



LEARN@WU Supporting the Excellency in Education

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Overview



- Goals and Background of the Learn@WU Project
- Acceptance and Usage Figures
- Success Factors
- Learning and Training Environment
- Perspectives and External Projects



WU: Vienna University of Economics and Business



- University = "Business University"
- One of the largest Business Universities worldwide
 - about 25,000 students in total
 - more than 4.000 freshmen each year
 - more than 5.000 different courses per year
- E-Learning @ WU:
 - full content coverage on the first year of study
 - address heterogeneous knowledge of freshmen
 - E-Learning in the Large



Initial Goals



Provide eLearning materials for all beginner courses

- Full coverage with e-learning materials for 350 beginner classes in 18 different areas
 - Public and Private Law
 - Business Admin, Marketing, Human Resources, ...
 - Mathematics, Statistics, Information Systems
 - Economics, Languages, ...

Increase Efficiency

- Emphasize self-organized learning through immediate learner feedback
- Integration with mark-reader to improve grading efficiency
- Switch to half-semesters (to improve throughput)
- Search for new knowledge delivery methods (blended learning, better usage of contact hours)

Improve Quality

- Streamlined contents of beginner courses through platform
- High transparency of learning materials (quality assurance, ...)
- Easier curriculum development (intra-course linkage, ...)
- Development from Teacher to Coach

Support for Existing Students





LEARN@WU Development

Initial Project:

- Start: autumn 2001, 2 years, budget: 3,4 Mio Euro
- Joint development of Department Of Information Systems and Department of Business Education
- 36 full time content developer (2 per course)
- 2 people didactic support, 2 people technical support (incl. help desk)
- Content (not platform) project



Learn@WU



From Project to Infrastructure:

- 2002: Initial Launch, Content Project, based on OpenACS (Learning Content Management System)
- 2003: E-Learning became strategic goal of the University, member of DotLRN Consortium
- 2004: Re-launch, based on LCMS + DotLRN
- 2005: E-Learning part of general Trainee Programmes
- 2006: Development of an E-Learning Academy
- 2008: Full coverage of all courses (~5000/year)
 Improving integration with the Campus Management System

Total Staff:

Currently 41 people employed, more than 250 content developers







Current Key Figures of Learn@WU



Broad Acceptance

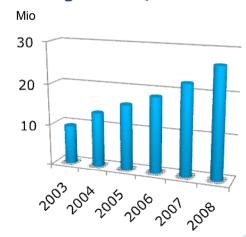
- Developed more than 120.000 learning resources
- More than 25.000 registered members
- Students solve up to 600.000 interactive exercises per day online
- More than 300.000 class-room exams prepared/corrected via Learn@WU (via mark-reader)
- "Without Learn@WU, the operations of our university would not have been possib (Christoph Badelt, President of WU)



- Up to 11 Mio hits and over 2 Mio page impressions per day from registered users
- Average response time on views less than 0.2 sec
- Up to 2500 concurrent users
- Up to 65 GB/Day delivered content
- One of the most intensively used e-learning platforms world-wide
 - Current annual growth rate: 20-30%



Page Views/Month









E-Learning integrated with curriculum

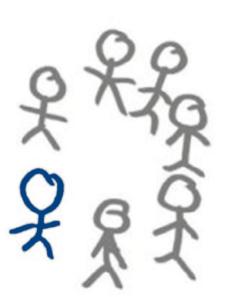
- Study programs in first year built around e-learning
- E-Learning more than an optional add-on

University support for content development projects

- Project Pool (from 10h/semester to 40h/year)
- Various kinds of e-tutors
- E-Learning Academy (courses, trainee-programs, support)
- Infrastructure Team (5 people)

Human-Centered Platform-Design

- University as a "community of communities"
- Communities composed of
 - Groups of students, classes, courses, programs, alumni, ...
 - Members and administrators (decentralized management)
- Shared Design and Responsibility
- High adaptability by community owners









Support of the full e-learning development cycle

Content Creation

- Mostly interactive content, different granularity
- Most content developed by domain experts via Microsoft Word/Microsoft InfoPath

Content Delivery

- Interactive exercises for training and self-assessment
- Organization via Concept Space for easy navigation and recommender system
- Concept Space is a knowledge map for students to track their learning-progress
- Lecturecasts

Content Assessment

- Integration with a mark-reader for class-room exams
- Exams 3 times per semester 20 subjects × 1000 students

Result Communications

Personalized Web Interface, PDF-Generation, SMS





Monitoring Learning Progress

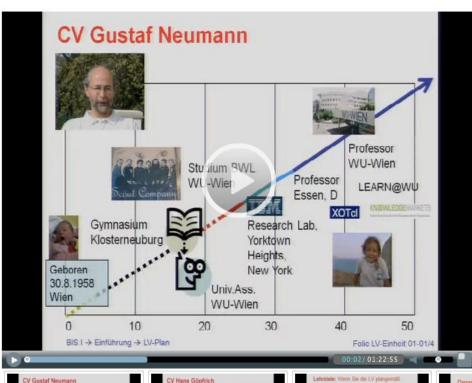
<u>Lernfortschritt</u> Daten zurücksetzen



Personalized Learning Statistics

Lecturecast



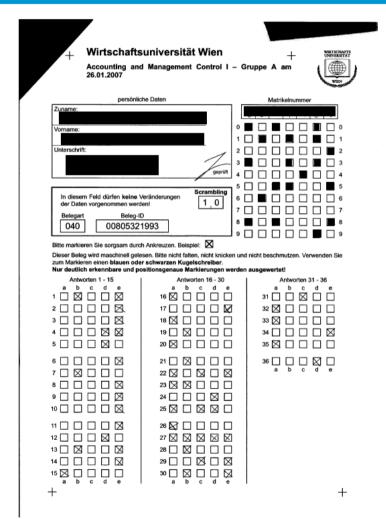


- Recording of Presentations in large Lecture Rooms
- Highly automated (Touchscreen to record)
- Automated splitting at Slide changes
- Teachers decide delivery methods
 - streaming
 - video-podcast (subscription)



Mark-Reader (for large exams) and Online Feedback





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10 Gesamtpunktezahl: Scrambling 120.00 Note: 3 - Befriedigend erreichte Punkte: 93,60 (78,00 %)

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2	e	e	6,00	6,00	100,00
3	e	e	2,00	2,00	100,00
4	- b c - e	d e	4,00	0,00	0,00
5	d e	d -	3,00	1,50	50,00
6	e	е	4,00	4,00	100,00
7	- b	- b	3,00	3,00	100,00
8	е	е	3,00	3,00	100,00
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10	e	e	3,00	3,00	100,00
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12	d -	d -	4,00	4,00	100,00
13	- b e	- b e	3,00	3,00	100,00
14	е	e	3,00	3,00	100,00
15	a	a	3,00	3,00	100,00
16	a	a	10,00	10,00	100,00
17	e		2,00	2,00	100,00
18	a	a	4,00	4,00	100,00
19	- b	- b	4,00	4,00	100,00
20	a	a	2,00	2,00	100,00
21	- b	- b	2,00	2,00	100,00
22	a - cd -	а - с - е	2,00	0,33	16,67
23	a	a b	2,00	0,00	0,00
Zwischensumme:			78,00	65,83	

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25	a - c d -	a - cd -	2,00	2,00	100,00
26	a	a	2,00	2,00	100,00
27	c d e	a b c d e	2,00	0,00	0,00
28	- b	- b	2,00	2,00	100,00
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30	- b e	- b e	4,00	4,00	100,00
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Hinweis zur Darstellung:

Markerungen, die bei den nichtigen Lösungen in der Tabelle nicht angeführt sind, waren für die Berechnung der Note nicht erforderlich. Eventuell an die sen Stellen vorhandene Markerungen wurden als gegenstandlos betrachtet. Samiliche Zahlen auf dem Ausdruck wurden auf zwei Nachkonnastellen gerundet. Da die Summen und Prozente mit den genauen Werten

berechnet wurden, kann es zu Abweichungen kommen

Hinweise zur Punkteberechnung: Jader Frage ist eine maximale Punkteanzahl (max) zugewiesen. Weiters gibt es eine Anzahl von richtigen (r) und falschen (f)

Für je de richtig angekreuzte Alternative werden max/r Punkte vergeben und für je de falsch angekreuzte Alternative werden max/f Punkte abgezogen. Es werden keine negativen Punkte vergeben.

Wenn eine Frage nur eine falsche Alternative besitzt (und diese angelveuzt war), wird nur die Halfte der Punkte, also mad/2 und nicht mad/f, abgezogen. Sollte eine Frage nur eine richtige Alternative besitzt, so werden bei dieser Frage keine Teilpunkte vergeben. Betspiel: Bet einer Frage sind maximal 3 Punkte zu vergeben. Die Alternativen a.d und e sind richtig (und daher b und c falsch). Für je de richtig angelveuzte Alternative ist deshalb 3/3 (=1) Punkt zu vergeben und für je de falsch angelveuzte Alternative werden 3/2 (=1,5) Punkte





Highly scalable Platform

- Fully based on Open Source software components
- OpenACS (Community Framework),
- DotLRN (Course Management + Collaboration tools)
- PostgreSQL, Aolserver, XOTcl







Integration with e-learning Research

- Technical Lead at the Institute of Information Systems and New Media
- Actively participating in many EU Research Projects (currently 4, acquired in last three years more than 1 Mio € research funds)
- Founded University Spin-off Knowledge Markets





Sample Projects



Prolix (EU)

 Workplace Learning, learning alignment with business processes

LtFLL(EU)

 Advanced Text Mining for E-Learning applications (Grading support, Recommender Systems, ...)

Role (EU)

Social Networking in E-Learning Systems

iCoper (EU)

Open Contents, Learning Outcomes, Competencies

Bildungsserver Burgenland (Gov.)

 E-Learning support for Schools (more than 30.000 users)

Daimler (Company)

 Knowledge Management along a supply chain Management System (several thousand supplier)



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Knowledge Markets Reference Customers



































