

Reflective Practice-based Learning Across Technical Educational Disciplines

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Some of you might have heard about hard and soft skills

- However, this is relative to the task

Core skills are important (as ever)

- Programming
- Mechanics
- Chemistry
- Math
- Language

Contextual skills are increasing in relevance

- Communications
- Lifelong Learning
- Self direction
- Interdisciplinarity

Can reflection aid competence development in interdisciplinary groups?

Key principles for our case study

- 1. The students' own experiences are incorporated into teaching and learning activities
- 2. Teaching and learning activities designed to include appropriate disturbances
- 3. Teaching and learning activities are organised as an exploration
- 4. The content of teaching and learning activities is based on a good example
- 5. Teachers and students work together on learning processes
- 6. Teachers and students create room for dialogue

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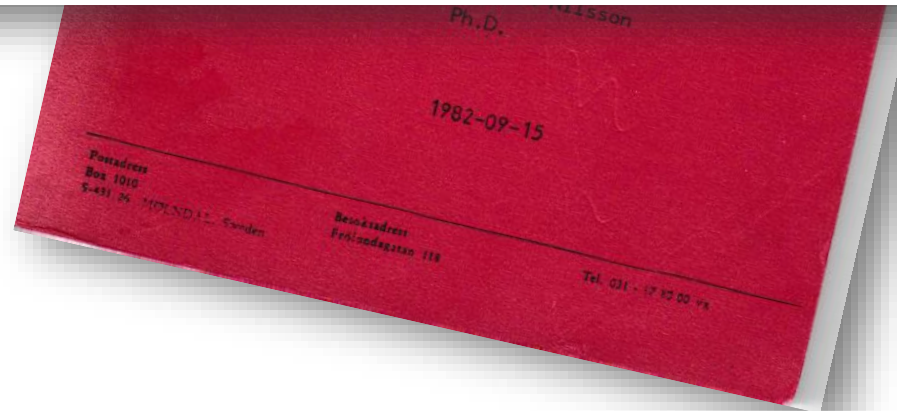
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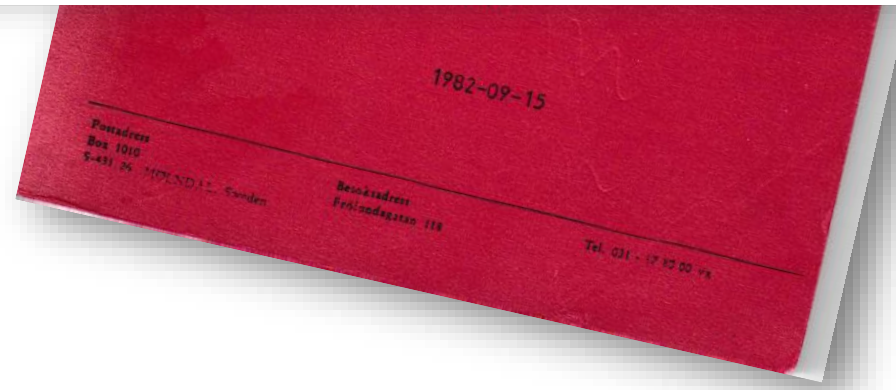
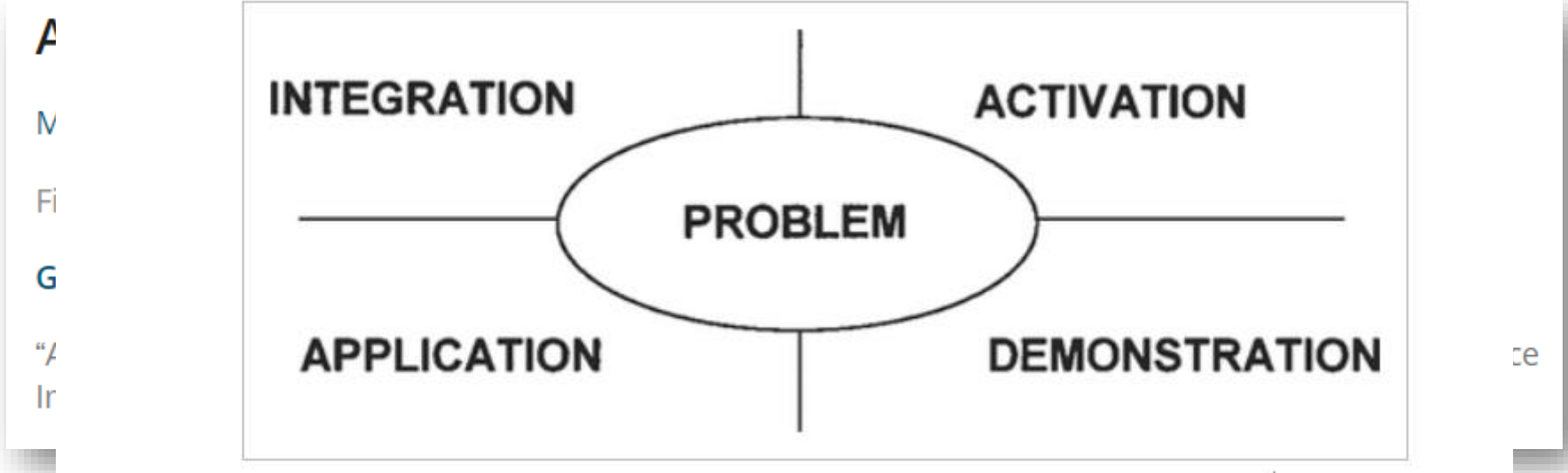
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Designing Authentic Activities in Web-Based Courses

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ABSTRACT

INFLUENCED by constructivist educational theory and advances in technology, there is increasing interest in authentic activities as a basis for learning in both face-to-face and Web-based courses. Whereas traditionally, real-world activities have primarily served as vehicles for practice of skills or processes that are taught using traditional instructional methods, a more radical approach is to build a whole course of study around authentic activities and tasks. The authors of this paper argue that the value of authentic activity is not constrained to learning in real-life locations and practice, but that there are critical characteristics of authentic activities that can be incorporated into the design of Web-based courses to enhance learning online. We include a description of the theory, research, and development initiatives that provide the foundations for this approach. Finally, we present guidelines and examples

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Barbara Oakley is a great teacher. Not only does she have a mind for numbers, she has a
way with words, and she makes every one of them count."
—Mike Rowe, creator and host of Discovery Channel's Dirty Jobs and CEO of endemolWORK*

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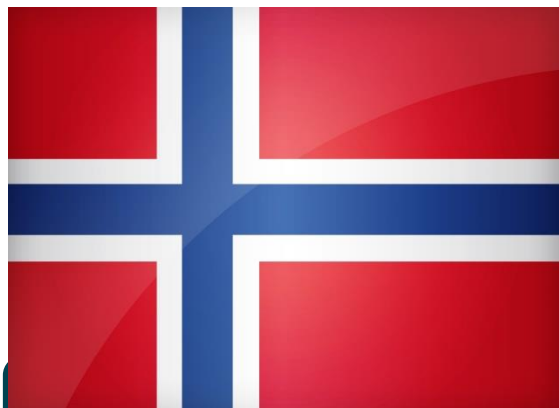
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We investigated this through a case study



Course 1

Interview 1



Course 2

Interview 2

Joint analysis

The students...

- ...got more insight by expressing, and hence reflecting on their own competencies
- ... reflected on how to express their knowledge to outsiders
- ... appreciated the groups reflection on their own discipline
- ... could foresee barriers and opportunities in their later career
- ... did not see any immediate gains in their in-depth technical skills
- ... acknowledge disciplinary differences to project work

In summery, interdisciplinarity groupwork caused

- Adding to existing knowledge
- Adjusting existing knowledge (through reflection)
- Connecting knowledge areas (through reflection)