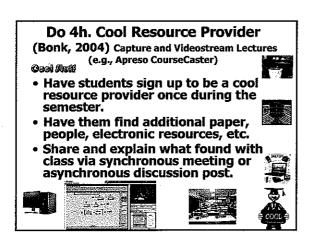




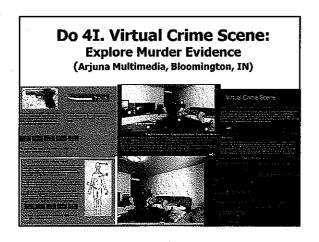


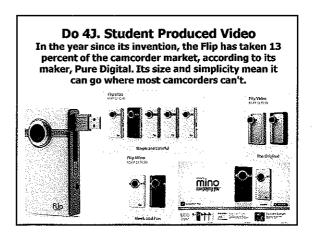












### Next up: The MATRIX!!!!!!!!!

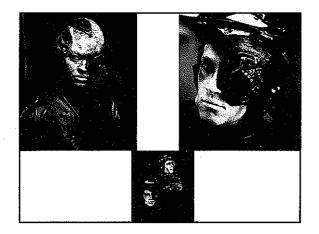
- Mobile
- Auditory
- Thought-stimulating
- Reflective / Real-World
- vIsually Interactive
- eXtremely Hands-on

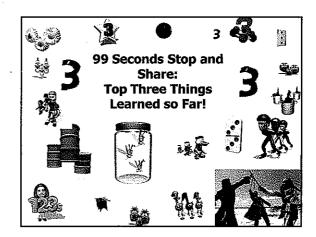


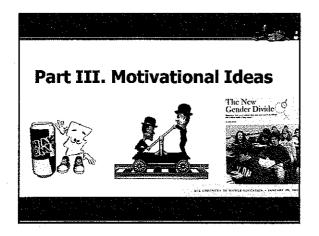


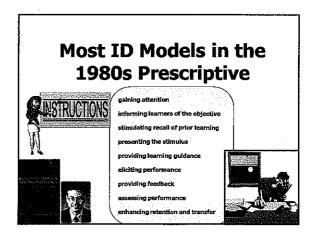
What can we say about the Read-Reflect-Display-Do Model then???

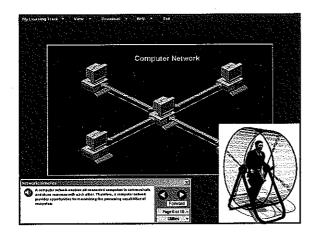
- It is everywhere!!!!!!!
- Resistance is futile!!!!!!









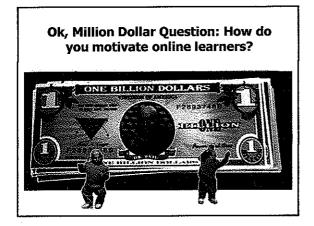


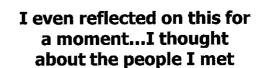
### **Three Most Vital Skills**

The Online Teacher, TAFE, Guy Kemshal-Bell (April, 2001)

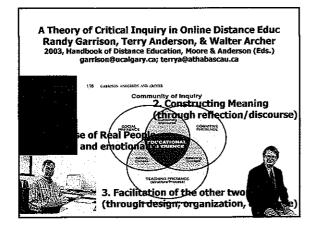
- · Ability to engage the learner (30)
- Ability to motivate online learners (23)
- Ability to build relationships (19)
- · Technical ability (18)
- · Having a positive attitude (14)
- Adapt to individual needs (12)
- Innovation or creativity (11)











# Factors in Creating any Community (Rick Schwier)

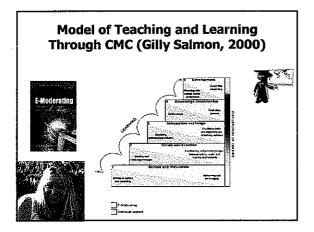
- (1) membership/identity
- (2) influence
- (3) fulfill of indiv needs/rewards
- (4) shared events & emotional connections

(McMillan & Chavis, 1986).

History, stories, expression, identity, participation, respect, autonomy, celebration, team building, shape group, Rick Schwier, 1999; University of Saskatchewan, richard, schwier@usask.ca)







### TEC-VARIETY Model for Online Motivation and Retention

- 1. Tone/Climate: Psych Safety, Comfort, Belonging
- 2. Encouragement, Feedback: Responsive, Supports
- 3. Curiosity: Fun, Fantasy, Control
- 4. Variety: Novelty, Intrigue, Unknowns
- 5. Autonomy: Choice: Flexibility, Opportunities
- 6. Relevance: Meaningful, Authentic, Interesting
- 7. Interactive: Collaborative, Team-Based, Community
- 8. Engagement: Effort, Involvement, Excitement
- 9. Tension: Challenge, Dissonance, Controversy
- 10. Yields Products: Goal Driven, Products, Success, Ownership

## **Intrinsic Motivation**

- "...innate propensity to engage one's interests and exercise one's capabilities, and, in doing so, to seek out and master optimal challenges
- (i.e., it emerges from needs, inner strivings, and personal curiosity for growth)

See: Deci, E. L., & Ryan, R. M. (1985). Intrinsic motivation and self-determination in human behavior. NY: Plenum Press.



### 1. Tone/Climate:

### **A.** Coffee House Expectations

- 1. Have everyone post 2-3 course expectations
- 2. Instructor summarizes and comments on how they might be met
- B. Public Commitments: Have students share how they will fit the coursework into their busy schedules



### 1. Tone/Climate: Social Ice Breakers

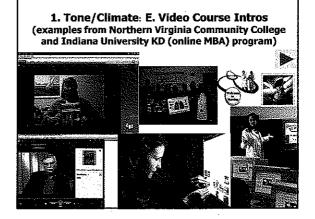
### C. Eight Nouns Activity

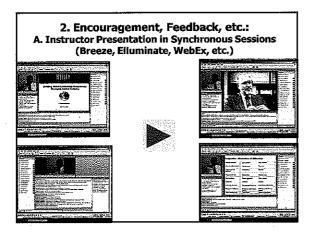
- 1. Have everyone post 8 nouns that represent them.
- 2. Comment on nouns of 1-3 peers might be met

### D. Favorite Websites

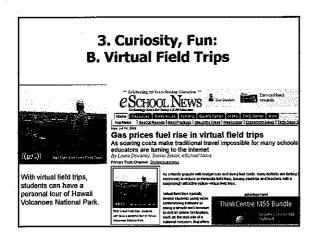
- 1. Everyone posts 1-2 of their favorite medical Websites and explain why.
- 2. Peers comment on or rate them.

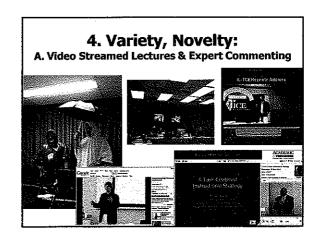












5. Autonomy, Choice: A. Online Literature
Search (Class Google Jockeys)

The Electronic Literati, in Search of a Voice, June 1,
2007, Chronicle of Higher Education, Jeffrey Young
(links to text, soundtracks, video clips, etc.)

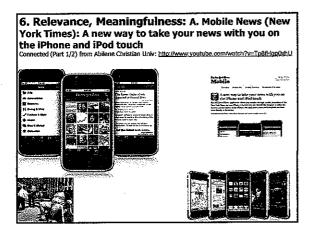
5. Autonomy, Choice:
B. Volunteer Technology Demos (Bonk, 1996)

• Take students to a computer lab.
• Have students conduct a technology demonstration that relates to something from the class (replaces an assignment).
• Include handout
• Debrief



### 5. Autonomy, Choice:

- D. Multiple Topic Forums or Task Options
- · Generate multiple discussion prompts and ask students to participate in 2 out of 3
- Provide different discussion "tracks" (much like conference tracks) for students with different interests to choose among
- List possible topics and have students vote (students sign up for lead diff weeks)
- Have students list and vote.

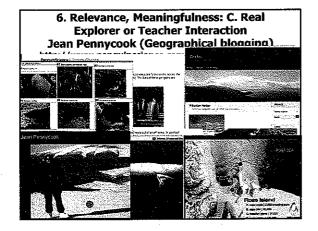


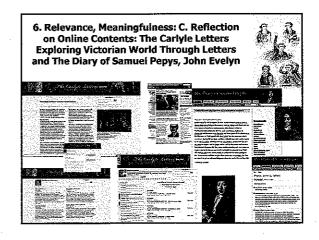
### 6. Relevance, Meaningfulness: **B. 99 Second Quotes**

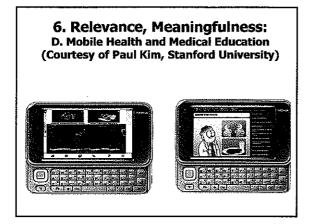


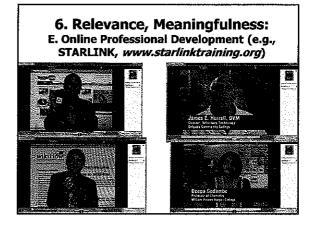
(L = Cost, M = Risk, M = Time)

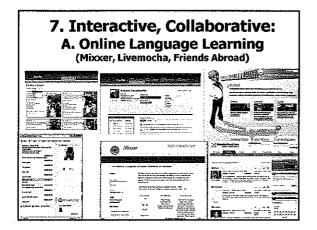
- Everyone brings in a quote that they like from the readings
- You get 99 seconds to share it and explain why you choose it in a sync chat or videoconference
- Options
  - Discussion wrapped around each quote
  - Small group linkages—force small groups to link quotes and present them
  - Debate value of each quote in an online forum











7. Interactive, Collaborative: B. Discussion: Starter-



Wrapper (Hara, Bonk, & Angeli, 2000)

- Starter reads ahead and starts discussion and others participate and wrapper summarizes what was discussed.
- Start-wrapper with roles--same as #1 but include roles for debate (optimist, pessimist, devil's advocate).
- C. Alternative: Facilitator-Starter-Wrapper (Alexander, 2001)
- Instead of starting discussion, student acts as moderator or questioner to push student thinking and give feedback

7. Interactive, Collaborative:
D. Google Docs, Ning, Google Groups,
MSN Groups, Yahoo Groups, Diigo, etc.

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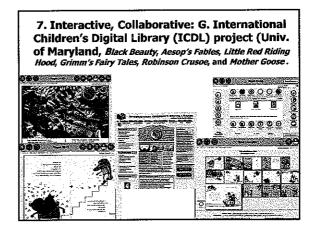
# 7. Interactive, Collaborative: E. Online Peer Mentoring Sessions

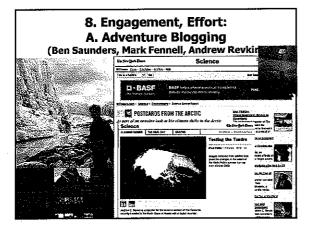
- Have students sign up online for a chapter wherein they feel comfortable and one that they do not.
- 2. Have a couple of mentoring sessions in class or online.
- 3. Debrief on how it went.

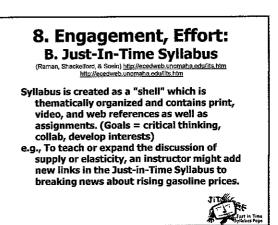


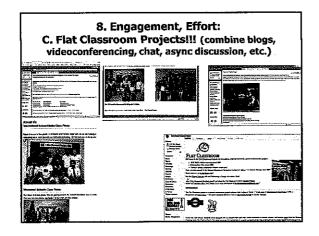
# 7. Interactive, Collaborative: F. Human Graph

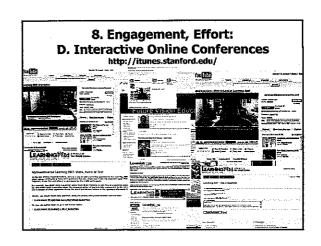
- Class lines up: (1-5)
- 1 = Strongly agree,
- 3 = neutral,
- 5 = strongly disagree
- · e.g., this workshop is great!
- In a videoconference or synchronous session, have students line up on a scale (e.g., 1 is low and 5 is high) on camera according to how they feel about something (e.g., topic, the book, class).

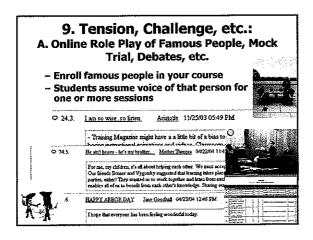


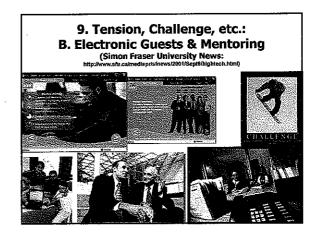


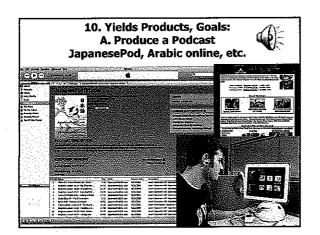




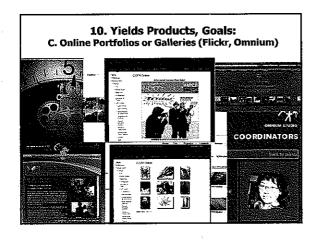


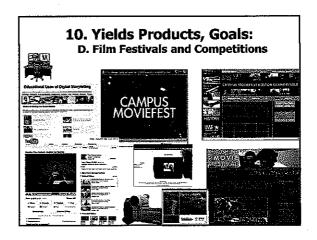


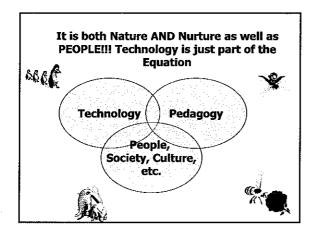


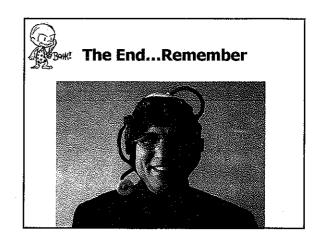












Poll #3: How many ideas did you get from this workshop so far?

- a. None-you are an idiot.
- b. 1 (and it is a lonely #).
- c. 2 (it can be as bad as one).
- d. 3-5
- e. 6-10
- f. Higher than I can count!



