

International Insight

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To Date...

- George Siemens and I are ushering roughly 1900 students through a 12 week online course
- Some of these paid tuition and are getting credit, but most of them are attending the 'open' course

The Course

- Offered through the University of Manitoba
 - 12 weeks long
 - credit in Certificate in Adult and Continuing Education and Certificate in Emerging Technologies for Learning
 - will explore the concepts of connectivism and connective knowledge

Connectivism

“At its heart, connectivism is the thesis that knowledge is distributed across a network of connections, and therefore that learning consists of the ability to construct and traverse those networks.”

What Connectivism Is

<http://halfanhour.blogspot.com/2007/02/what-connectivism-is.html>

The Best Example...

- 12 week course, readings, activities...
- The course on connectivism is probably the best (early) example of what we mean
 - We began with the course itself – what we wanted to cover
 - We then added communications tools
 - And then the students took over...

Course Components

- The Wiki...

The screenshot shows a wiki page titled "Connectivism" on the Learning Technologies Centre (LTC) website. The page includes a navigation menu on the left with links for "Main Page", "Recent changes", "Random page", "sandbox", and "Help". Below this are "ltc links" and "um projects" sections. The main content area features tabs for "page", "discussion", "view source", and "history". The page text welcomes users to the "Connectivism and Connective Knowledge Online Course support wiki" and provides information about conference tags (CCK08), alternative language versions (Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Hungarian, and Chinese), and a Facebook group. A "Contents" section is visible, listing 11 items from a welcome message to a history of networked learning.

Log in / create ac

LTC
Learning Technologies Centre

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ltc links

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Connectivism

Welcome to the **Connectivism and Connective Knowledge Online Course** support wiki.

Conference tags: CCK08

This page is also available in: [Spanish](#), [Portuguese](#), [Italian](#), [Hungarian](#), and [Chinese](#) (Simplified Character Version). See also [this short post](#) on making surfing in China easier]

This course also has a FaceBook group at [CCK08](#)

Contents [hide]

- 1 Please enter your email address here if you'd like to be involved (either for free participation or to enroll for cre
- 2 Course [blog](#) is available here
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- 8 Week 1: What is Connectivism? (September 8-14)
- 9 Week 2: Rethinking epistemology: Connective knowledge (September 15-21)
- 10 Week 3: Properties of Networks (September 22-28)
- 11 Week 4: History of networked learning (September 29-October 5)

<http://ltc.umanitoba.ca/wiki/Connectivism>

Course Components (2)

- Open Enrollment

24 Final Project
Please enter your email address here if you'd like to be involved (either for free participation or to enroll for credit).
Course blog is available here
Connectivism Research
Course Details
Delivered in partnership with: Extended Education and Learning Technologies Centre, University of Manitoba
Course Code: 98813- 08-01

- The course was advertised in both of our blogs...

Course Components

- Readings....

Week 1: What is Connectivism? (September 8-14) [ed]
Presentations & Papers
George Siemens presentation on Defining Connectivism and Comparing Connectivism
Stephen Downes presentation: A quick introduction to connectivism (ustream)
Readings
Little Boxes, Glocalization and Networked Individualism (.pdf)
What is the Unique Idea in Connectivism?
What connectivism is
Learning Theory or Pastime of the Self-Amused? (.doc)
Bill Kerr - Critique of connectivism
Activities:
Mon: Recorded presentations and readings will be posted to the email list
Wed: Elluminate discussion 11 am CST: See time zone conversions
Friday: Discussion via USTREAM 11 am CST: See time zone conversion
Assignments:

Course Components (3)

- The Blog

CONNECTIVISM & CONNECTIVE KNOWLEDGE
a rather large open online course...

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ABOUT

Welcome to the **Connectivism and Connective Knowledge** online course! Information on the development and delivery of the course will be shared on this site.

SEARCH

Go

Comparing Connectivism
gsiemens on Sep 8th 2008

I've posted a [comparison between different theories](#) of learning. It's not a final word summary, but hopefully it can provide a bit of a starting point for discussing the attributes of different concepts. While exploring distinctions between theories can be a mind-numbing task on par with watching grass grow, it does create an important starting point for ongoing discussion. If our discussions occur along the lines of [Wittgenstein's beetles](#) - where we each speak of a subject from our own, rather than shared understandings - we quickly end up talking in circles without even a prospect of consensus or even the main points of debate.

Filed in [Uncategorized](#) | [17 responses so far](#)

<http://ltc.umanitoba.ca/connectivism/>

Course Components

- Course Moodle Forum

Connectivism and Connective Knowledge

You are currently using guest access ([Login](#))

Courses ► CCK08

Bloglines

#cck08 Reading the Moodle forum... It is me, or does ti really looks...

#cck08 Reading the Moodle forum... It is me, or does ti really looks like mrs. Fitzpatrick is trolling?

Trying to determine why I cannot connect to the **CCK08 Moodle Forum**

Trying to determine why I cannot connect to the **CCK08 Moodle Forum...**

User:vtaylor/Connectivism and Connective Knowledge

[<http://valerie.posterous.com/cck08-is-...>]

How to filter your **CCK08** email (in Gmail)

How to create a filter for your **CCK08** email.

Bill Kerr's Challenge to Connectivism

I'm struggling to complete my reading assignments for George and Stephen's online course on Connectivism and Connected Knowledge.

Topic outline

Connectivism and Connective Knowledge is a twelve week course that will explore the concepts of connectivism and connective knowledge and explore their application as a framework for theories of teaching and learning. It will outline a connectivist understanding of educational systems of the future.

- 🗣️ Introductions
- 🗺️ Google Map of participants
- 🗣️ General Forum
- 🗺️ Connectivas Spanish pageflakes site
- 🗺️ Connectivism English Pageflakes site
- 🗣️ Week 1: What is connectivism

1 What is Connectivism?

Calendar

September 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Global events Course events

Connectivism Course Blog

Comparing Connectivism

I've posted a comparison between different theories of learning. It's not a final word summary, but hopefully it can provide a bit of a starting point for discussing the attributes of different concepts. While

<http://ltc.umanitoba.ca/moodle/course/view.php?id=20>

Course Components

- Introductions...

Connectivism and Connective Knowledge

Jump to...

Courses ▶ CCK08 ▶ Forums ▶ Introductions

Search forums







RSS

Introduce yourself to other participants in the course. Let us know:

- Where you're from
- Why you're interested in this course
- What has to happen in order for you to consider this course a success
- Random information about yourself - your work, your experience with networked technologies, etc.

Add a new discussion topic

Page: 1 2 3 4 (Next)

Discussion	Started by	Replies	Last post
Let's lower the average age of this course :)	 Navid Tomlinson	6	Ruth Demitroff Tue, 9 Sep 2008, 02:23 PM
Introducing Selena from New Zealand	 Selena Chan	4	Selena Chan Tue, 9 Sep 2008, 01:39 PM
Greetings from Winnipeg	 Fred Doern	0	Fred Doern Tue, 9 Sep 2008, 01:20 PM
Technical guy learning "Connetivism"	 Ramiro Arias	3	Diego E. Leal Fonseca Tue, 9 Sep 2008, 01:17 PM
Hello from Colombia	 Jaime Caro	3	Diego E. Leal Fonseca Tue, 9 Sep 2008, 01:17 PM
Greetings from Bogotá, Colombia	 Cecilia Triana	1	Diego E. Leal Fonseca

Course Components

- Pageflakes Site

The screenshot shows a Pageflakes user page for 'lrc's Pagecast'. The page has a blue header with the Pageflakes logo and a search bar. Below the header, there are several widgets:

- Connectivism & Connective Knowledge (5)**: A widget titled 'Comparing Connectivism' with a sub-header 'I've posted a comparison between different theories of learning. It's not a final word summ...'. It lists several items: 'Managing your Moodle Forums', 'Week 1: What is connectivism', 'So, Where are you from?', and 'Introduction to the course...'.
- Technorati Search for: CCK08 (5)**: A widget titled 'How to filter your CCK08 email (in Gmail)' with a sub-header 'How to filter your CCK08 email (in Gmail) September 9th, 2008 — general How to create a ...'. It lists several items: 'Bill Kerr's Challenge to Connectivism', 'Connectivism & Connective Knowledge Course', 'Connectivism: Theory and Application', and 'Connectivism course: nifty (and a little sca...'.
- Sponsored Content**: A large advertisement for 'AIG Travel Guard' with the text 'Thank goodness for AIG Travel Guard travel insurance.' and the AIG Travel Guard logo.
- Weather**: A widget for 'Toronto, Canada' showing a 4-day forecast: Tuesday (17°/9°C), Wednesday (19°/12°C), Thursday (22°/15°C), and Friday (22°/14°C). It also includes a link for 'Hourly Forecast | 10-Day Forecast' and is powered by weather.com.
- Winnipeg, Canada**: A widget titled 'Ellis resurfaces in Winnipeg - The Gazette (...)' with a sub-header 'CBC.caEllis resurfaces in WinnipegThe Gazette (Montreal), Canada - 22 hours agoHe was signed on Monday...'. It lists several items: 'Winnipeg couple makes pot discovery - Winnip...', 'Rejigged Bombers-Ticats deal a go - Globe an...', 'Three Winnipeg men charged in drug busts - W...', and 'Grandmotherhood inspires Winnipeg publisher ...'.
- Events in Winnipeg, Canada**: A widget for 'Events in Winnipeg, Canada'.
- Stephen's Web ~ by Stephen Downes ~**: A widget titled '[CCK08] First Impressions' with a sub-header 'Even if you're not registered in our giant Connectivism course (and most OLDaily readers ar...'. It also includes a link for 'Does Learning Grow or Is It Built?' with a sub-header 'Interesting post from the Connectivism course looking at whether we 'grow' or 'build' grow...'.

<http://www.pageflakes.com/lrc>

Course Components

- Elluminate Discussions (Wednesdays)

The screenshot displays the Elluminate Live! interface during a session. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Participants List:** Located on the left, it shows a list of participants including moderators and group members. A green box highlights "Group 1" through "Group 4".
- Main Chat Window:** The central area displays a list of messages from participants and moderators. A green arrow points to the "Main chat window" label.
- Whiteboard:** On the right, a whiteboard titled "Whiteboard - Main Room (Scaled 84%)" displays a slide titled "Opportunities to Develop Human Resources" with a bulleted list of points. A green arrow points to the "White Board space (Displays PowerPoint slides, notes, drawings, etc)" label.
- Video Window:** A small video window in the bottom right corner shows a participant, with a green arrow pointing to the "Live video of the instructor" label.
- Audio Controls:** At the bottom left, there are microphone and speaker icons, with a green arrow pointing to the "Mic button" label.
- Other Annotations:** "She's talking on the mic" and "She's typing" are written in green near the top left. "Group discussion rooms" is written in green near the bottom left. "Participants window" is written in green near the bottom center.

Course Components

- Ustream



The screenshot displays the Ustream website interface. At the top, the Ustream logo is on the left, followed by navigation tabs for SHOWS, VIDEOS, and COMMUNITY. A prominent orange 'BROADCAST NOW' button is on the right. A search bar with the text 'Search here...' and a magnifying glass icon is also present. Below the navigation, a dark banner features a gladiator and the text 'GLADIATUS HERO OF ROME Play for free now!'. The main content area is titled 'My Recorded Videos' and shows a video player for 'What Is Connectivism?'. The video player includes a play button, a progress bar at 00:00:00, and a 'MENU' button. To the right of the video player, there are input fields for 'Video title:' (containing 'What Is Connectivism?'), 'Tags:' (containing 'connectivism knowledge learning'), and 'Video description:' (containing 'A quick introduction to the topic of Connectivism.'). Below these fields, there are radio buttons for 'Viewable by:' with options for 'Anyone', 'Friends', and 'Me Only'.

<http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/688902>

Course Components

- Twitter...



The screenshot shows the Twitter interface for user cck08. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Name or location" and a "search" button, followed by a link to "Login / Join Twitter!". A language selection dropdown is also visible. Below this is a yellow banner with the text "Hey there! cck08 is using Twitter." and a "Join today!" button. The main profile section includes a profile picture, the name "cck08", and a tweet from @MtnLaurel. To the right, there is an "About" section with fields for Name, Web, and Bio, and a "Stats" section with fields for Following, Followers, and Favorites.

twitter [or Login / Join Twitter!](#)

 **Hey there! cck08 is using Twitter.**
Twitter is a free service that lets you keep in touch with people using the web, your phone, or IM. **Join today** to start receiving **cck08's** updates.

Join today!
Already using Twitter via SMS or IM? [Finish signing up.](#)

 **cck08**

[@MtnLaurel](#) hi - no sign up time, but i think the 11 am CST will be the busier of the two...

about 7 hours ago from web [in reply to MtnLaurel](#)

About

Name cck08
Web <http://lc.umani...>
Bio a rather large online course

Stats

Following 0
Followers 141
Favorites 0

<http://twitter.com/cck08>

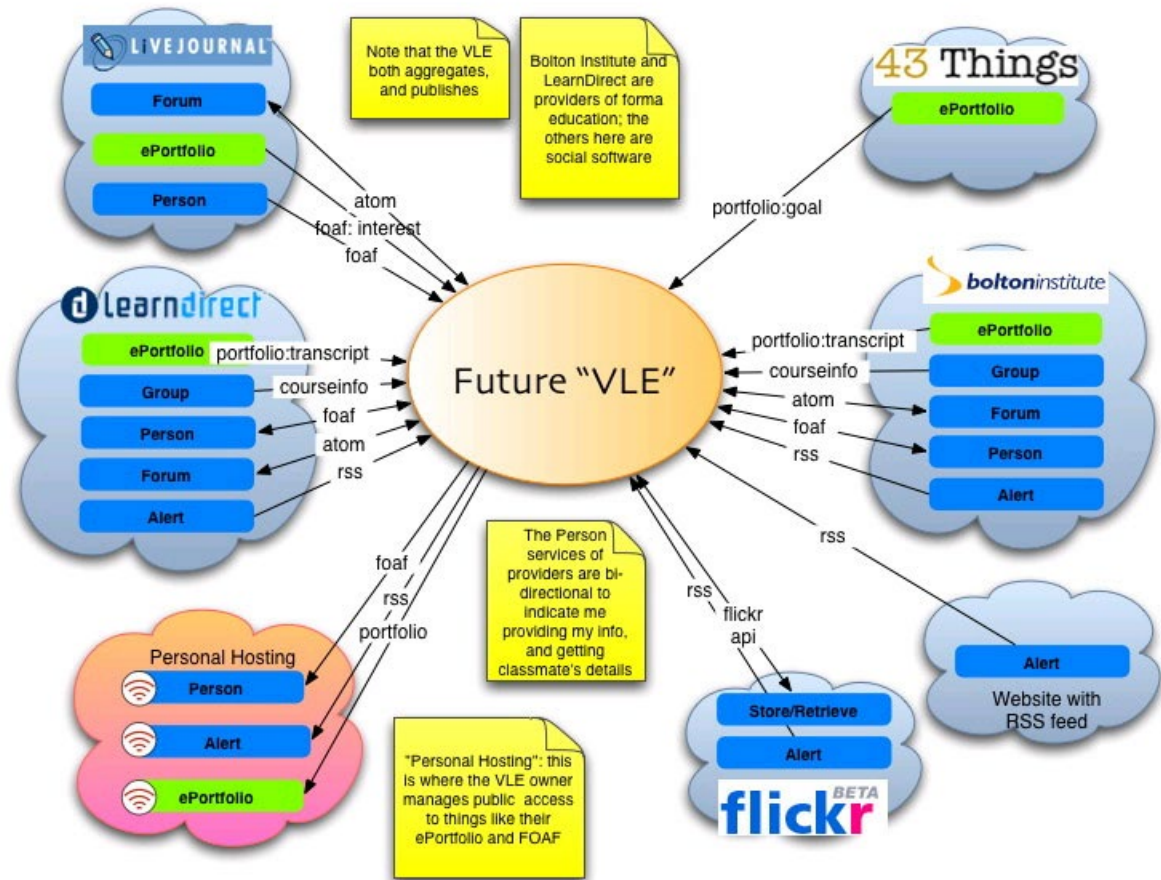
Course Components

- gRSShopper...





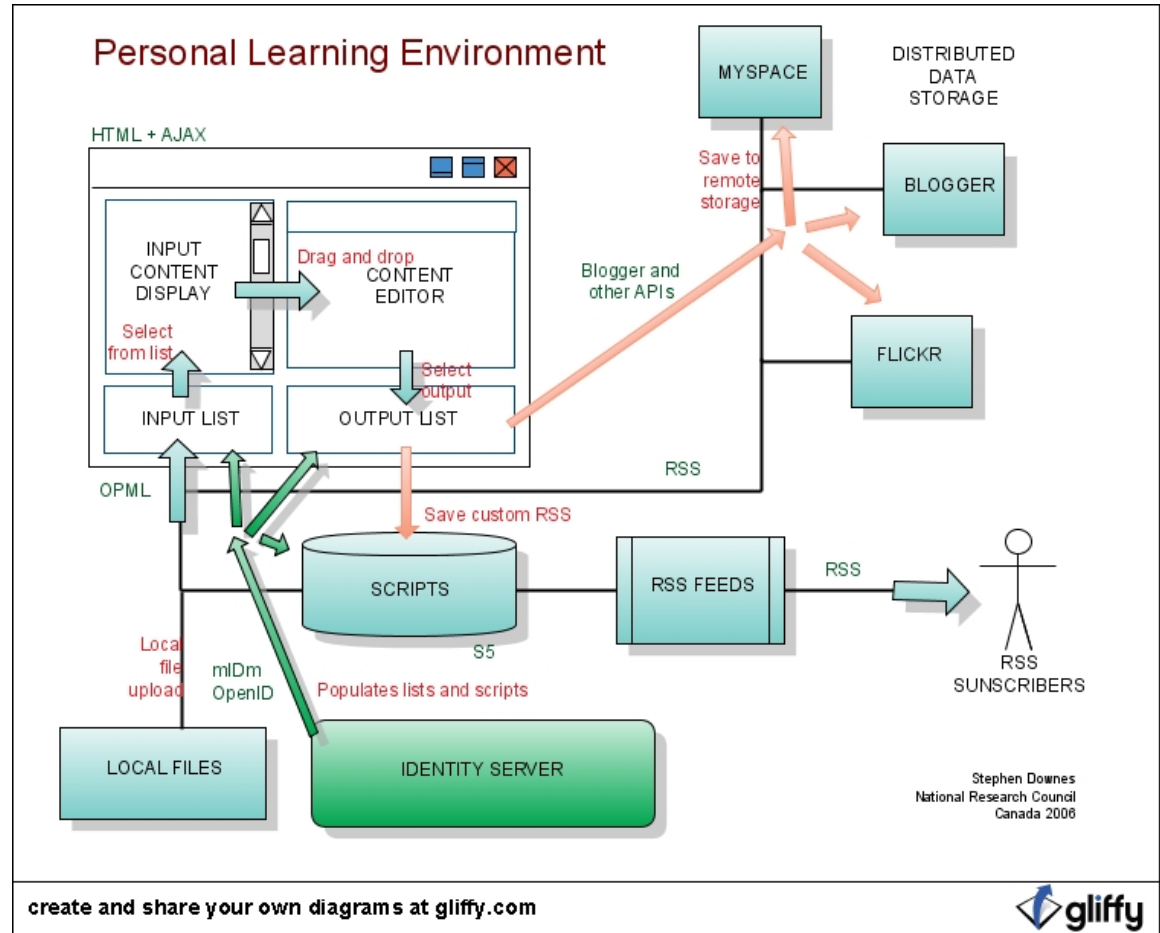
The Main Idea



The web of the future isn't about visiting sites, it's about connecting resources.



Architecture



The application provides mechanisms to input, process, and distribute content.



Login

A screenshot of a Mozilla Firefox browser window displaying the login page for gRSShopper. The browser's address bar shows the URL 'http://demo.downes.ca/cgi-bin/login.cgi?refer=http://demo.downes.ca/cgi-bin/a'. The page title is 'Login ~ gRSShopper'. The main content area features the 'gRSShopper' logo in the top right, a search bar with a 'START SEARCH' button, and navigation links for '[DISCUSS]', '[SEARCH]', '[ABOUT]', '[ARCHIVES]', and '[OPTIONS]'. The central heading is 'Login', followed by a link for 'Login using OpenID (About OpenID on gRSShopper)'. Below this are two input fields: 'Please enter your user name:' and 'Please enter your password:'. A checkbox labeled 'Remember me next time' is present, along with a 'Click here to continue' button. At the bottom, there are links for 'Not a registered user? Click Here' and 'Forgot your password? Click Here'. The footer contains a Creative Commons license notice and copyright information for Stephen Downes, dated 2008.

gRSShopper instances are *personal* sites intended to support single users or small groups (though visitors can sign in).



Subscriptions

Register - Newsletter Subscription ~ Stephen's Web ~ by Stephen Downes - Mozilla Firefox

File Edit View History Bookmarks Tools Help

http://www.downes.ca/cgi-bin/login.cgi?action=Register

Admin Menu ~ Stephen... Google Reader Calendar

Google Image Result for http://... Register - Newsletter Subs... Manage Subscriptions ~ gRSS...

Stephen's Web

START SEARCH [NEWS]
[DISCUSS]

[SEARCH] [ABOUT] [ARCHIVES] [OPTIONS]

Register - Newsletter Subscription

Stephen's Web collects user information in order to confirm passwords and to properly attribute comments and other submissions. User information will remain private and will not be sold to any external agency. For more information, please see our [Privacy Policy](#).

Select a username:
Select a password:

Enter your email address:

Select newsletter subscriptions (you may choose more than one; leave blank for none) for Stephen Downes

- OLDaily
- OLDaily Text Edition
- OLWeekly
- OLWeekly Text Edition
- Threads Email

(Optional) Where did you hear about this website?

Done

Visitors have a one-click way to subscribe to site newsletters (or they can sign up for RSS).



Custom Pages

A screenshot of a Mozilla Firefox browser window. The title bar reads 'Connectivism & Connective Knowledge - Mozilla Firefox'. The address bar shows 'http://connect.downes.ca/'. The browser's menu bar includes 'File', 'Edit', 'View', 'History', 'Bookmarks', 'Tools', and 'Help'. The page content features a green header with the title 'CONNECTIVISM & CONNECTIVE KNOWLEDGE' and the subtitle 'a rather large open online course...'. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for 'HOME', 'THE DAILY', 'WIKI', 'ABOUT', 'AGGREGATIONS', 'READINGS', and 'SIGNING UP'. The main content area is titled 'The Daily' and contains text about subscriptions and RSS feeds, with links for 'Options', 'The Daily Archives', 'Feeds', 'Posts', 'Places', 'Click Here', 'The Daily Archives', 'The Daily RSS Feed', and 'Login'. The status bar at the bottom shows 'Done'.

Content is organized into pages



Archive

Stephen's Web

[NEWS]
[DISCUSS]

[SEARCH] [ABOUT] [ARCHIVES] [OPTIONS]

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Done

Pages auto-archive



Custom Pages

List Page ~ Stephen's Web ~ by Stephen Downes - Mozilla Firefox

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Stephen's Web

START SEARCH [NEWS]
[DISCUSS]

[SEARCH] [ABOUT] [ARCHIVES] [OPTIONS]

[ADMIN] *List pages*

[New] [List] Author Listing 0 to 100 of 68 pages
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[New] [List] File [Edit] [Delete] [Publish] About Stephen Downes
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[New] [List] Topic [Edit] [Delete] [Publish]
[New] [List] View [Edit] [Delete] [Publish]

Done

Multiple pages can be created; each page can be a newsletter (or not; you decide)



Page Creation

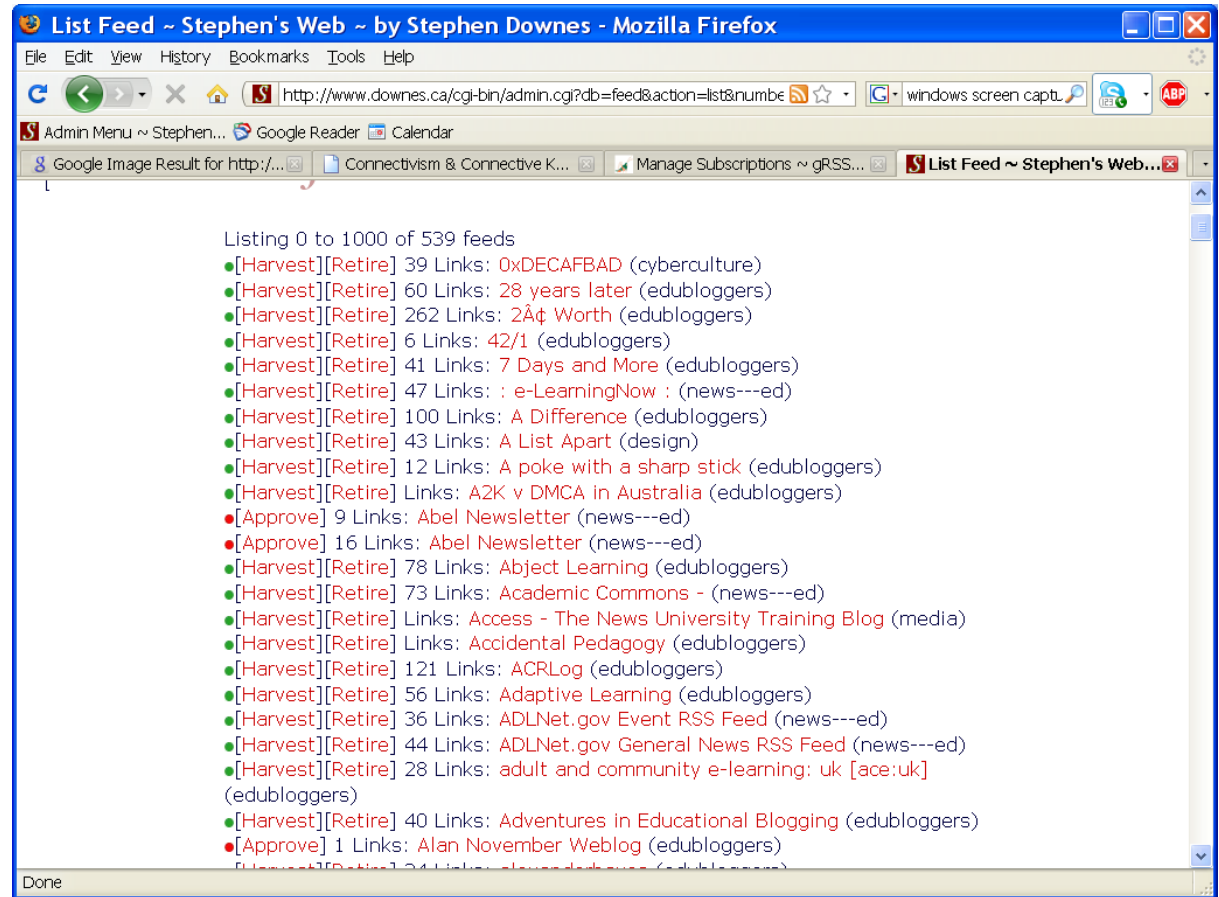
Screenshot of a Mozilla Firefox browser window showing the "Edit Page" interface for "Stephen's Web". The browser title is "Edit Page ~ Stephen's Web ~ by Stephen Downes - Mozilla Firefox". The address bar shows the URL: <http://www.downes.ca/cgi-bin/admin.cgi?page=2&action=edit>. The page content includes a navigation menu on the left with options like [New] [List] Author, [New] [List] Box, [New] [List] Cite, [New] [List] Event, [New] [List] Feed, [New] [List] File, [New] [List] Journal, [New] [List] Link, [New] [List] Optlist, [New] [List] Mapping, [New] [List] Page, [New] [List] Person, [New] [List] Post, [New] [List] Presentation, [New] [List] Publication, [New] [List] Project, [New] [List] Task, [New] [List] Template, [New] [List] Theme, [New] [List] Topic, and [New] [List] View. The main content area is titled "Edit Page" and contains a form with fields for Title (OLDaily), File (news/OLDaily.htm), Header (email_html_header), Footer (email_html_footer), Feed, Autopub (yes), Archive (yes), Sub (yes), Days (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday), and Type (email). There is an "Update Record" button and a "Code" section containing HTML code for the page header and meta tags.

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<h2 style="font: italic 28pt/32pt Georgia,serif; color: #91c6e7;">OLDaily</h2>
<p style="font: 400 12pt/16pt Verdana,Arial, sans-serif;color:#000040;">by
Stephen Downes<br/>
#TODAY#</p>
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all;sort=crdate DESC>
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<keyword db=post;number=20;type=article;format=article_email;expires=24;
all;sort=crdate DESC>
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DESC>
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Pages are created automatically from a database of content types



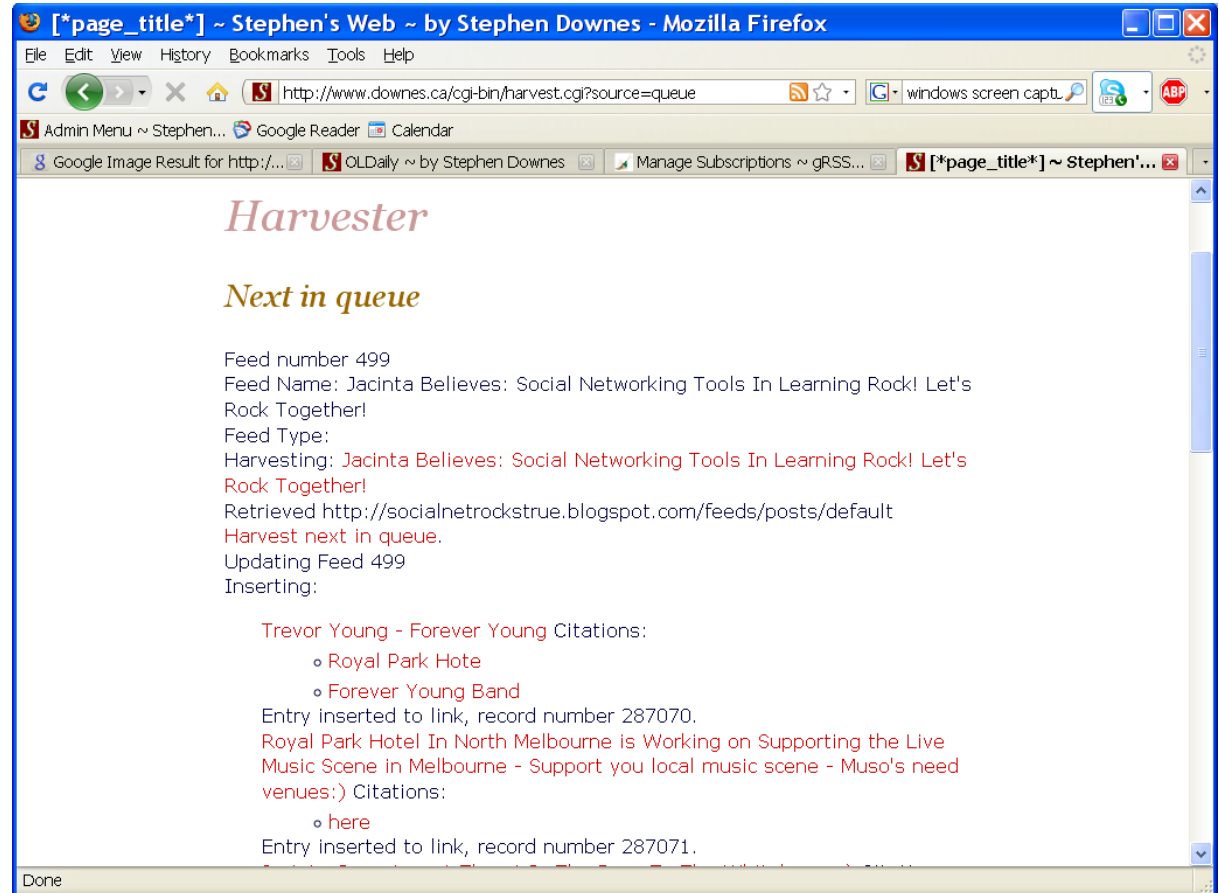
Feed Management



Content input comes from RSS feeds harvested by gRSShopper



Harvester



Harvester captures and analyzes incoming data (by topic, links, etc)



Mapping

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http://www.downes.ca/cgi-bin/admin.cgi?mapping=1&action=edit

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[ADMIN]

[New] [List] Author title:A Day In The Life -> journal
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[New] [List] Cite A mapping is a way to direct where you want harvested data to be stored. The mapping source is always a feed, while the mapping destination is always a database table.
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Source

Either...

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<input type="radio"/> Feed Type	Atom [Help]
<input type="radio"/> Feed Fields	title [Help]
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Value Pair	title:A Day In The Life [Help]

Destination

Select a destination table: journal

link

Map Table Elements

Source		Destination: journal
hits	--->	[v]
cites	--->	[v]

Done

Incoming content can be mapped to any of a variety of data types



Viewing Harvested Content

Edu-RSS Viewer ~ Stephen's Web ~ by Stephen Downes - Mozilla Firefox

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http://www.downes.ca/cgi-bin/page.cgi?action=viewer

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Stephen's Web

START SEARCH [NEWS] [DISCUSS]

[SEARCH] [ABOUT] [ARCHIVES] [OPTIONS]

You are logged in as Stephen Downes [Logout]

Quick Updates + Boston KM Forum

I've very much enjoyed taking a break from blogging, what I've been calling my "blogging hiatus." I'm not certain if I'm now back in for real, but I feel the urge to write again today, even though it has turned out to be a gorgeous, almost summer day, in Boston...after a rainy start. I've just completed [...] [From: [Sims Learning Connections, October 27, 2008](http://blog.simslearningconnections.com/?p=314)] 287040 <http://blog.simslearningconnections.com/?p=314>

Blog This!

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Stephen's Web

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Edit Post

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Title	Quick Updates + Boston KM Forum
Link	http://blog.simslearningconnections.com/?p=314
Author	
Journal	Sims Learning Connections
Type	Link
Crdate	
Description	I've very much enjoyed taking a break from blogging, what I've been calling my 'blogging hiatus.' I'm not certain if I'm now back in for real, but I feel the urge to write again today, even though it has turned out to be a gorgeous, almost summer day, in Boston - after a rainy start. I've just completed [...]

Done

Work with aggregated content to create new content



Open Source

A screenshot of a Mozilla Firefox browser window displaying the 'gRSShopper Code' page. The browser's address bar shows the URL 'http://grsshopper.downes.ca/code.htm'. The page content includes the 'gRSShopper' logo in the top right, a search bar with a 'START SEARCH' button, and a navigation menu with links for [DISCUSS], [SEARCH], [ABOUT], [ARCHIVES], and [OPTIONS]. The main heading is 'gRSShopper Code' in a large, green, serif font. Below this, a text box contains a list of links: [gRSShopper Home Page], [About gRSShopper], [Demonstration Site], [Detailed Description], [Installation Instructions], [Data Types], [Page Commands], and [gRSShopper Source Code]. To the right of the text box, it says 'Here is the code: grsshopper.tar.gz'. Below that, it states 'THIS PAGE FIRST PUBLISHED ON MAY 23, 2008 AND LAST UPDATED MAY 24, 2008.' There is also a Creative Commons license logo and text: 'THIS WORK IS LICENSED UNDER A CREATIVE COMMONS LICENSE.' and 'COPYRIGHT 2008 STEPHEN DOWNES CONTACT: STEPHEN@DOWNES.CA'. The browser's status bar at the bottom shows 'Done'.

gRSShopper code is available as an open source download



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Stephen's Web

START SEARCH [NEWS] [DISCUSS]

[SEARCH] [ABOUT] [ARCHIVES] [OPTIONS]



Stephen Downes, April, 2008

Applications of Social and Collaborative Technologies in Education



Read cdn.slideshare.net

Integrating the Internet Into the Classroom
October 22, 2008. PEI Teachers Federation Conference 2008, Charlottetown, PEI (Keynote).

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Course Components

- The Daily

Connectivism & Connective Knowledge

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The Daily

September 9, 2008

Highlighted Resources

[Time Change for Wednesday Session](#)

Important: We've made a change to our Wednesday (in our part of the world) schedule. The illuminate session will be held at 11:00 am CST (see [conversion here](#)). The event will be held in ellumnate ([link here](#)). Sorry about this last minute change. If the time doesn't work for those in Australia and Asia, please let me know (gsiemens@elearnspace.org) and we can try and arrange a smaller discussion group at a different time). CCK08, , September 9, 2008 [[Link](#)] [Tags: none] [[Comment](#)]

[Connections, Learning, and Ptolomeus \(CCK08-W1\)](#)

Nice post on the question of whether we 'grow' or 'build' new learning. Diego Leal cites John Medina's book *Brain Rules* (I'll have to get that one) on learning: "No defined structure, no progressive storage. Just the creation and recreation of connections between neurons. So, the process seems to be closer to something growing out (or expanding?) than to something being built." Here's the [Brain Rules](#) website, if you want to have a look. [Diego Leal](#), [.Edu.Co.Blog](#), September 9, 2008 [[Link](#)] [Tags: none] [[Comment](#)]

<http://connect.downes.ca/>

Course Components

- Managing Content

The screenshot displays the website interface for 'CONNECTIVISM & CONNECTIVE KNOWLEDGE'. The header is green with the title and a subtitle 'a rather large open online course...'. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for HOME, THE DAILY, WIKI, ABOUT, AGGREGATIONS, READINGS, and SIGNING UP. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, under the heading '[ADMIN]', lists various content types with '[New]' and '[List]' links: Author, Box, Cite, Event, Feed, File, Journal, Link, Mapping, Page, Person, Post, Presentation, Publication, Project, Task, Template, Theme, Topic, and View. The right column, titled 'Site Administration', contains several sections: 'Reader' with a 'Viewer' link; 'Mailing List' with a 'Test Newsletter (Sends to Admin Only)... Send Newsletter' link; 'Harvester' with links for 'Harvest Next In Queue', 'Harvest All Feeds', and 'Calculate Most Cited'; 'Harvest Results' with links for 'Most Recent in EduRSS (RSS Version)' and 'Look at the files: HTML, XML, RSS'; and 'Feeds' with a link for 'Export OPML File'.

Course Components

- Feed Harvesting

CONNECTIVISM & CONNECTIVE KNOWLEDGE

a rather large open online course...

[HOME](#) [THE DAILY](#) [WIKI](#) [ABOUT](#) [AGGREGATIONS](#) [READINGS](#) [SIGNING UP](#)

List feeds

[\[ADMIN\]](#)


[New] [List] Author	[Harvest] [Retire] Links: ActionsFLE en formation (category)
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[New] [List] Cite	[Approve] Links: Al dAa (category)
[New] [List] Event	[Approve] Links: Alvin's Educational Technology Blog (category)
[New] [List] Feed	[Approve] Links: An Education and Technology Blog (category)
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	[Approve] Links: Connectivism by the Nile (category)


Course Components

- Intro...

The image shows a screenshot of a presentation slide. The slide is titled "Connectivism and Connective Knowledge: Getting Started" and is part of a "Massive Open Online Course". The presenters are listed as George Siemens and Stephen Downes. The slide features two small portrait photos of the presenters. The presentation is displayed in a software window titled "GettingStarted (00:05 / 00:45)". The window includes a sidebar with the University of Manitoba logo and a navigation menu. The bottom of the window shows a control bar with the Articulate logo, a "SLIDE 1 OF 3" indicator, a "PAUSED" status, and a timer showing "00:05 / 00:18".

GettingStarted (00:05 / 00:45) | ATTACHMENTS

 UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

 George Siemens
Associate Director, R & D,
LTC, U of Manitoba


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1. Connectivism and Connective Knowledge: G
2. Slide 2
3. The Hub
4. The Daily
5. Slide 5
6. Each Week
7. Weekly Schedule
8. How to participate
9. Tasks

Connectivism and Connective Knowledge: Getting Started

Massive Open Online Course

George Siemens 

Stephen Downes



articulate
POWERED PRESENTATION

SLIDE 1 OF 3 | PAUSED | 00:05 / 00:18

The Students

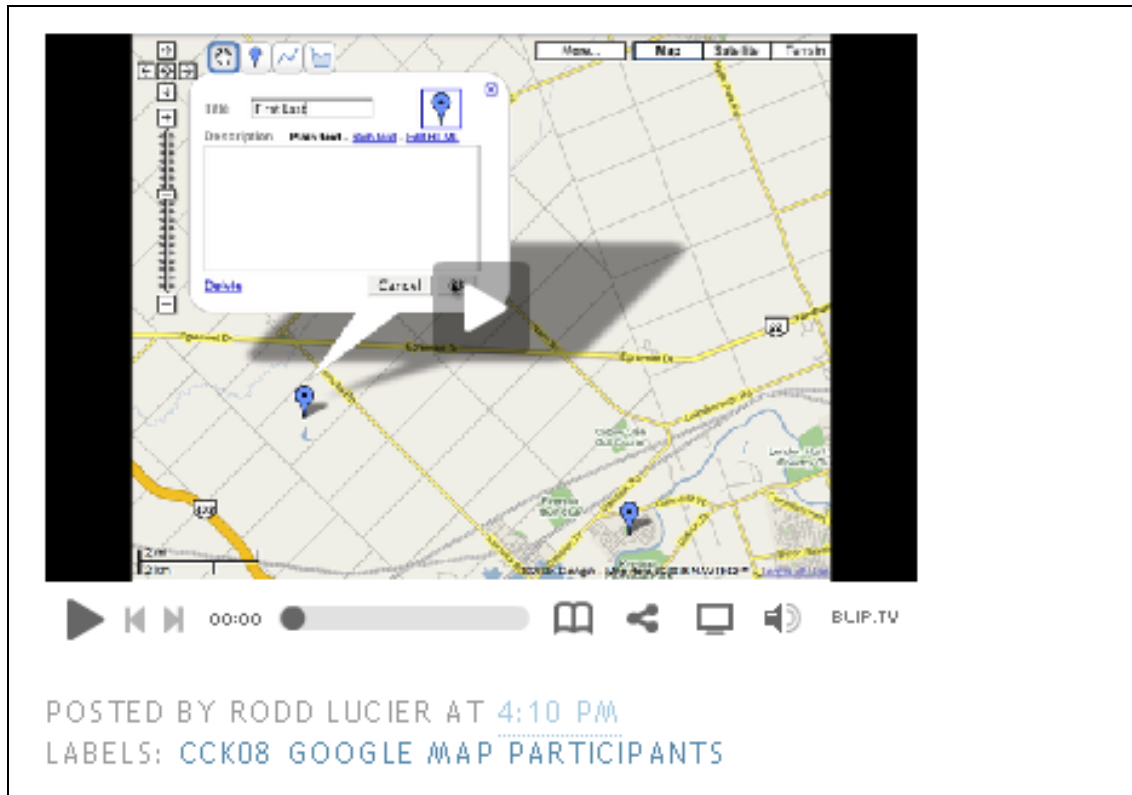
- The *Other* Course Map...



<http://tinyurl.com/cck08map>

The Students

- Add to the Map - Video



<http://thecleversheep.blogspot.com/2008/09/cck08-is-truly-global.html>

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- Wordle... 2



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- Word of Mouth



<http://fleep.net/blog/2008/08/03/educators-cck08-connectivism-connective-knowledge-course/>

The Students

- Google Groups

The screenshot shows a Google Groups interface. At the top, the logo 'Google Groups' is on the left, and the user 'stephen.downes.ca@gmail.com' with links for 'My Groups' and 'Favo' is on the right. Below this is a header for the group 'Connectivism and Connective Knowledge' with a search bar. A blue banner indicates the current thread is 'extending access of CCK08' with an 'Options' link. Below the banner, it says '7 messages - Collapse all'. The first message is from 'HelenaR' (with a 'View profile' link) dated 'Jun 22, 1:58 am' (with a 'More options' link). The message text asks: 'Is there a need to create a kind of regional help desks, in Portuguese for instance, to easy access to this course ? Can i help translating or co-translating the contends ? Helena'. Below the message are links for 'Reply to author', 'Forward', and a rating of five stars. The second message is from 'MariaTeresa' (with a 'View profile' link) dated 'Jun 24, 4:35 pm' (with a 'More options' link'). The message text says: 'Very good idea Helena. Translation is important, even though the language of the course is english, to count with information on how to participante in several languages will help to engage readers in those languages, Maria Teresa'. It then includes a quoted text block: 'On 22 jun, 07:58, HelenaR <ramoshelena...@gmail.com> wrote: - Show quoted text -'. Below the message are links for 'Reply to author', 'Forward', and a rating of five stars.

<http://groups.google.com/group/connectivism>

The Students

- Translations...

The screenshot shows a wiki page for 'Conectivismo - Curso online' on the Learning Technologies Centre (LTC) website. The page features a navigation menu on the left with links to 'Main Page', 'Recent changes', 'Random page', 'sandbox', and 'Help'. Below this is a section for 'ltc links' with links to 'LTC Website', 'Activities', 'Workshops and Resources', and 'Teaching with Technology'. The main content area includes tabs for 'page', 'discussion', 'view source', and 'history'. The page title is 'Conectivismo - Curso online'. The main text welcomes visitors to the wiki and provides information about the course tag (CCK08) and available translations (English, Spanish, Chinese, and Italian). It also mentions a Facebook group for the course. A table of contents is visible at the bottom, listing sections 1, 2, and 3.

Log in / create account

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Conectivismo - Curso online

Bem-vindo ao wiki de apoio ao **curso online sobre Conectivismo e Conhecimento Conectado**.

Tag do curso: CCK08

Esta página também está disponível em [Inglês](#), em [Espanhol](#) em [Chinês](#) (Versão simplificada de caracteres) e em [Italiano](#).

Esta página também tem um grupo no FaceBook em [CCK08](#)

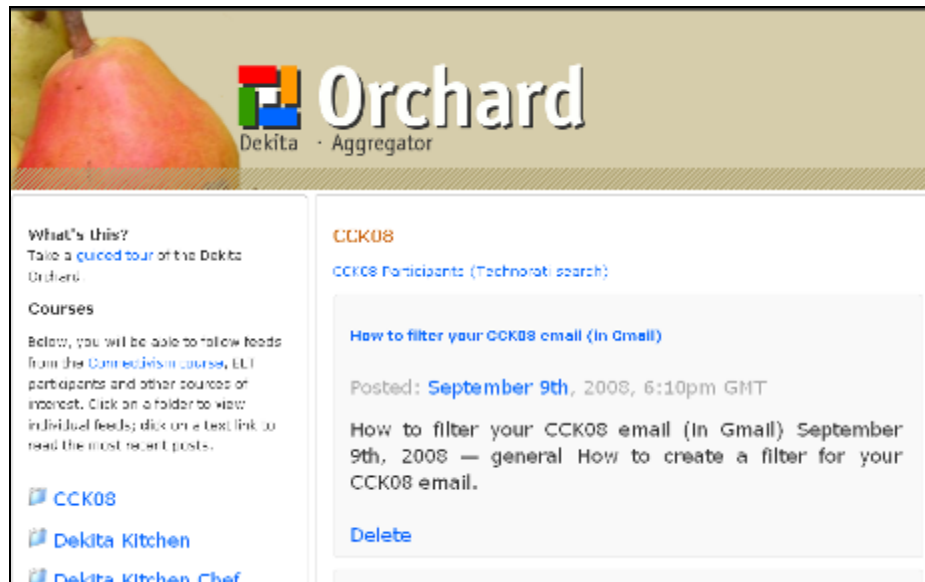
Contents [\[hide\]](#)

- 1 Por favor, se quiser participar, (seja de forma livre ou de uma forma m formal para acreditação) insira o seu e-mail aqui
- 2 Blogue do curso
- 3 Detalhes do curso

[http://ltc.umanitoba.ca/wiki/Conectivismo - Curso online](http://ltc.umanitoba.ca/wiki/Conectivismo_-_Curso_online)

The Students

- Dekita...



Orchard
Dekita - Aggregator

What's this?
Take a [guided tour](#) of the Dekita Orchard.

Courses
Below, you will be able to follow feeds from the [Connectivism course](#), ELL participants and other sources of interest. Click on a folder to view individual feeds; click on a text link to read the most recent posts.

- [CCK08](#)
- [Dekita Kitchen](#)
- [Dekita Kitchen Chef](#)

CCK08
CCK08 Participants (Technorati search)

[How to filter your CCK08 email \(In Gmail\)](#)

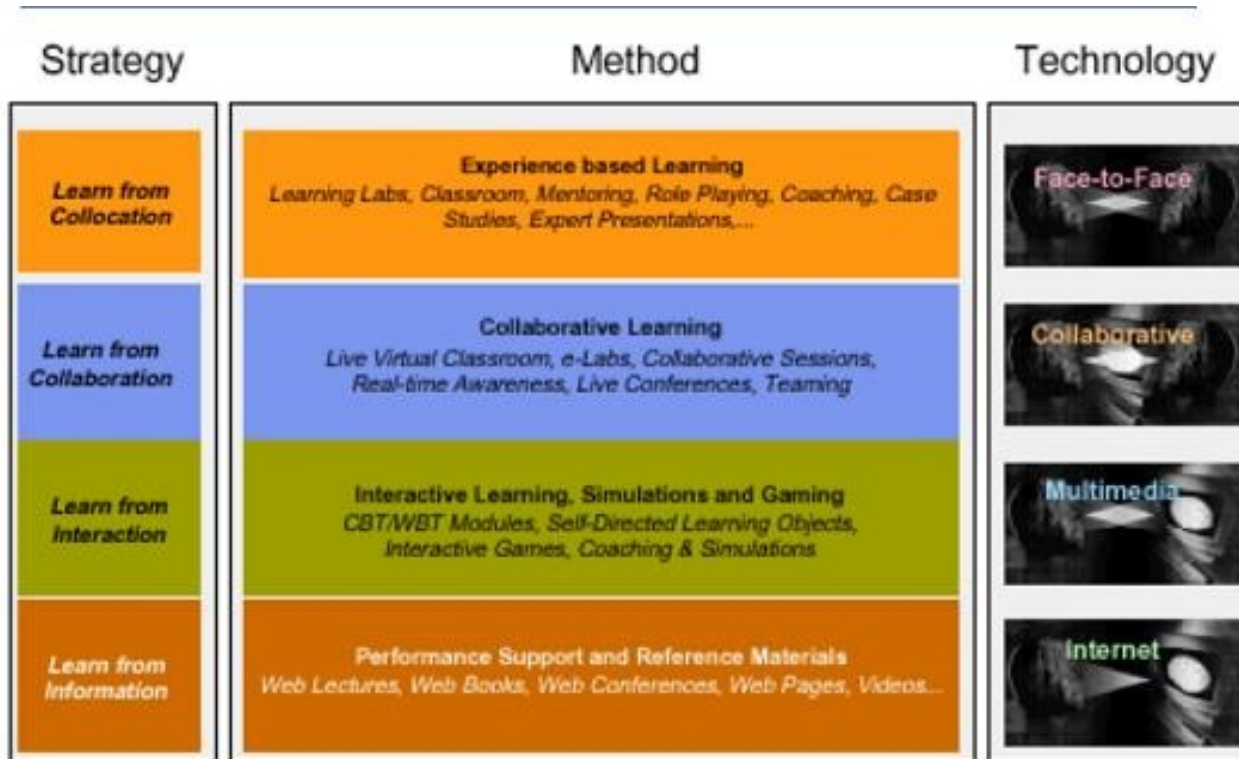
Posted: [September 9th, 2008, 6:10pm GMT](#)

How to filter your CCK08 email (In Gmail) September 9th, 2008 — general How to create a filter for your CCK08 email.

[Delete](#)

[http://dekita.org/orchard/CCK08 /](http://dekita.org/orchard/CCK08/)

Learning Approach



- <http://apsblog.com/site/learning-architecture/learning-approaches>

Co-Location

Coaching
Mentoring
Interaction
Play
Creation



Physical spaces will become work and creativity spaces, not presentation spaces. New technology includes: ambient internet, multimedia, robotics

Collaboration

Conferencing
Meeting
Conversation
Co-creation
Teaming
Networks



Online collaboration becoming more immersive, more multimedia. Eg. Second Life, Adobe Connect, Elluminate: capture tools more

Interaction

Games
Simulations
Training
Learning Objects



Game-based learning becoming widely accepted; games and simulations becoming more realistic; new tools and mod kits to help people program their

Information



Lectures
Books
Conferences
Pages
Video

Information becomes free and ubiquitous; easily found via personalized semantic social networks;

The Students

- Second Life...
- Diigo...
- de.l.icio.us
- WordPress...



The Principles

1. Diversity

We want to encourage students to engage in diverse readings, diverse environments, diverse discussions

The Principles

2. Autonomy

We want students to chart their own course,
to select their own software, to pursue
their own learning

The Principles

3. Interaction / Connectedness

The knowledge in this course emerges as a result of the connections among the students and staff – and is not some ‘content’ shoveled from experts to recipients

The Principles

4. Openness

We don't draw barriers between 'in' and 'out' – which means we can accommodate the full engaged, the partially engaged, and the rest – creating strong ties and weak ties



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