Part 2 (Micro View).
R2D2 to the Matrix: A Galaxy of Online Learning
Style, Motivational, Blended Learning, and
Learner-Centered Examples

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- At Abilene Christian (University)...about 2,800
  students and 70% of the 250 professors use the
  Apple technology for instructional purposes.
- Art students use app to draft sketch and send it to the
  teacher and other students for advice before starting the
  real art pieces.
- A drama teacher takes video of the lead dancer in a
  production and sends that along to other students for
  rehearsal.

Senior Emily Smak, 20, tries out the treadmill workstation in one of the
study lounges in the new Education and Human Services Building at
Central Michigan University. There is a new iMac computer attached to
it so students can get a little exercise while doing homework or other
things on the computer.
Poll #1: Bonk’s Web Addiction Questionnaire (check all that apply)

1. Own 2 or more cell phones with Internet access.
2. Own 2 or more laptop computers with wireless connections.
3. Check email in the morning, noon, and at night.
4. Suffer from nervous tension when you cannot get on email.
5. Are checking email, updating your Facebook account, or text messaging right now.

Part I Blended Learning

1. Definitions of blended learning
2. Advantages and disadvantages
3. Models of blended learning
4. Examples of blended learning
5. Implications for blended learning

The Sloan Consortium
http://www.sloan.org/resources/sizing_opportunity.pdf

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<th>Percentage of Course Content</th>
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<td>Traditional</td>
<td>Course where 0% of the content is delivered online and 100% in a face-to-face setting.</td>
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<td>11%-59%</td>
<td>Web-Enhanced</td>
<td>Course where 0% to 59% of the content is delivered online and 41% to 100% in a face-to-face setting.</td>
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<td>60%-79%</td>
<td>Blended Hybrid</td>
<td>Course with 60% to 79% of the content delivered online and 21% to 41% in a face-to-face setting.</td>
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<td>80%-99%</td>
<td>Online</td>
<td>Course with 80% to 99% of the content delivered online and 1% to 20% in a face-to-face setting.</td>
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Range of Blends in Pew Cases

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)

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

Models of Blending
Blending occurs at the following four levels:
- Activity Level
- Course Level
- Program Level
- Institutional Level

1. Activity- and Course-Level Blends
Blended learning systems: Definitions and directions
(Osguthorpe & Graham, 2003)

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)

Blended Solution #1+. Sample Activities for Brief Meetings
1. 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.
5. 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.
Blended Solution #2. Online Professional Development (e.g., STARLINK, www.starlinktraining.org)

Blended Solution #3. Expert Video Reflections and Scaffolds online (E-Reading First Ohio; reflect, share, and compare)

Blended Solution #4. Flash, 3-D Visualization, & Laboratory Software

Blended Solution #5. Online Portals Basic Acoustics of Musical Instruments 2005 MERLOT Classics Award

Implications and Challenges for Blended Learning
1. Faculty and students are more mobile.
2. Students more choices.
3. Student expectations rise.
6. Courses increasingly modular.
7. Less predefined schedules.
8. When teaching less clear; when learning less clear.

Part II: Some Online Motivational Ideas
We are not motivating students with the technologies that they love

Ik, Million Dollar Question: How do you motivate online learners? What Words come to mind?

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)


Poll #2: Which of these is the most important for motivating students?
(Pick just one)

1. Supportive, appropriate challenge, meaningful.
2. Teach goal setting and self-reinforcement.
4. Novelty, variety, choice.
5. Game-like, fun, fantasy, curiosity, suspense.
6. Divergence, dissonance, peer interaction.
7. Allow to create finished products.
8. Provide immediate feedback.
9. Show intensity, enthusiasm, interest.
10. Make content personal, concrete, familiar.

I even reflected on this for a moment...

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: Social Ice Breakers**
   
   **A. Public Commitments:**
   Have students share how they will fit the coursework into their busy schedules.

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

2. **Encouragement, Feedback, etc.:**
   
   **A. Online Self-Testing** (e.g., self study in vocabulary, anatomy, chemistry, dissection, etc.)

   1. Upper Limb Study
      - A. Head, neck, thoracic, abdominal, pelvic
      - B. Muscles, tendons, nerves
      - C. Skin, subcutaneous tissue
      - D. Tendons, dermis, muscle
      - E. Nerves, blood vessels, skin

2. **Encouragement, Feedback, etc.:**
   
   **B. Tutorials with Screen Capture** (e.g., Jing, Screencast)

2. **Encouragement, Feedback, etc.:**
   
   **C. Instructor Presentation in Synchronous Sessions** (Breeze, Elluminate, WebEx, etc.)
3. Curiosity, Fun:
A. Exploration and Demonstration: Virtual Tours and Timelines (HyperHistory)
http://simile.mit.edu/timeline/

Japanese fishermen brave for giant jellyfish

3. Curiosity, Fun:
B. Online News
(Giant jellyfish, Tiny T. rex, and Ardi)

4. Variety, Novelty:
A. Cool Resource Provider
- 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.

4. Variety, Novelty:
B. Volunteer Technology Demos
- 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

4. Variety, Novelty:
C. Adding voices to email, docs (Yack Pack, VoiceThread)

4. Variety, Novelty:
D. Expert Chats
(Bonk, 2007; Liang & Bonk, 2009)
1. Agree to a weekly chat time.
2. Bring in expert for discussion or post discussion topics or issues.
3. Summarize or debrief on chat discussion.
5. Autonomy, Choice: A. Online Literature Search (Class Google Jockeys) (links to text, soundtracks, video clips, etc.)

5. Autonomy, Choice: B. Clickers; Innovation is but one click away...

6. Relevance, Meaningfulness: A. 60 Second Recap, Jenny Sawyer
   http://www.60secondrecap.com/
   Actress to students: Lend me your carbachts! English major, 24, rhymefactusly recaps the classics in 60-second Web videos; By Greg Toppo; USA TODAY, September 2009

7. Interactive, Collaborative: A. Online Language Learning (ECpod, Mixxer, Livemocha, Babbel, KanTalk)

7. Interactive, Collaborative: B. Collaborative Groups (Ning, Google Groups, MSN Groups, Yahoo Groups, Diligo)
7. Interactive, Collaborative:
   C. Collaborative Documents (Google Docs) and Bookmarking (Diigo, Delicious)

8. Engagement, Effort:
   A. Synchronous and Asynchronous Events
      (e.g., Breeze + Video + Online Forum + Online Papers)

9. Tension, Challenge, etc.:
   A. Ethical Medical Debates

10. Yields Products, Goals:
    A. Movie Festivals, Concept Maps, Video Papers/Blogs, Virtual Timelines, Digital Movies

Poll #3: How many ideas did you get so far?
1. 0 if I am lucky.
2. Just 1.
3. 2, yes, 2...just 2!
4. Do I hear 3? 3!!!!
5. 4-5.
6. 5-10.

99 seconds: What have you learned so far?
- Solid and Fuzzy in groups of two to four
III. Addressing Learning Styles

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.

Read 1a. Publishing in Open Access Journals (e.g., PLOS)

Read 1b. Course Announcements (e.g., Teaching with Twitter)
Read 1c. Podcast Paper Reflections
- Students listen to a podcast.
- Reflect on what they learned in an online forum.
- Students comment on each other's post.

Read 1d. Wiki Steps on How to do Something: Wikihow
http://www.wikihow.com/

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. Blogs Uses
1. Instructor or Tutor blog: resources, information, space to chat
2. Learner blog: reflections, sharing links and pics, fosters ownership of learning
3. Partner blog: work on team projects or activities
4. Class blog: international exchanges, projects, PBL
5. Revision: review and expound sentences from previous posts, add details
6. Nutshell: summarize themes or comments across blogs
7. Blog on blog: reflections on feelings, confusions, and experiences with blogs

Reflect 2b. Critical Friend Blog Postings

Reflect 2c. Expert and Domain Specific Blogs (English Teacher Blogs)
Reflect 2d. Analyze Online Cases (problems, solutions, etc.)

3. Visual Learners
- Visual learners prefer diagrams, flowcharts, timelines, pictures, films, and demonstrations.

Display 3a. Pubcasts! (videos of scientific papers and science)
NSF, the Public Library of Science, and the San Diego Supercomputer Center created a YouTube for scientists to help demystify important research papers. See SciVee

Display 3b. Anchored Instruction Discussions (YouTube, CNN, BBC, TeacherTube, Current TV)
- 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.

Display 3c. Follow Online Adventure
Australian adventurer Don McIntyre and teenage circumnavigator Mike Peckham re-enact Capt William Bligh's epic mutiny on the Bounty open boat voyage, September 9, 2009

Display 3d. Concept Mapping and Timeline Tools (VUE, Bubbl.us, Cmap, Freemind, Gilfty, Mindmeister, or Mindomo)
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.
Do 4b. Survey Research and Market Analysis
(e.g., Mister Poll, MicroPoll, Zoomerang, SurveyShare)

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

Do 4d. Syllabus, Glossary, etc. in wiki:
Students sign up for tasks
(Ron Owston, York University)

Do 4e. Podcasts for students of pronunciation class
(e.g., Tzu-Su Chen, Taiwan)

Poll #4: How many ideas did you get from the second part of this talk?

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!

Try the R2D2 Method!!!
Try TEC-VARIETY!!!
Sample papers:
http://www.publicationshare.com/
Archived talks:
http://www.trainingshare.com/