Designing Interactive Learning for Visually-Hungry Learners

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Poll #1. Does the Web offer enough visual opportunities today?
A = yes
B = no
C = not sure

Who is demanding visual learning?

Generations: Dealing with Boomers, Gen-X, and Beyond
N. Boyce Apel, April 1, 2005, Practice Management Digest

Generalizations about Generations—Categorizations vs. Stereotypes

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<th>Generational Group</th>
<th>Born</th>
<th>Age</th>
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<td>Silent Generation</td>
<td>1925 - 1942</td>
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<td>1982 - ?</td>
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Behavioristic Interactivity

Online PowerPoint?
Interaction: Xer

"The skill to be valued in the twenty-first century is not the length of attention span, but the ability to multitask - to do many things well at once... [and] the ability to process visual information very rapidly."
(Rushkoff, 1996:50)

Learner Control: Xer

- Xers expect a range of options, in terms of what they learn and how they learn it. They require autonomy and flexibility for their own learning. They demand a variety of instructional methods from which they can choose to learn, e.g., videotapes, self-paced modules, interactive CDs.
- "Online gives me something to do when I'm bored with the professor."
- "I respect myself more as a self-teacher."
- Dziuban, Moskal, & Hartman (2005)

Neomillennial Learning Styles
Planning for Neomillennial Learning Styles: Implications for Investments in Technology and Faculty
Chris Dede, Harvard University, Educause, 2005

- Fluency in multiple media—value all types of communication, activities, experiences, not a single best medium
- Actively seek, collect, and synthesize experiences, rather than absorb a single best source
- Active learning and collective reflection
- Non-linear and associated webs of learning
- Co-design of learning experiences for individual needs and preferences not pre-customized

Dual Coding Theory

The promise of multimedia learning: Using the same instructional design methods across different media
Richard E. Mayer, Learning and Instruction, 13 (2003) 125-139.

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A review of research on the design of multimedia explanations:
(a) a multimedia effect: in which students learn more deeply from words and pictures than from words alone—in both book-based and computer-based environments,
(b) a coherence effect: in which students learn more deeply when extraneous material is excluded rather than included—in both book-based and computer-based environments,
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(c) a spatial contiguity effect: in which students learn more deeply when printed words are placed near rather than far from corresponding pictures—in both book-based and computer-based environments, and
(d) a personalization effect: in which students learn more deeply when words are presented in conversational rather than formal style—both in computer-based environments containing spoken words and those using printed words.

Part II: 40 Visual Learning Ideas

Nature AND Nurture: Pedagogy

Technology Pedagogy
People, Society, Culture, etc.

Ok, Million Dollar Question: How can you address visual learners online?

Visual Solution #1. Instructor Portal: e.g., self study in anatomy

Upper Extremity Muscles

Visual Solution #2. Electronic Cameras and Maps
Visual Solution #3. Online Planetarium
(open source: Stellarium)

Visual Solution #4. Use Google Maps Mashups in K-12 Education
By Jeffrey Bransburg, May 15, 2006
https://www.techSoup.org/story/directory/storyid/187002846

Maps: Earthquakes in the last week

Visual Solution #5. Video Streamed Lectures and Expert Commenting

Visual Solution #6. Online Anatomy and Physiology (e.g., online autopsy)

Interactive Cadaver
Cardiovascular System

Visual Solution #7. Online Synchronous Cases and Teams; Simulated Boardroom Chat; College Wales, Univ. of Glamorgan

Visual Solution #8. Video Conferencing and Online Conferences Viewing
Visual Solution #9. Video Course Introductions (examples from Northern Virginia Community College and Indiana University KD (online MBA) program)

Visual Solution #10. Video Observations and Reflections (e.g., Virtual Psychiatric Interview, Trinity College, Dublin, e-Read First Ohio)

Visual Solution #11. Online Content Videos (e.g., Google Video, CNN Video, etc.)

Visual Solution #12. COSMEO: Online Homework Help from the Discovery Channel includes math homework help, 15,000 interactive learning quizzes, games, and puzzles, 27,000 research articles, and 30,000 video clips that correlate to state standards!!! And the collection is expanding daily (cost = $9.95/month for up to 4 kids per family)

Visual Solution #13. REAL-World, REAL-TIME PALEONTOLOGY (videoconferencing) Ozarks Technical Community College (MO) and MOREnet, the Missouri Research and Educ Network
- They've installed 1,600 feet of armored, direct-burial fiber-optic cable in the Riverbluff Cave in southwest Missouri, and have networked a field house where work is being done on discovered artifacts. Those finds include some of the oldest Ice Age fossils in North America.
- RESEARCHERS broadcast live classroom content from Riverbluff Cave.

Visual Solution #14. 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
Visual Solution #15. Professional Cases Online
(Medical, Business, Education, etc.)

Visual Solution #16. Real World Problems (PBL online): Real-time Cases

Visual Solution #17. Explore Virtual Worlds and Online Representations
(UCLAs CVRLab)

Visual Solution #18. 3-D Visualization & Laboratory Software


Visual Solution #20. Adventure Blogging = Reality Teaching and Learning
(Ben Saunders, Mark Fennell)
What can we say about visual learning so far???

• It is everywhere!!!!!!!!!

• Resistance is futile!!!!!!!

Visual Solution #21. Historical Documents discoverbabylon.org

• In its final form, the multiplayer 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.

Visual Solution #22. 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

Visual Solution #23. Art and History Exhibits

Visual Solution #24. Expert Mentoring Online in Art and Design (COFA Online, Omnium Project, Creative Waves—online graphics and photomedia project)
Visual Solution #25. Instructor Presentation in Synchronous Sessions (Breeze, Elluminate, WebEx, etc.)

Visual Solution #26. Peer Critique in Breeze (Table of Benefits of Peer Critique; Park & Bonk, in press)
- Providing immediate feedback
- Increasing interactions among participants
- Encouraging to exchange multiple perspectives
- Enhancing dynamic interactions
- Promoting passive to become active
- Strengthening social presence allowing to exchange of emotional supports
- Apply skills just learned
- Exchange constructive feedback on each other’s projects

Visual Solution #27. Educational Simulations (HEALING GAMES: Computer simulations don’t have to be violent – they can give peace a chance, Scott Duke Harris May 21, 2006, San Fran Chronicle; and Medical Traumas from EMERGENCE, August 2006)

Visual Solution #28. Online Labs (e.g., Foreign Language Practice Exercises Online)

Visual Solution #29. Online Games e.g., Online Jeopardy Game

Visual Solution #30. Second Life and Virtual Worlds (Nick Yee, Stanford)
Visual Solution #31. Video Scenario Learning
(Option 6, Arjuna Multimedia, Bloomington, IN)

Visual Solution #32. Concept Mapping Tools

Visual Solution #33. Exploration and Demonstration: Virtual Fieldtrip and Tours

Visual Solution #34. Virtual Timelines

Visual Solution #35. Digital Storytelling

Visual Solution #36. Digital Movie Making (e.g., Duke)
Visual Solution #37. Vlogging (Video Blogs)
An Anthropologist Explores the Culture of Video Blogging
By JEFFREY R. YOUNG; Michael Wesch, K-State, asst prof of cultural anthro

Visual Solution #38. Wikibook Project
(e.g., Junior Book (Dinosaurs))
http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Main_Page

Visual Solution #39. Wikis for the
Romantic Poetry Project

Visual Solution #40. Encyclopedia of Life
By Brian Braiker, Newsweek, May 9, 2007

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

The End...Remember
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