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Expertise for the future: harnessing the power of digital technologies

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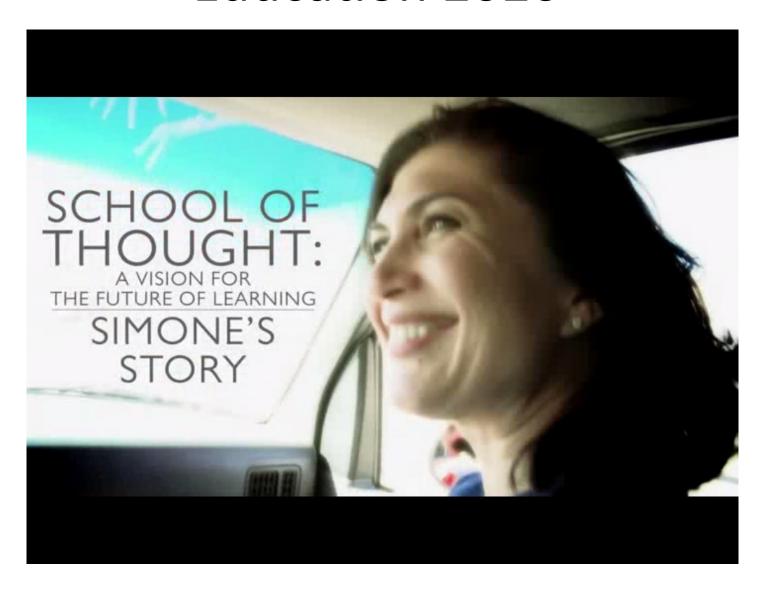


Outline

- The importance of e-learning
- E-learning timeline and emergent technologies
- E-Pedagogies
- Facets of e-learning
 - Openness
 - Mobile learning
 - Social media
 - Digital identity
 - Distributed cognition



Education 2020









E-Learning timeline

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Virtual worlds

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Learning Analytics

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Barriers to adoption

- Lack of digital literacy skills
- No reward for teaching
- Competition from other providers
- Scaling innovation
- Democratisation



The importance of e-learning



- Potential to support interaction, communication and collaboration
- Developing digital literacy skills
- Promoting different pedagogical approaches
- Fostering creativity and innovation
- Connecting students beyond the formal course

For life

- Preparing students for an uncertain future
- Improving employability opportunities
- Increased importance of technology in society



CHALLENGES

SOLVABLE

- > Blending Formal and Informal Learning
- > Improving Digital Literacy

DIFFICULT

- > Personalized Learning
- > Teaching Complex Thinking

WICKED

- > Competing Models of Education
- > Rewards for Teaching

TRENDS



- > Increasing Use of Blended Learning
- > Redesigning Learning Spaces
- 1-2 years in each direction



- > Growing Focus on Measuring Learning
- > Proliferation of Open Educational Resources
- 3-4 years in each direction

LONG-TERM

5+ years in each direction

2016

- > Advancing Cultures of Change and Innovation
- > Increasing Cross-Institution Collaboration

NEAR-TERM 1 year or less

> Bring Your Own Device

2017

> Flipped Classroom

MID-TERM 2-3 years

2019

> Makerspaces

2018

> Wearable Technology

FAR-TERM 4-5 years

2020

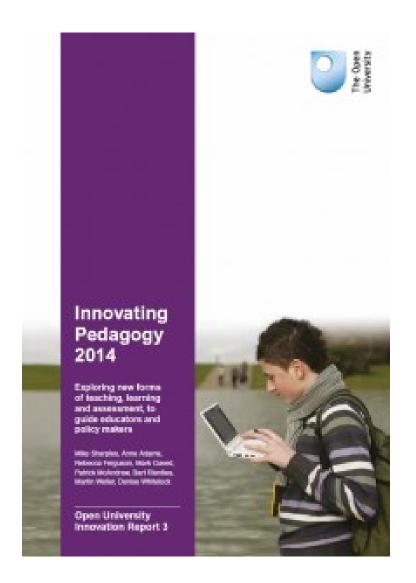
- > Adaptive Learning Technologies
- > The Internet of Things

TECHNOLOGIES



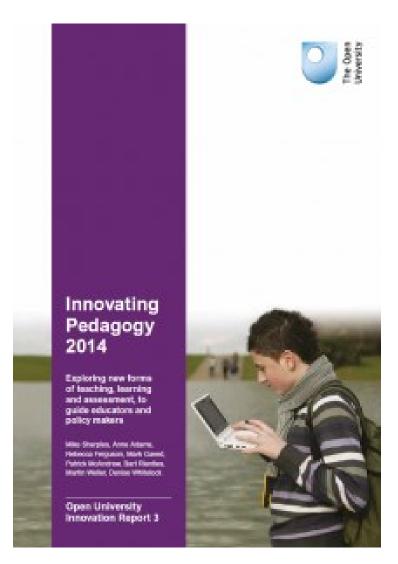
Innovating pedagogy

- Massive open social learning
- Learning design informed by analytics
- Flipped classroom
- Bring your own devices
- Learning to learn



Innovating pedagogy

- Dynamic assessment
- Event-based learning
- Learning through storytelling
- Threshold concepts
- Bricolage



Across devices

Open



Mobile

Dynamic



Free

Intuitive

Personalised

Connected

Ubiquitous

Interactive

Global

Robust

Battery life



Unreliable

Cost

Training

Time consuming

Connectivity

Trivial



Privacy

Insecure

Accessibility

Transitory

Quantity

Quality Intrusive

Technologies... two sides of a coin

- Enhance
- Augment
- Supplement
- Replace
- Enrich
- Expand
- Empower

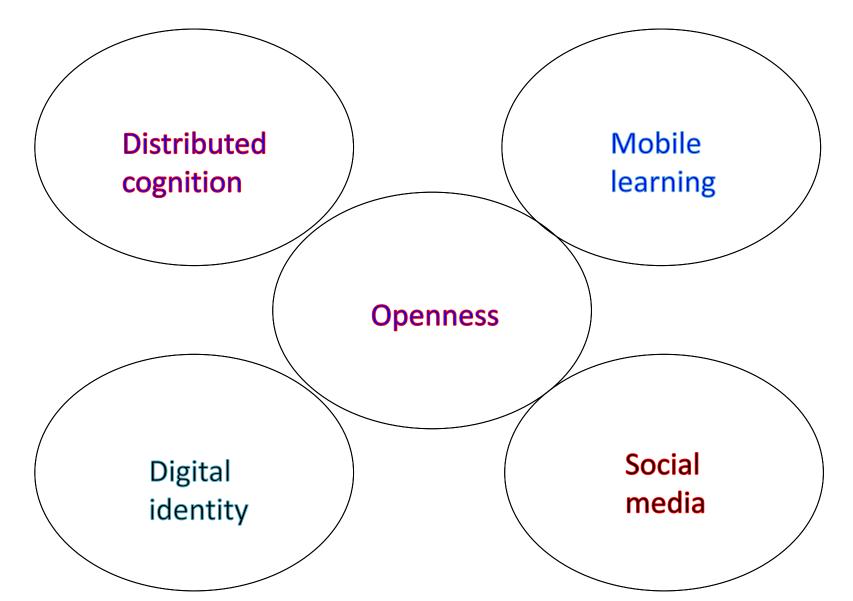
- Detract
- Lessen
- Confuse
- Overwhelm
- Infringe
- Time consuming
- Addictive







Facets of digital technologies



1. Openness

- Digital technologies enable more open practices
- Emergence of OER and MOOCs
- Increase of free resource and expertise, via Webinars, blogs,
 - open repositories and journals, social media



Some Tools...

The good and the bad...

- Transparency
- Greater reach
- Equity and social inclusion
- Challenging existing business models
- Disaggregation of education

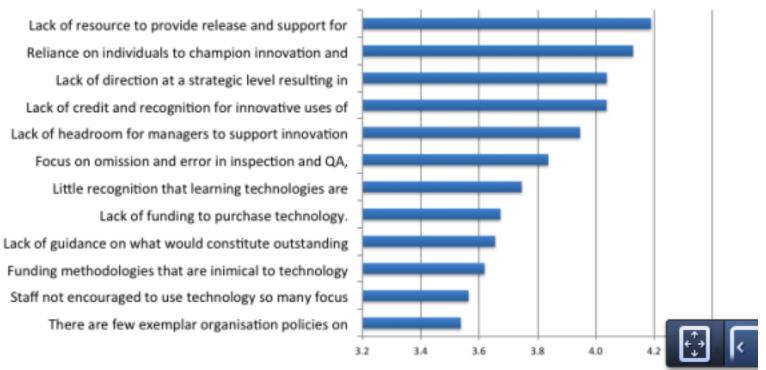
- "Laying yourself bare"
- Surveillance
- Misuse of data
- Misinterpretation
- Issues re quality and accreditation
- Ownership



The promise and the reality

New forms of interaction, communication and collaboration. Lots of free resources

Not fully exploited
Bad pedagogies
Teachers don't have the time
or the skills



https://www.alt.ac.uk/sites/alt.ac.uk/files/public/ALTsurvey%20for%20ETAG%202014.pdf

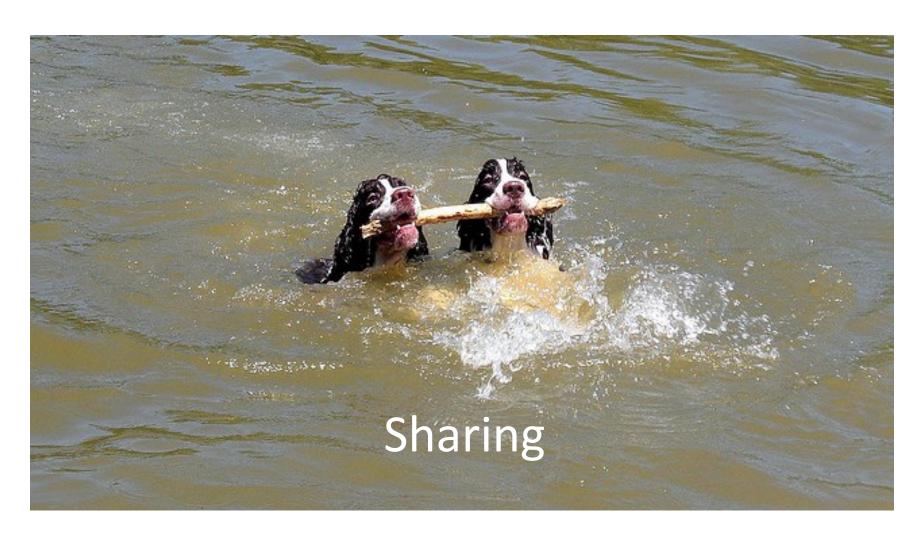
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What is learning design? (2)



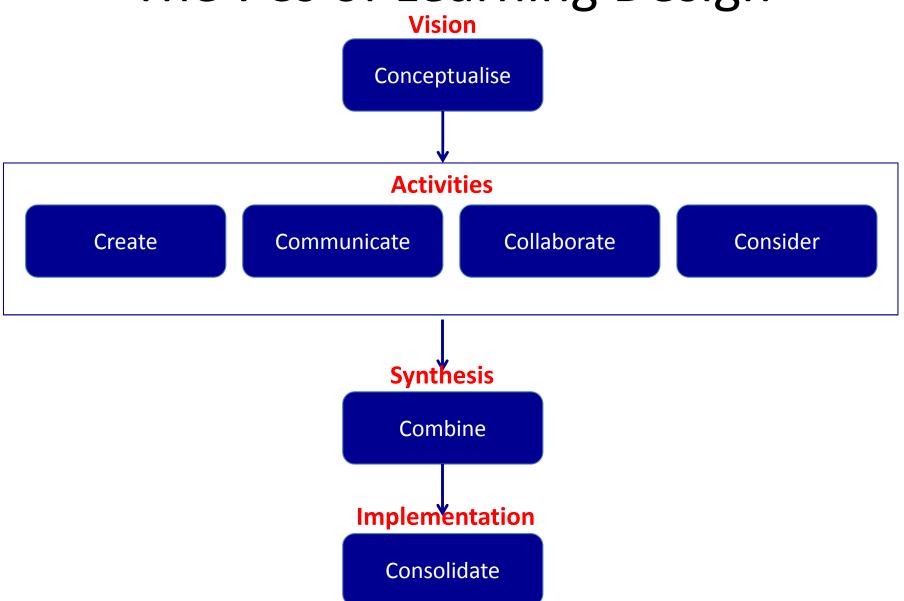
What is learning design? (3)



http://www.larnacadeclaration.org/

- What is Learning Design?
- Teachers need help with making effective design decisions that are pedagogically based and make appropriate use of digital technologoies

The 7Cs of Learning Design



http://www2.le.ac.uk/projects/oer/oers/beyond-distance-research-alliance/7Cs-toolkit

Course features

http://cloudworks.ac.uk/cloud/view/5950

- Pedagogical approaches
- Principles
- Guidance and support
- Content and activities
- Reflection and demonstration
- Communication and collaboration



Guidance and Support



Content-and-Experience

Innovativefor-participants

Chaos-and-serendipity
Online

Authentic Research-based

Accessible Practice-based

Theory-based Applied-concepts

Reused-and-found

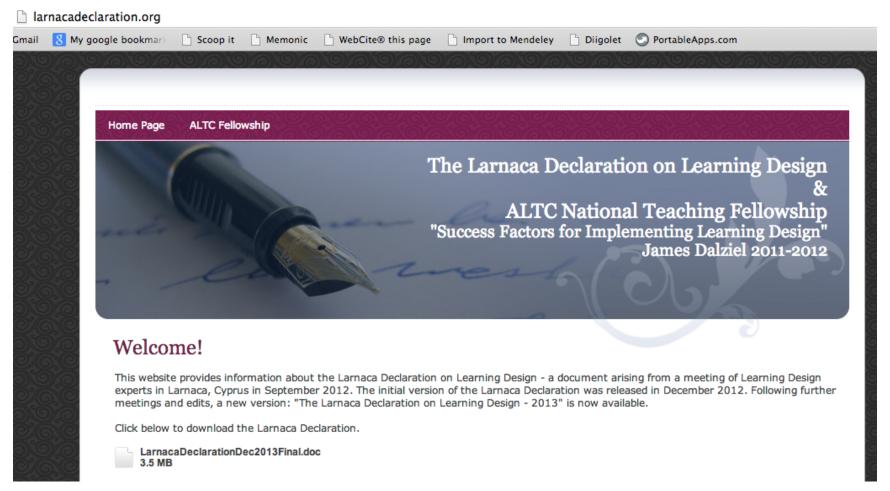
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Student-generated-content reflective-log peer-assessment

Reflection and Demonstration | Communication and Collaboration

portfolio Collaborative Professional-

The broader context: The Larnaca Declaration



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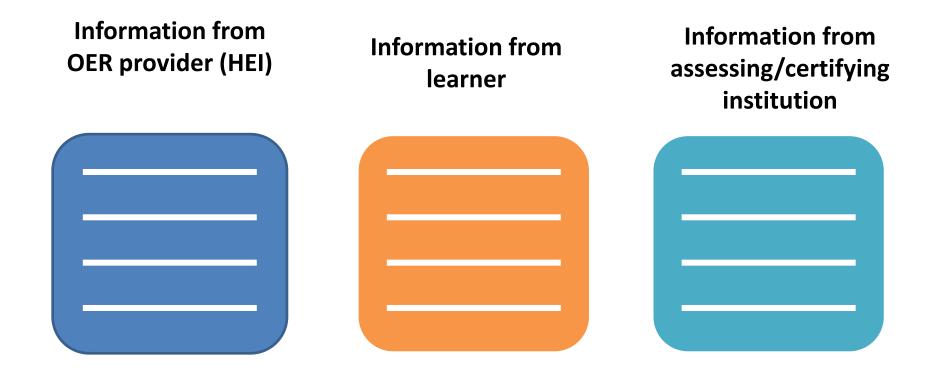
Accreditation of non-formal learning

Many learners wish to have formal transferable recognition of their knowledge & skills

Challenges:

Open learning recognition is a recent topic, lack of guidelines for interested actors

Assessment and recongition might become a businees model for OER and MOOCs VMP



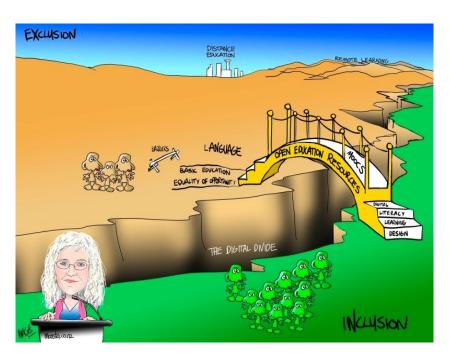
Learning Passport for accreditation

MOOCs

- MOOCs are challenging formal education
- New business models emerging
- Ways to accredit informal and non-formal

learning

- EFQUEL MOOC blogs
 - http://mooc.efquel.org/



Beyond cMOOCs or xMOOCs

cMOOCs

- Weekly centred
- Participant reflective spaces
- Social and networked participation
- Hashtag: #etmooc
- Use of a range of social media

xMOOCs

- Linear learning pathway
- Mainly text and video
- Formative feedback through MCQs
- Individually focused

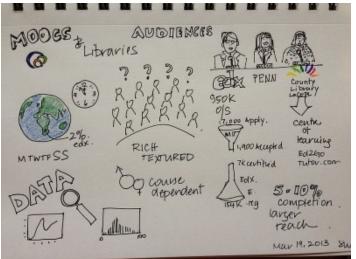


A taxonomy of MOOCs

Dimension	Characteristics
Context	
Open	Degree to which the MOOC is open
Massive	How large the MOOC is
Diversity	The diversity of the learners
Learning	
Use of multimedia	Extent of use of rich multimedia
Degree of communication	Amount of communication incorporated
Degree of collaboration	Amount of collaboration incorporated
Amount of reflection	Ways in which reflection is encouraged
Learning pathway	Degree to which the learning pathway is supported
Quality assurance	Degree of quality assurance
Certification	Mechanisms for accreditation
Formal learning	Feed into formal learning offerings
Autonomy	Degree of learner autonomy

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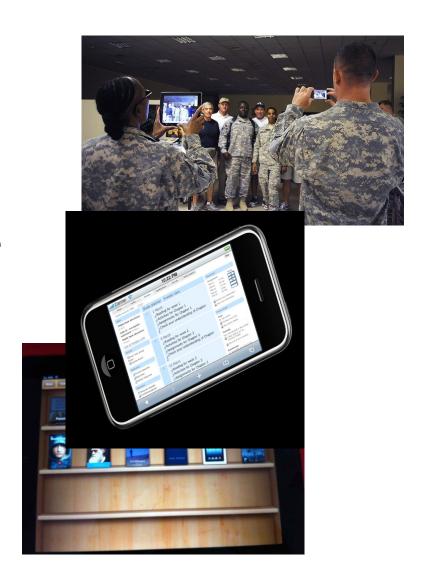






2. Mobile learning

- Smart phones and tablets almost ubiquitous
- Feasible and affordable because of good size, weight, screen, battery life and cost
- Range of excellent Apps to support communication, productivity, curation and learning



The good and the bad...

- Learning anywhere, anytime
- Mobile ready websites and Apps
- Learning across contexts and devices
- Ubiquitous connectivity
- Social inclusion

- No 'down time'
- Dependency
- Info in the Cloud
- Battery life
- Lack of digital literacy skills to use effectively



From E-Learning to M-Learning

- More than just mobile e-learning
 - Anytime, anywhere for the learner (efficiency)
 - Enables learning in special location (i.e. fieldwork)
- New affordances of mobile
 - Small and compact
 - Personal
 - Capturing sound, video, image
 - New tech i.e. augmented reality
 - Wearable tech



Peacekeeper student using supplied iPad and course app – Security, Conflict & International Development Masters Distance

Flexibility and mobility

Small, compact size

Continue reading, Bookmark

Portability



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Readability



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Capacity

Access from a single device without internet

Long battery life

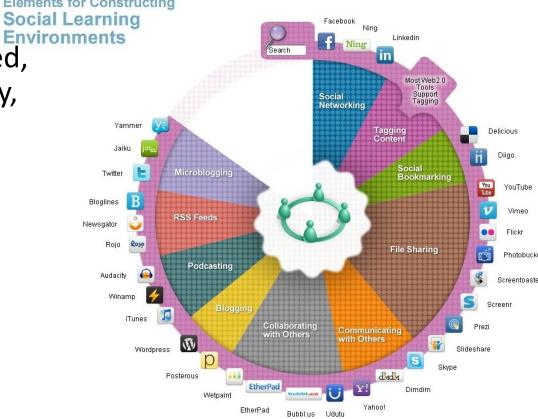
Easy on the eyes

3. Social media

 Shift from a passive web to a participatory, interactive and social web

 Distributed, networked, dynamic, participatory, complex, open

- Range of tools to communicate and collaborate
- Being part of a global community of peers





The good and the bad...

- Rich ways to communicate
 Lack of privacy and collaborate
- Part of a global community of peers
- Access to vast amount of information
- Rapid dissemination of information
- Crowd sourcing

- Negative digital traces
- Misuse of data
- Cyberbulling and trolling
- Privacy and security
- Corporate control
- Time consuming
- Addictive







My network



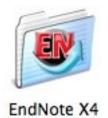
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The dark side...

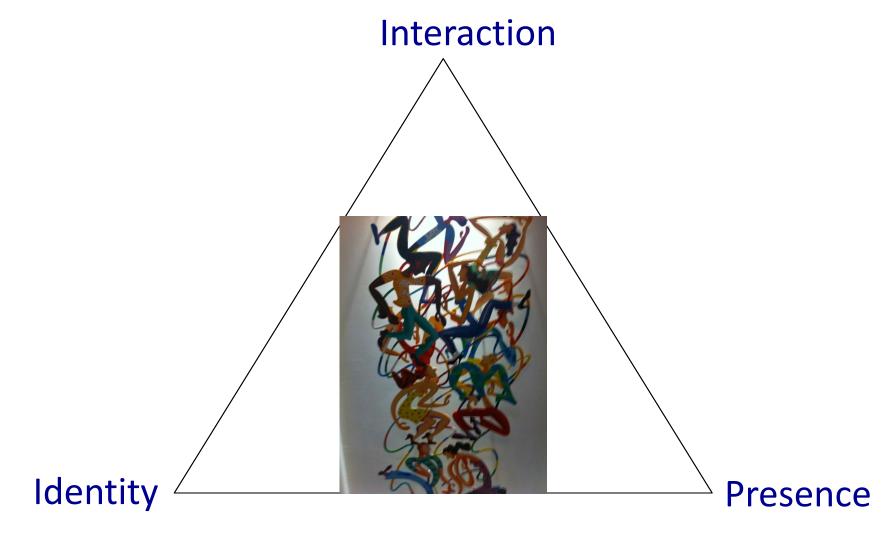


4. Digital Identity

- How you present yourself online
- How you interact and communicate with others
- Facets
 - Reputation
 - Impact
 - Influence
 - Productivity
 - Openness



Identity, presence and interaction



Presence

- Presence (markchilds.wordpress.com)
 - Mediated presence
 - "being there"
 - immersion
 - Social presence
 - projection of ourselves
 - perception of others
 - Copresence
 - being somewhere with others
 - Self presence
 - or embodiment



The good and the bad...

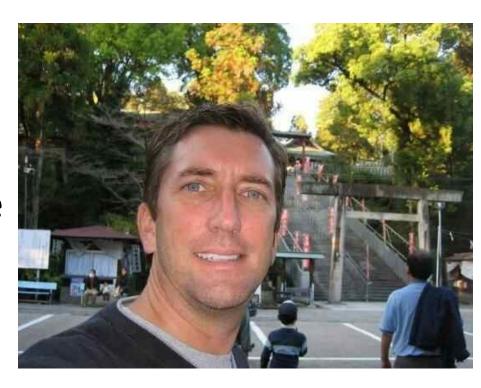
- Extension of 'real' self –
 can be the same or
 different
- Extended reach
- Exploiting the medium

- "Laying yourself bare"
- Misinterpretation of identity
- Cyber-stalking
- Identity theft



Dangers of online interaction

Online interaction and communication is great but there is a darker more sinister side... here is the story of my recent experience



Disclosure, care and vulnerability in networked scholarship project

http://e4innovation.com/?p=782

5. Distributed cognition



The good and the bad...

- "Person-Plus"
- Exploiting vast amount of information
- Tools to curate, manage, filter
- Enhanced capacity
- Greater cognition

- Lack of digital literacy skills to use effectively
- Easy to get lost and confused
- Lack of permanency
- Machines taking over...
- Over dependency



Will machines make us extinct?



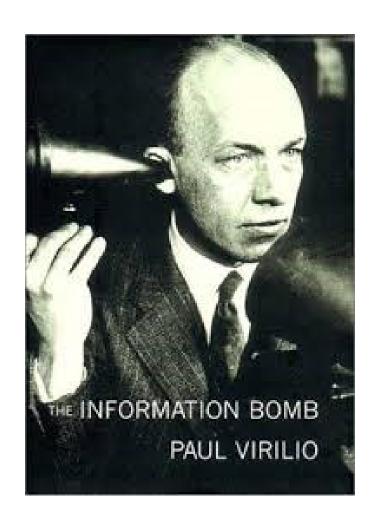
Future challenges

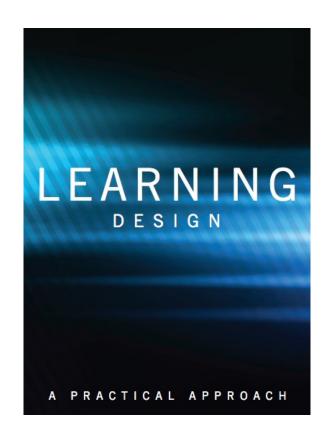
- Disaggregation of Education
- New Digital literacies
- Digital skills and jobs gap
- New business models and pedagogies
- Blurring of boundaries

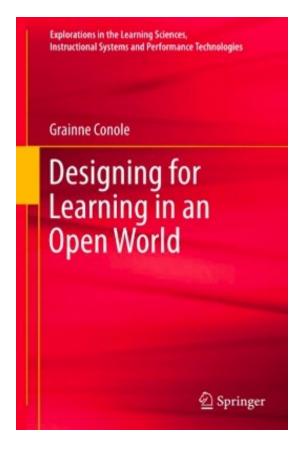


The information bomb....

- Technologies cannot exist without accidents
- Technologies separate us from real time and space
- When, not if technologies fail....







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