



The Role of Educator in a PLE World

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Recent Work

- the development of online learning software, such as gRSShopper, Synergic3, and Plearn
- offering a series of open online courses, such as CCK08 and 09, Critical Literacies, and PLENK
- theorizing around the idea of connective knowledge and learning communities
- writing OLDaily, giving talks, attending conferences (input input input)

This Approach:

- emphasizes open learning and learner autonomy
- argues that course content is merely a tool employed to support learning, rather than the object of learning- - promotes a pedagogy of learning by engagement and activity within an authentic learning community
- fosters a wider and often undefined set of competencies associated with a
- exercises in activities requiring those competencies
- grows knowledge rather than to transfer or construct knowledge through cognitive processes

Major Underlying Theme:

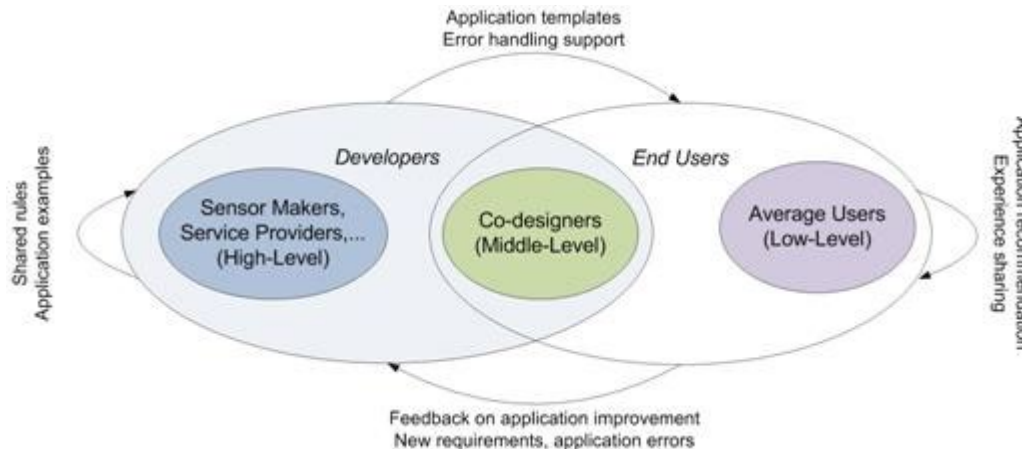
- the role of the educator will change dramatically
- not a 'sage on the stage'
- neither merely that of the 'guide by the side'
- students need to be able to look to prototypes on which to model their own work
- the instructor, therefore, is required to take an active role in the disciplinary or professional community, demonstrating tactics and techniques, and modeling the approach, language and world view of a successful practitioner.

Some Examples

- Free Video Lectures <http://freevideolectures.com/>
- Roots and Shoots <http://www.rootsandshoots.org/campaigns>
- Challenge Based Learning <http://ali.apple.com/cbl/>
- Serialized Courses <http://course.downes.ca>

The Educator as Practitioner

- Danielle - <http://daniteachtech.wordpress.com/2010/11/14/being-a-techie-role-model/>
- “They are just children that copy what adults do.



<http://www.downes.ca/post/54167/rd>

The Roles:



experimenting with producing

inquisitive

getting excited about new stuff

The Learner

has to be engaged

collaborator

playing

analyzing

a sponge

What is it?

Explorers

someone who acquires knowledge ar

Someone who wants to know

absorbing

making connections

building memories Not worried about failure

Listening

Transparency

A smart person

Facilitator

Examples

students
Parents

Tutors and Professors

teachers

partner

knowledge sharing

learning about learning:

meta-learning

A life-long inquiry

connecting

Who Does It?

Everyone

Students are learners but also teachers

those who are engaged

asking more questions than finding answers

It Takes a Whole Village to
Raise a Child



Someone who loves stuff
Bag of tricks

The Collector

stacks of magazine pages



Someone who loves learning/knowing
finding stuff to respond to students' interests
Gladwell's "Maven"

What is it? **archiving**
aggregator of how you / we know
finding good stuff & sorting it out
memories

Sharing

Delicious

Trading cards

ideas
A intelligent analyzer and aggregator

resources

tangible knowl^e

making sense

historian

We are doing it right now

Examples

My son

Me

librarian

the internet

blogging

aggregator teacher

Learner My father

scientist

learners

the 3 PhD in my Family

synthesize what we collect

sift and sort what is meaningful

Everyone

curator

preservationists

elders

journaling

a connected learner

repurpose our collections for learning

The Curator

making connections

helping others find your collections & benefit

Someone who shares what they collect

custodian

What is it?

a guide

caretaker

facilitator

Organizer

creator of meaning

guardian

aggregating a

Someone who
organizer of stuff
puts their collection

into a form for others to

guardian of knowledge

expert knower

Examples

librarian again collection

wordnetweb.princeton.edu

an actual curator

A Mentor

Someone who surfs the web effectively

the gurú

a source who helps learning

people with passion

Conessure experts

where stuff is - where to
go to get it

teachers

synthesize in a disciplined way

instructional designer



Image: <http://www.indiaifa.org/stafftrust/article.asp?id=171>

Paulo Coelho

Paulo COELHO

conjuror
making connections

Hates science but wants results...

The Alchemist

Philosophers

combinings things holistic practitioner

to make new

create

Understanding what goes together

Gold Maker

Someone who makes magic with what they collect

mixing the right ingresients
materials

Create meaning

turning the ordinary into gold

riveting presenter

Examples

dissertation

Inspiring Students

remix, mod

mashups

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making something different from the raw

mashup

risk taking

d

adapt/ synthesize in a
meaningful, personal

Who Does It?

students without fear

blending

way
taking something a kids

Good teachers

learners

the maker

says that is way off base

mashups

and making it relevant

Everybody has some ingredient to realize the perfect recipe

<http://the-tychonic-dreamer.wordpress.com/2010/05/29/an-etiology-of-angelic-vision-article-on-john-dee-and-edward-kelly-in-aries/>

Girl Talk (the mashup artist)





creator of applications

The Programmer



creating a framework

analytical
Listing commands

What is it? **Process**

Planning for teaching

Key resource to translate needs to online solutions

coder/decoder

smart person

Seeing world through

ones' fingers...

Examples

curriculum development

good professional development

PLC

sequential scaffold... building scaffolds

educational designer

designer

"given enough eyeballs, all bugs are shallow"

assessment for learning

Who Does It?

anyone who is developing course materials

Microsoft tries to the planner

left brain thinker

computer science people

Authors writers and publishers

it's not a bug, it's a feature

logician /magician

year plans

Image: <http://www.supercoloring.com/pages/lazy-programmer/>

Software Company, Developpers, OPenSource Community

persuasion!

positive energy
authentic

gift of the gab

If you build it they will come

change agent

The Salesperson

positive outlook

Selling information

charmer

A big talker who will not do the project

What is it?
GOING...
GOING...

"leader"

talkative
awareness

Publishers...

advocate

not believe in their
products!!

motivates buy in

champion of a cause, product or idea

Examples

teachers

selling tech to the higher-ups

lecturing

Propaganda

Online Elearning Journal

People sell links on Twitter
to their followers

and sell tech to parents

Changing minds of those who are set on one idea

motivator

advertising
Leading

researcher

Principal sells to staff
leading the learning / modelling

Who Does It?

innovators

teachers who gives breath

Administration Teachers

Hey, sometimes, the
teacher has to sell the
students on the curriculum!
enthusiasts

Political left-wingers who have too much to say

and sometimes we have to sell curr
leaders

Some Elearning gurus



The Convener

Network builder

bring people together
a space builder

Volunteers!

What is it? collector of people

committees

Mickie Rooney: Let's put on
a show! motivator

organizer

A huge part of life in rural Saskatchewan!

learning DJ



Examples professional development

creating a blog

Facilitators
teachers

community organizers
or create a wiki

meet me online

mentors

txt messaging for charity

Who Does It?

project participants - even kids
teachers

network weaver

people with vision

coaches

Stephen

Alec

leaders

IT people

people with passion

Image: <http://www.coneinc.com/content2028>

Administration Collaboration builders

bringing groups or things together for the common good

The Coordinator

Connector

integrator

stage manager
production manager

facilitator

logistician



What is it?

organizer
scheduling, setting expectations

liaison

i reminds me of people
responsible about logistics

A strong manager

negotiator

Program Manager or Project Manager
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Assistant director
following up
problem solver

Examples
teachers
time management

Parent

Who Does It?

Administrator

MOOCs

Consultant

coach

have communication skills

Me, I coordinate everything for everyone (weddings, parties, students...)

the SRC advisor

leadership role

IT Manager

Image: <http://www.primopix.com/biography.shtml>

Envisioner

Final Project

figuring out the
best way to get
everything out there!

The Designer !

Creativity

What is it?

Planning things to engage others
pedagogy

The eyes of any organization

Creator

the top of Bloom's Taxonomy

instructional designer

making good spaces

planning learning environments

imaginative

the one who makes it attractive

beautician?

learner

Examples

talking

NOT PowerPoint !

tour guide

the learning group

Curriculum makers

OER

Creating learning environments

participatory design

Students constructing their own knowledge

user-centered design

Requirements+WireFrames+Branding
anyone students

Who Does It?

may not be
intelligent

mc

and me

teacher

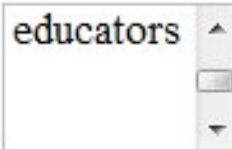
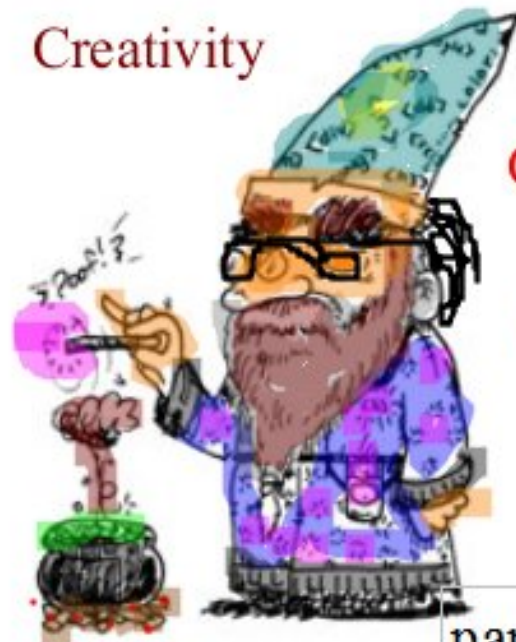
A Professional Designer who understand

Image: <http://illustration-design.blogspot.com/2008/12/caricatures-of-design-forum.html>

solving problems

"The Designer" from the Matrix (movie)

users



The person who create synergy and chemistry in the group

The Coach

advanced learner

leg-up person
constructive critique

provides the game plan
someone who raises the bar and helps to

What is it?
A leader
someone who
get there

mentor

facilitator

motivator

leader

collaboartive team builder

supporter

some one who coaches

challenges people to do their best

guide

provides encouragement

Examples
counselor

Guidance counselor The Best team player

someone you respect

seeing strengths in others and building
on them

Facilitating student learning

provides challenges

the most experienced learner in the room identifies strengths

Who Does It? I don't want to be a coach

Student services team peers

Alec is demonstrating retired hockey players
cheer-leader!

Core leader I want to

"lead learner"

work^s out the game plan

New teachers... lol
and experienced teachers.

Image: <http://printables.kaboose.com/soccer-cartoon.html>

But mostly new... lol

Someone who is willing to work with you to fix mistakes and make it better



HA!

Main element in a washing mashine

The one who can wake up our Universities

thinks outside the box

The Agitator

risk taker

Change agent

The ones who create the Revolution

questioner/catalyst

What is it? makes you see a different point of view

Devil's advocate

A connectivist

one who sees beyond what already exists

pushing buttons

pot stirrer

Question Authority

pushing limits

shaking people up

devil's advocate

disrupting beliefs



CHANGE

spark

Examples

push the students into their area of discomfort

Students pushing teachers

push the parents into their area of discomfort

or teachers too

Technology

holding people accountable

challenging the status quo

Innovator

create new meaning out of old A good teacher who is ready to reinvent the recipe

Who Does It?

The one kid in the room we all know

critics

Lisa (oh thank you)

the guy at sasquatch fest

anyone modeling something different

Are there ever enough questions?

me

People who are ready to take risks

people who are tired of the status quo

Me.

and... "But what if...?"

WHY?

the one who keeps asking

WHY? or HOW?

Who is responsible?

even after getting the answer...

WHY?

the one who moves the conversation forward
makes space, makes space comfortable, makes space accessible and open
Supporter

The Facilitator

makes the process easier Show some good options for direction to take



What is it? helper curator

techie

keeps it on track and keeps it going

asks the right questions

coordinator mentor

keeps students moving on

I like the last syllable of
this word

hungry?
one who opens doors

Examples

Teacher

Catalyst

Alec, Stephen,

technical services

mediator

mediation

understands process and how to keep people on task

A non-biased viewpoint guiding the conversation

tech catalyst teacher

Who Does It?
my brothers and mom
my mom

primary teachers!!!

the person who makes it possible for the students to do the learning

Parents

really good scout leaders

the one who can see how to make everyone win

logician/magician

magician

Tech Support

power brokers facilitators for access to tools

Key persons in any program

What is it?

the go-to people Protects computers from people

vodafone customer service

problem solver

An advanced learner

connectors...plugger-inners

Examples

Teacher

dream makers

students helping the teacher

my students, thank goodness!

Who Does It?

NO ONE :-)
definitely not me

heroes

me

me

not enough people

kids

the people who are not afraid to break it

Wordpress support crew - they are awesome!

trained people



The Moderator

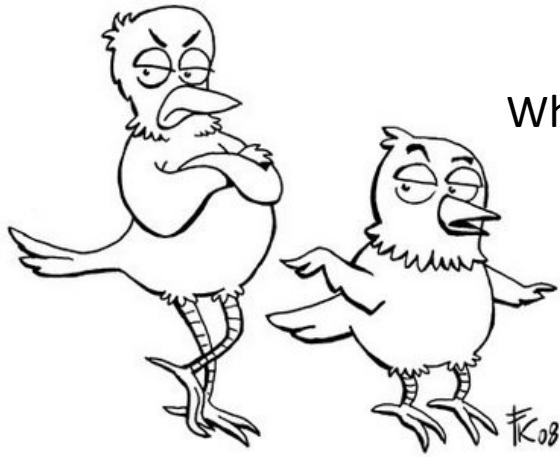
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Examples

Who Does It?

The Critic



What is it?

Examples

Who Does It?

The Lecturer



What is it?

Examples

Who Does It?

The Demonstrator



What is it?

Examples

Who Does It?

The Mentor



What is it?

Examples

Who Does It?

The Connector

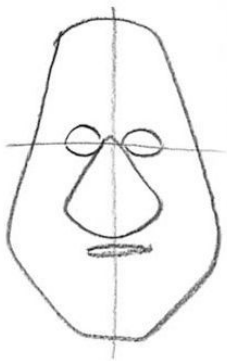


What is it?

Examples

Who Does It?

The Theorizer



What is it?

Examples

Who Does It?

The Sharer



What is it?

Examples

Who Does It?

The Evaluator



What is it?

Examples

Who Does It?

The Bureaucrat



What is it?

Examples

Who Does It?