Podcasts and Wikis and Blogs, Oh My!: Online Learning is Not in Kansas Anymore
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E-Learning Not in Kansas?

If it is not in Kansas, can we find e-learning in the UK?

Nature and Nurture: An Interactional Model

Part I. People, Society, and Cultures
Next Generation of Students

Telegraph: Flattening the world in 1860

How Lincoln won the Civil War
Mr. Lincoln's T-Mails: The Untold Story of How Abraham Lincoln Used the Telegraph to Win the Civil War
by Tom Wheeler; Collins, 227 pages, $24.95.
By Rosa J. DeLauro, Special for USA TODAY
Updated 11/22/2006 5:30 PM ET

- Wheeler argues that the use of the telegraph by Lincoln and his Union generals may have provided the advantage necessary to win the war.
- The telegraph was a killer app for its use along rail lines, enabling more efficient scheduling of trains—which, in turn, increased traffic, and profits.
- With this breakthrough, telegraph lines exploded across the Northern parts of the USA. The Southern states, afraid that industrialization would change their way of life dramatically, moved far more slowly in establishing both railroads and telegraph lines.

Schools of the 1880s

Eighth-grade students Tayler Berndolt, left, Amy Lostroh and Kelsey Cardiff check out a weblog discussion related to the Civil War historical-fiction book 'Guerrilla Season' At South Valley Junior High School in Liberty, Mo. (Blogging now begins young USA Today, By Ashley Bleines, USA TODAY, November 15, 2006, 12D). http://www.usatoday.com/life/2006-11-14-blogs-education_x.htm
Effects of interactive multimedia in distance learning


"The advancement in technology is shaping every aspect of our life, including education. One decade ago, the Internet was not critical to education. However, now, it has become an integral part of learning process. Internet technology is having a dramatic effect on colleges and universities, producing what may be the most challenging period in the history of higher education."
Singapore and Taipei
(Intel Press Release, 2006)

- Singapore, the island city-state in Southeast Asia, is about to complete a major new public/private project that will see large chunks of the 270 square mile city provided with Wi-Fi access by the end of 2008. The entire city, indoors and out, is due to be covered by 2015.
- In the coldest capital in Canada, the city residents of Iqaluit (pop. 6,000) enjoy free wireless from one free hotspot (with two more due soon to cover the suburbs), while Taipei, Taiwan (pop. 2.6 million) has a few more—over 4,000 hotspots that provide coverage for 90 percent of the city.

The Learning World has become Flat!

A Different Generation??? Multitasking...
"YOUNG AND WIRED," Katherine Seligman, San Fran Chronicle, Sunday, May 14, 2006

Gloria Kwan listens to her iPod while text messaging a friend who’s in class.
Chronicle photo by Mike Kepka

"YOUNG AND WIRED, Computers, cell phones, video games, blogs, text messages -- how will the sheer amount of time spent plugged in affect our kids?"
Katherine Seligman, San Fran Chronicle, Sunday, May 14, 2006

Harker student Stephanie Li (wearing a false nametag), during language class, recording her voice in Spanish for the teacher to evaluate later. Chronicle photo by Mike Kepka

USA Today, October 3, 2006

Totally wireless on campus

Student Mike Fothergill checks his email on campus.
Top 5 "In" Things on Campus
June 7, 2006, USA Today

Learning in Cafes, Libraries, and Pubs
USA Today, October 5, 2006

Yahoo News
Love me, love my blog," as Netorati couple-surf
BY SARA LEDWITH Thu Aug 3, 8:30 AM ET

- Nick Currie and his girlfriend Shizu Yuaa (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-
wcsrcker is changing. Now a social 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

All learning in one's own hands?

EDUCATION with Student News
Students prefer online courses of age

(AP) -- Andy Steeke lives just a
few miles from the campus of
Black Hills State University in
Spearfish, South Dakota, so
commuting to class isn't the
problem. But he doesn't like
lectures much, isn't a morning
person, and wants time during
the day to ride motorcycles.

So Steeke, a full-time speech business
major, has been taking as many classes
as he can from the South Dakota State
students' online offerings. He gets better
grades and learns more, he says.

Behaviorist Interactivity
Simulation: 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."
- Dzuban, 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

Simulation: Xer

- Genxers have a rapid-fire information consumption capability. Rushkoff argues that many of the things for which this generation is maligned, such as short attention spans and lack of ability to concentrate on a single task at once are not problems but actually brilliant coping mechanisms for a world overloaded with information.
The promise of multimedia learning: Using the same instructional design methods across different media
Richard E. Mayer, Learning and Instruction, 13 (2003) 125-139.

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,
(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. Technology Trends: Podcasts and Wikis and Blogs, Oh My!!!!
(1) Blogs, (2) Wikis, and (3) Podcasts

• Definitions
• Leading Figures
• Instructional Ideas
• Research, Data, and Other Examples


Trend #1: Blogging (75,000 new blogs each day, USA Today, March 27, 2006)

According to Linda Evarts (2003)

"Web logs — blogs for short — are the surprise wedding of the informational capacity of journalism and the speed of instant messaging....Composed of short and frequently updated postings arranged in chronological order, blogs are Web sites similar to online journals, offering information on topics ranging from foreign policy to poetry."

Blogging growing around the globe!

Canada.com

China says number of blogs tops 34 million with 55 million regular readers

Canada Press

Tuesday, September 30, 2008

BEIJING (AP) - The number of blogs in China has topped 34 million, more than 20 times what was first reported last year, a government Web site said Tuesday.

Some 17.5 million people in China consider themselves Web log writers, while 55 million regularly read these, newspapers and the online news agency said, citing a report by the government’s China Internet Network Information Center.

Web logs are hugely popular in China, where the government controls all media and the Internet offers most people the only public forum for expressing opinions. Many blogs deal with sex, culture, travel, fashion matters and other non-political subjects.

Educational use of Blogs

For instructors
- Professional practice
- Networking and knowledge sharing
- Course management tool
- ...

For students
- Reflections or journals
- Dialogue with peers
- Group work
- Communicate with instructor
- ...

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Blogging Questions
1. Who has a blog? Any for a specific class?
2. Who regularly reads other people's blogs?
3. Who assigns blogging tasks?
4. Who has created a video blog?
5. Who thinks it is an utter waste of time to blog?

Use of Weblogs
(especially English writing class)
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 explore 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

Blogger Software:
You have many choices!
2. Diaryland: http://www.diaryland.com/
4. Movable Type:
   http://www.sixapart.com/movabletype/
5. Pitas: http://www.pitas.com/
6. TypePad: http://www.sixapart.com/typepad/pricing
7. Xanga: http://www.xanga.com/

New Pew Survey Defines Today's Bloggers
Jimmy Moore, July 22, 2006
- Among the different kinds of blogs out there, here is the breakdown:
  - Personal life - 37 percent (can you say MySpace.com?)
  - Political - 11 percent
  - Entertainment - 7 percent
  - Sports - 6 percent
  - News/Current Events - 5 percent
  - Business - 5 percent
  - Technology - 4 percent
  - Religion/Faith - 2 percent
  - Health - 1 percent

Pew Research Group
New Pew Survey Defines Today’s Bloggers
Jimmy Moore, July 22, 2006
- Most bloggers are young, 18-30 year olds
- Most bloggers spend hours on Internet per day
- Most bloggers share their personal experiences
- Most bloggers write daily or almost daily
- Most bloggers LOVE to write and are good at it
- Most bloggers never published their writings b4
- Most bloggers have a full-time job (and it’s not blogging!)
Vlogging (Video Blogging)  
e.g., Andy Calvin's Waste of Bandwidth

Adventure Blogging  
(Ben Saunders, Mark Fennell)

Business Blogs

Trend #2. Wikis

Debates about Wiki Quality

Brandon Hall, Chief Learning Officer Magazine, July 2006

"A wiki is a collection of Web pages that can be easily viewed and modified by anyone, providing a means for sharing learning and collaboration."
For Teachers New to Wikis

- Wikis are free, online writing spaces.
- Wikis use simple formatting rules, so no HTML understanding required.
- Highly collaborative composing and creativity
- Authors do not claim ownership
- Published online
- Wikis provide a history and anyone can revisit prior versions of text

How use in teaching

1. Provide space for free writing
2. Debate course topics and readings
3. Share resources (websites, conferences, writing, etc.)
4. Maintain group progress journal
5. Require group or class essay
6. Have student revise Wikipedia pages
7. Write a wikibook

Wiki Resources/Options

- Wikipedia
- Wikibooks
- Wiktionary
- Wikiversity
- Wikispecies
- Wikiquote
- Wikinews

What is a wiki?

- What I Know Is
  - collaborative web-writing
  - cross class/
  - interdisciplinary projects
  - project spaces

What is a wiki?

- Ward Cunningham, in 1995
- The name, wiki, is based on the Hawaiian term *wikiwiki*, meaning "quick"

Wiki Questions

1. Who regularly reads Wikipedia articles just for fun?
2. Who regularly reads Wikibooks?
3. Who seeks Wikipedia for content?
4. Who has edited or written new articles on Wikipedia or Wikibooks?
5. Who thinks it is ok for college students to cite from Wikipedia?
Wiki Software

- Wiki software is a type of collaborative software that runs a Wiki system.
  - Java based: http://sourceforge.net/projects/frki
  - Perl based (Twiki) http://twiki.org/
  - PHP based: http://www.owlwiki.com/
  - PHP & MySQL http://www.mediawiki.org/

Wikibook Creation and Collaboration

3. Podcasting, Webcasting, and Coursecasting
(Adam Curry; www.dailysourcecode.com)

Students download complete lectures to watch on their computer in class or later on

Apple Plans to Inhabit Living Room
The New York Times
By JOHN MARKOFF and LAURA M. HOLSON
Published: September 13, 2006

Podcast Questions

1. Who has listened to a podcast?
2. Who listens to a certain podcast on a regular basis?
3. Who has created a podcast?
4. Who has created a vodcast?
5. Who thinks podcasting is simply more talking heads?
Webcasts: WorldBridges Goals

What is Worldbridges?
- Worldbridges is a network of individuals and organizations that use live, interactive webcasting and other new media technologies to help people connect, learn, & collaborate. (Webheads, Koreabridge, Worldbridges Tibet, EdTechTalk, etc.)

Goals & Values
- Our primary goal is to foster understanding and cooperation amongst the citizens of the world. We value civility and respect, open source collaboration, fair distribution of income, and a sense of world identity.

Podcasting and Coursecasting
(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)
Educational Applications of Podcasting

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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