R2D2 on the Matrix: A Galaxy of Online Learning Style, Motivational, and Learner-Centered Examples
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- Ideas definitely Can Use (Circle or write down)
- Ideas you might use (check off or write down in a separate column)
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Part I: 10 Learning Centered Ideas
1. Learner-Centered Learning Principles
   (American Psychological Association, 1993)
   
   Cognitive and Metacognitive Factors
   1. Nature of the learning process
   2. Goals of the learning process
   3. Construction of knowledge
   4. Strategic thinking
   5. Thinking about thinking
   6. Context of learning
   
   Developmental and Social Factors
   10. Developmental influences on learning
   11. Social influences on learning
   
   Individual Differences
   12. Individual differences in learning
   13. Learning and diversity
   14. Standards and assessment
   
   Motivational and Affective Factors
   7. Motivational and emotional influences
   8. Intrinsic motivation to learn
   9. Effects of motivation on effort

2. Constructivist Teaching Principles (Brooks, 1990)
   1. Build on student prior knowledge.
   2. Make learning relevant.
   3. Give students choice in learning activity.
   4. Student autonomy & active learning encouraged.
   5. Use of raw data sources & interactive materials.
   7. Seek elaboration on responses and justification.
   8. Pose contradictions to original hypothesis.
   9. Ask open-ended questions & allow wait time.
   10. Encourage reflection on experiences.

1. Anchored Instruction (find anchoring event (CTGV, 1999?)
   (L/M = Cost, M = Risk, M = Time)
   • In a synchronous lecture interrupt it with a summary video (could be a movie clip) explaining a key principle or concept.
   • Refer back to that video during lecture.
   • Debrief on effectiveness of it.

2. Cool Resource Provider (Cool Tool)
   (Bonk, 2004) Capture and Videostream Lectures
   (e.g., Apres CourseStarter)
   • Have students sign up to be a cool resource provider once during the semester.
   • Have them find additional paper, people, electronic resources, etc.
   • Share and explain what found with class via synchronous meeting or asynchronous discussion post.

3. 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.

4. 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.
5. Online Warm-ups Activities
Just-In-Time-Teaching (JITT)
http://webphysics.iupui.edu/jitt/jitt.html

6. One minute papers or muddiest point papers
(L = Cost, M = Risk, M = Time)
- Have students write for 3-5 minutes what was the most difficult concept from a class, presentation, or chapter. What could the instructor clarify better.
- Send to the instructor via email or online forum.
- Optional: Share with a peer before sharing with instructor or a class.

7. Jigsaw
(L = Cost, M = Risk, H = Time)
- Form home or base groups of 4-6 students.
- Student move to expert groups—discussion ideas in a chat.
- Share knowledge in expert groups and help each other master the material in an online forum.
- Come back to base group to share or teach teammates.
- Students present in group what learned.

8. Six Hats (Role Play):
- White Hat: Data, facts, figures, info (neutral)
- Red Hat: Feelings, emotions, intuition, rage...
- Yellow Hat: Positive, sunshine, optimistic
- Black Hat: Logical, negative, judgmental, gloomy
- Green Hat: New ideas, creativity, growth
- Blue Hat: Controls thinking process & organization

Note: technique was used in a business info systems class where discussion got too predictable!

9. Structured Controversy
and Instructor (or student) Generated
Virtual Debates
(L = Cost, M = Risk, M = Time)
1. Select controversial topic (with input from class)
2. Divide class into subtopic pairs: one critic and one defender.
3. Assign each pair a perspective or subtopic
4. Critics and defenders post initial position statements in an online thread
5. Rebut person in one’s pair
6. Reply to 2+ positions with comments or q’s
7. Formulate and post personal positions.

10. Best 3 Activity
(Thiagi, personal conversation, 2003)
(L = Cost, L = Risk, L/M = Time)
- After a lecture, have students decide on the best 3 ideas they heard (perhaps comparing to a handout or dense sheet of paper).
- Work with another who has 3 as well and decide on best 3 (or 4).
- Those pairs work with another dyad and decide on best 3 (or 4).
- Report back to class.
99 seconds: What have you learned so far?
- Solid and Fuzzy in groups of two to four

Part II. Motivational Ideas

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

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

   Create a 20-30 item scavenger hunt
   Post scores
2. Encouragement, Feedback, etc.: B. Thinking About the Readings (TARS) J/IT;
Claude Cookman, IU, Photography Class

3. Curiosity, Fun: B. Electronic Seance
- Students read books from famous dead people
- Convene when dark (sync or asynchronous)
- Present present day problem for them to solve
- Participate from within those characters (e.g., read direct quotes from books or articles)
- Invite expert guests from other campuses
- Keep chat open for set time period
- Debrief

4. Variety, Novelty: B. Brainstorming Chat
5. Autonomy, Choice:
A. Clickers; Innovation is but one click away...

B. Multiple Topics
- 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:
A. Workflow Learning (Shell Oil example)
- In this context, authentic work-based activities are learning activities that are anchored in workplace practice and that are focused on developing the participants' ability to solve problems in their everyday professional job roles (Merrill, 2002).

B. Authentic Data Analysis
Jeanne Sept, IU, Archaeology of Human Origins; Components: From CD to Web
- A set of research q's and problems that archaeologists have posed about the site
- A complete set of data from site & background info
- Students work collaboratively to integrate multidisciplinary data & interpret age of site
- Interpret of ancient environments
- Analyze artifacts/fossils from site

7. Interactive, Collaborative:
A. Panels of Experts: Be an Expert/Ask an Expert: Have each learner choose an area in which to become expert and moderate a forum for the class. Require participation in a certain number of forums (choice)
B. Press Conference: Have a series of press conferences at the end of small group projects; one for each group
C. Symposia of Experts

D. Discussion: Starter-Wraper (Hara, Bonk, & Angeli, 2000)
1. Starter reads ahead and starts discussion and others participate and wrapper summarizes what was discussed.
2. Start-wreaper with roles—same as #1 but include roles for debate (optimist, pessimist, devil's advocate).
Instead of starting discussion, student acts as moderator or questioner to push student thinking and give feedback

9. Tension, Challenge, etc.: A. Online Role Play of Famous People, Mock Trial, Debates, etc.
   - Enroll famous people in your course
   - Students assume voice of that person for one or more sessions

9. Tension, Challenge, etc.: B. Scenario Learning (Emmis Communications example)

9. Tension, Challenge, etc.: C. Court Room Forum (Bus Law)

10. Yields Products: Concept Maps, Video Papers, Virtual Timelines
99 seconds: What have you learned so far?
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Part III. 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

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

1. visual;
2. auditory;
3. reading/writing;
4. kinesthetic, tactile, or exploratory,

Poll 1: Which learning style do you prefer?
- Read (Auditory and Verbal Learners)
- Reflect (Reflective Learners)
- Display (Visual Learners)
- Do (Tactile, Kinesthetic, Exploratory Learners)

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

1. 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.
3. Reading and writing learners prefer text passages, words, and written explanations.
4. Tactile or kinesthetic learners learn best by connecting to reality through examples, practices, or simulations.
Kolb (1984)

- According to Kolb, effective learning involves four phases:
  - from getting involved (Concrete Experience) to
  - listening/observing (Reflective Observation) to
  - creating an idea (Abstract Conceptualization) to
  - making decisions (Active Experimentation).
- A person may become better at some of these learning skills than others; as a result, a learning style develops.

Abstract Conceptualization vs. Concrete Experiences

- (AC) - I am rational and logical.
- (CE) - I am practical and down to earth.
- (AC) - I plan events to the last detail.
- (CE) - I like realistic, but flexible plans.
- (AC) - I am difficult to get to know.
- (CE) - I am easy to get to know.

Active Experimentation vs. Reflective Observation

- (AE) - I often produce off-the-cuff ideas.
- (RO) - I am thorough and methodical.
- (AE) - I am flexible and open minded.
- (RO) - I am careful and cautious.
- (AE) - I am loud and outgoing.
- (RO) - I am quite and somewhat shy.

Index of Learning Styles Questionnaire
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http://www.onqr.ncsu.edu/learningstyles/lisweb.html

6. If I were a teacher, I would rather teach a course
   ○ (a) that deals with facts and real-life applications
   ○ (b) that deals with ideas and theories.
7. I prefer to get new information in
   ○ (a) pictures, diagrams, graphs, or maps.
   ○ (b) written documents, or verbal information.

THE COMPLETE 4MAT SYSTEM MODEL.
The R2D2 Method

1. Read (Auditory and Verbal Learners)
2. Reflect (Reflective Learners)
3. Display (Visual Learners)
4. Do (Tactile, Kinesthetic, Exploratory Learners)

1. Auditory or Verbal Learners
   - Auditory and verbal learners prefer words, spoken or written explanations.

1a. Online Audio Cases
    Audio Dramas
    eCollege Wales, Univ. of Glamorgan

1b. Online Tutorials and Help

1c. Synchronous Conferencing

1d. Online Literature and Free Books
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.

2b. Reuse Chat Transcripts

2d. Reflection Sheets and Scaffolds online (E-Reading First Ohio)

(reflect, share, and compare)

2a. Post Model Answers

Employment Law and Ethics Project

Question 1

Would you agree if the Labor Department or Department of Labor (DOL) were to adopt the legal definitions of sexual harassment that are used in domestic or employment claims?

Answer 1

Based on Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the DOL and courts consider sexual harassment as a form of employment discrimination that takes various forms such as:

- Unwelcome sexual advances
- Request for sexual favors
- Physical conduct of a sexual nature
- Verbal remarks of a sexual nature

The DOL and courts look at the overall experience of the claims. The key factor is whether the harassment made it difficult to work or did it cause the employee to quit their job. Thus, the DOL and courts can look at the overall experience of the claims.


3. Visual Learners

- Visual learners prefer diagrams, flowcharts, timelines, pictures, films, and demonstrations.
3a. Online Anatomy and Physiology

3b. Animations, Video Clips, Audio, Pictures, Web Resources, etc.

3c. Virtual Tours, Maps, and Field Trips

3d. Vodcast for Medical Training
   (e.g., "SonoSite on the small screen: The Bothell-based company uses podcasts for its ultrasound scanner training.
   By Eric Feltes, Herald Writer, Everett, WA, Sept 23, 2006)

   Dan Bates / The Herald, Sept 23, 2006
   David Levesque, vice president of global learning at SonoSite in Bothell, demonstrates the company's new podcast training for ultrasound technicians.

3e. Expert Mentoring Online in Art and Design
   (COFA Online, Omnim Project, Creative Waves—online graphics and photomedia project)

3f. Historical Documents
discoverbabylon.org
   • In its final form, the multi-player game will let you march through three-dimensional recreations of the first city-states, around 3000 B.C., the first empires, around 2300 B.C., and finally the famous Iron Age empire of Assyria...offers three-dimensional walkthroughs of sites in the Valley of the Kings.
4. Tactile/Kinesthetic Learners
- Tactile/kinesthetic senses can be engaged in the learning process through role play, dramatization, cooperative games, simulations, creative movement and dance, multi-sensory activities, manipulatives and hands-on projects.

4a. Romantic Poetry Project
(Professor Mike Phillipson, English at Bowdoin College)

4b. Videoconferencing with Hearing Impaired Students Online
- College students tutoring high schools on their homework
- Instructors observing how teacher education students are doing in field placements (practice presentation and communication skills)
- Interpret speaker via Web cam

4c. Practicing Language Skills in Skype and Google Talk

4d. Virtual Worlds/Virtual Reality/MMOG
First Course in a Virtual World (Second Life)

4e. Survey Research and Market Analysis
(e.g., WebSurveyor, Zoomerang, SurveyShare, SurveyKey)
Next up: The MATRIX!!!!!!!!!!!

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

Try the R2D2 Method!!!

Stand and Share

- Will Work: ________
- Might Work: ________
- No Way: ________

Nature and Nurture: An Interactional Model

Technology Pedagogy

People, Society, Culture, etc.

It is both Nature AND Nurture as well as PEOPLE!!! Technology is just part of the Equation

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