# Understanding Online Learning

Overview

- Advantages and disadvantages of online learning
- Elements of Online Learning
- What Works, What Doesn't
- The Future of Online Learning

# Advantages and Disadvantages

Advantages

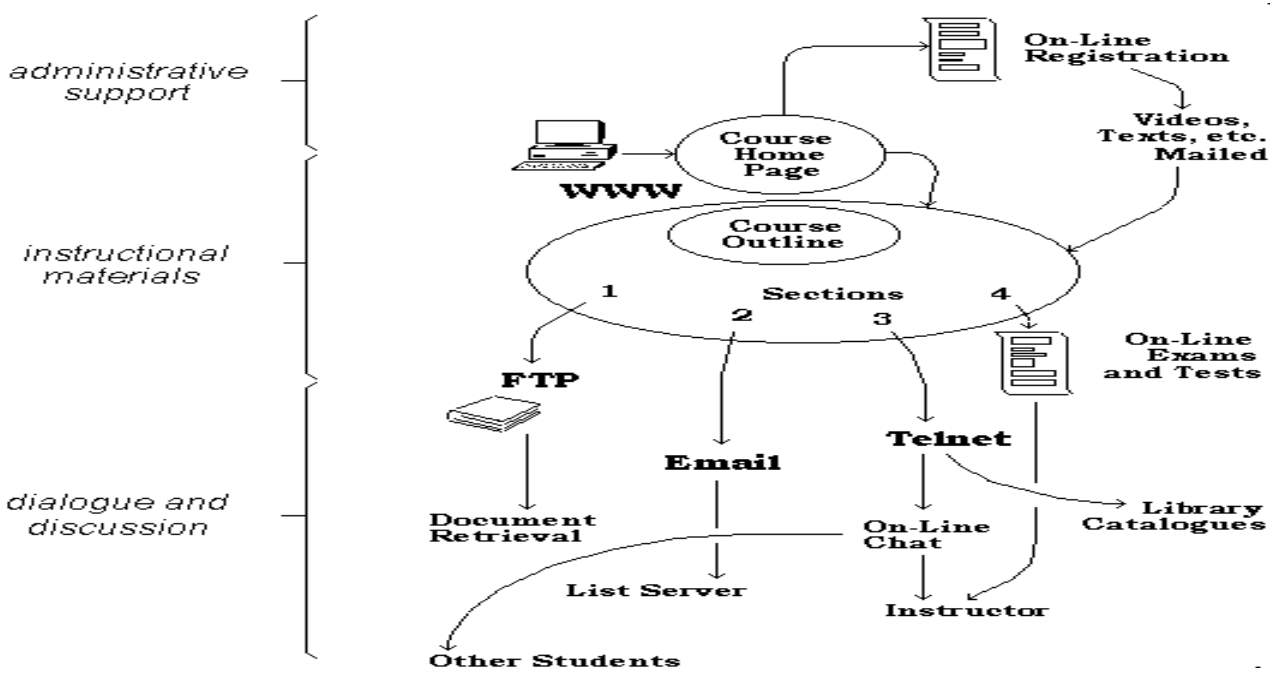
- For your students: ease of access, cost, variable schedule
- For you: creation of re-usable content, distribution of resources (no photocopying!), clarification of subject
- More?

# Advantages and Disadvantages (2)

- Disadvantages
- For students: cost or inconvenience of access, technology woes, lack of direct contact
- For you: need to prepare material ahead of time, technology woes, increased workload handling email, etc
- More?

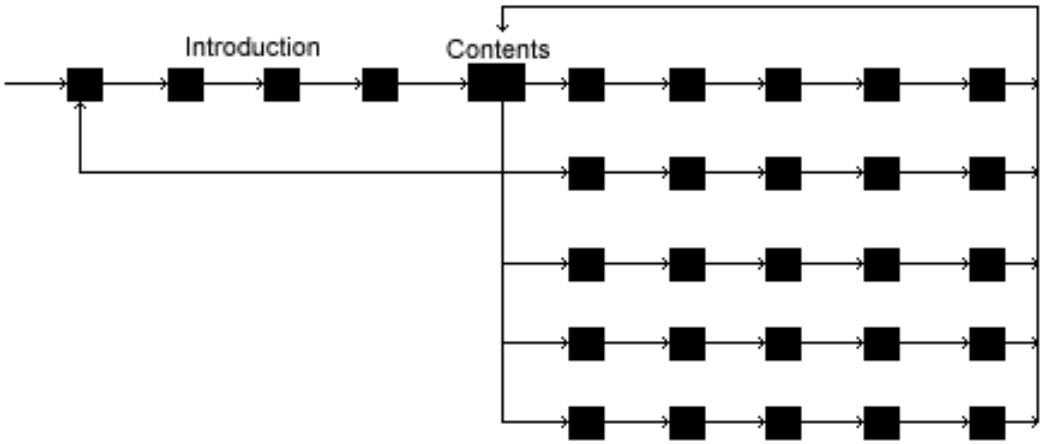
# Elements of Online Learning

- The Assiniboine Model (1997)
  http://www.atl.ualberta.ca/downes/naweb/am.htm



# Elements of Online Learning (2)

- Course Structure



# Elements of Online Learning (3)

- Module Structure

  The IDEAS Model:

  **Information**

  **Description**

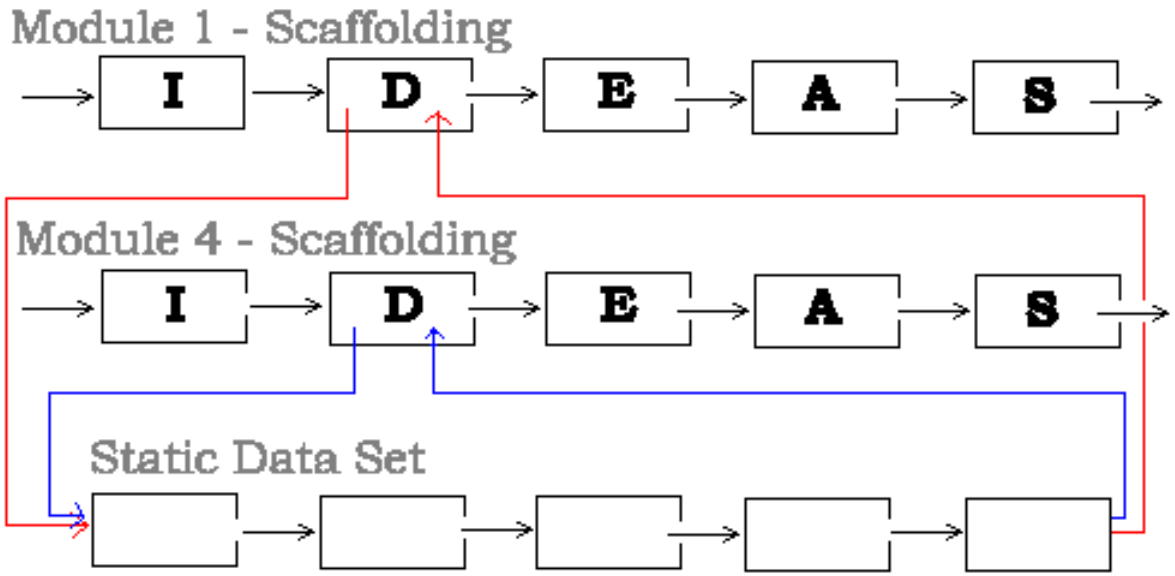
  **Exercises**

  **Assignment**

  **Summary**

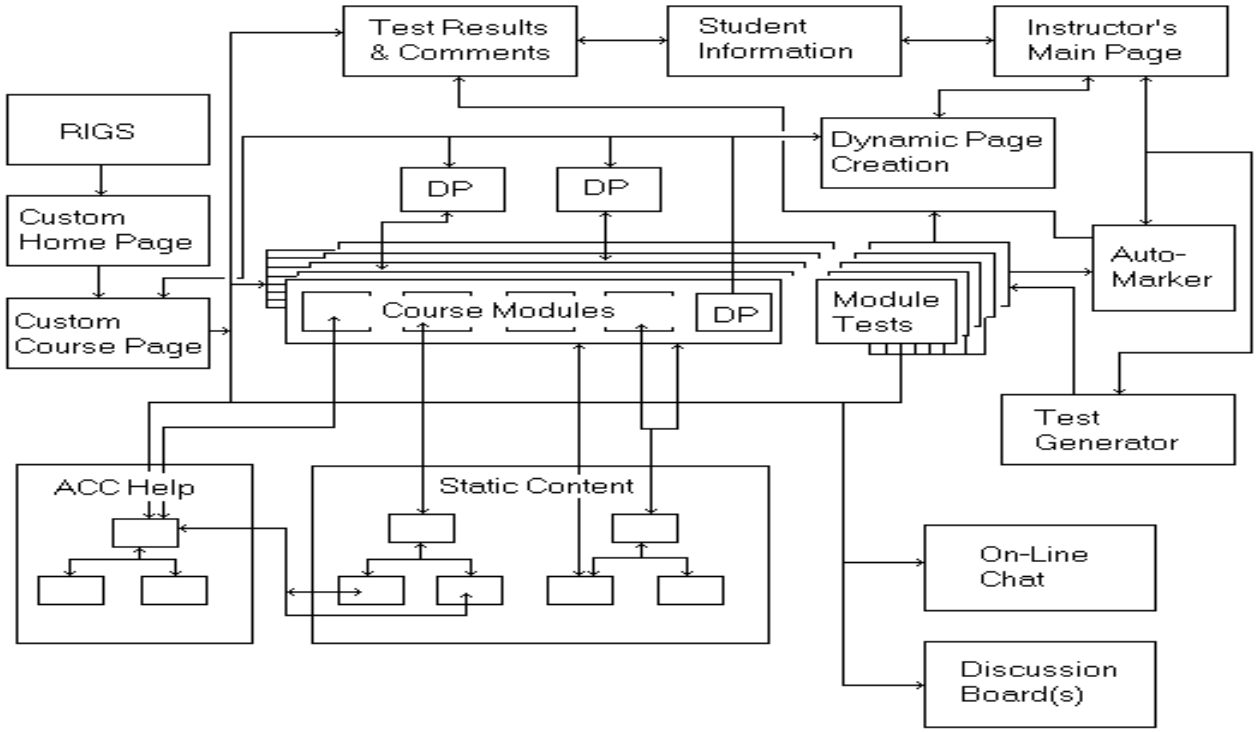
# Elements of Online Learning (4)

- Modules and Static Resources



# Elements of Online Learning (5)

- Overview



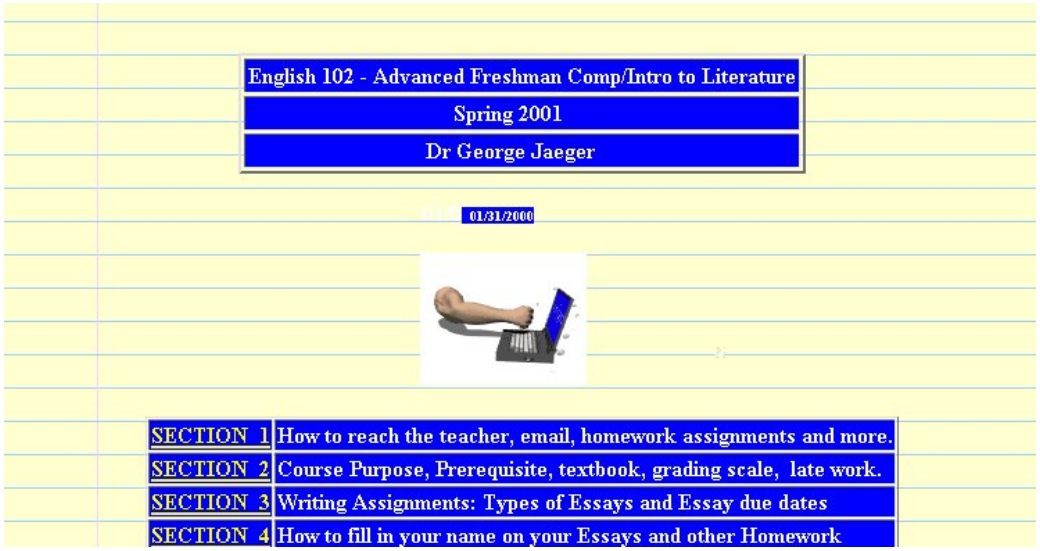
# What Works, What Doesn't

- Being a cornucopia of online learning experiences….

# What Works… (1)

- Intro to Literature

  http://web.cerritos.edu/jaeger/en2spsyl.htm



# What Works… (2)

- Small Business Management
  http://clconline.clc.cc.il.us/bus219

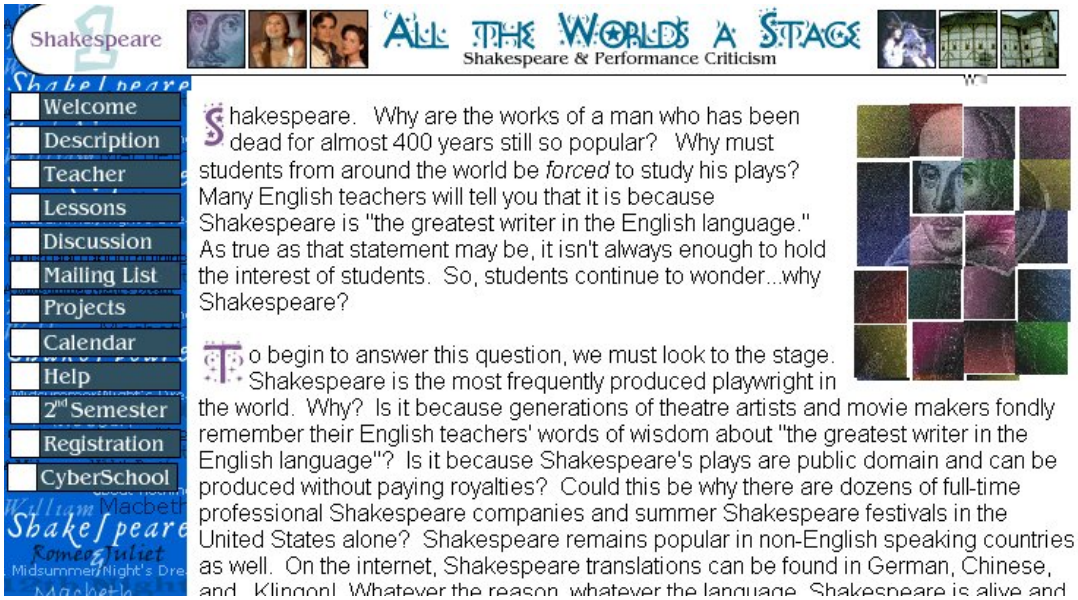
College of Lake County

Small Business Management (BUS 219-800)

Entrance

# What Works… (3)

- Shakespeare and Performance Criticism
  http://www.cyberschool.k12.or.us/~ulen/shakespeare1/welcome.html

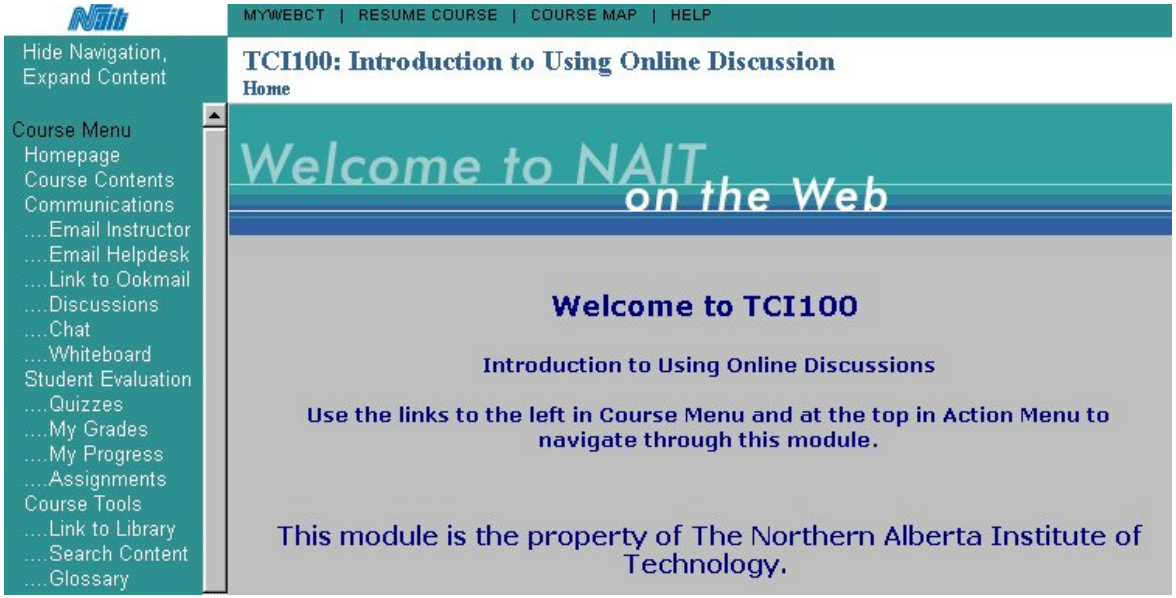


# What Works… (4)

- Computer Supported Collaborative Learning http://webct.cc.utexas.edu:8900/SCRIPT/EDC385G_F00/scripts/serve_home williams / joanne

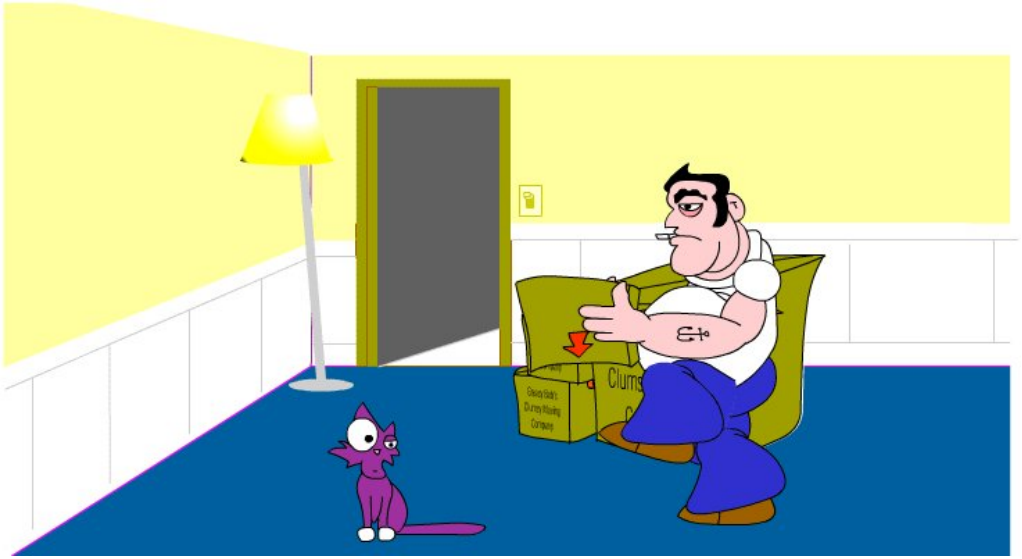
# What Works… (5)

- Introduction to Using Online Discussion [http://learnnow.nait.ab.ca:8500/webct/public/home.pl](http://learnnow.nait.ab.ca:8500/webct/public/home.pl) tci100s9 / tci100s9



# What Works… (6)

- A Hole in the Wall
  http://www.finalcopygroup.com/wallrepair/



# The Future of Online Learning

Three Components:

- Knowledge management
- Learning communities
- Learning Objects

# The Future… (2)

Communities

- Jurist http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/
- MuniMall http://www.munimall.net

# And More…

- Stephen's Web
- http://www.atl.ualberta.ca/downes
- (soon to be http://www.downes.ca )