

Mobile learning: Enhancing learning

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Abstract

Imagine using a mobile device to learn? Is this possible or even practical?

Today, most students in tertiary education have a mobile device. These devices are always with the students and are considered to be a valuable tool in which their interactions focus around. These mobile devices are continually advancing and becoming more and more powerful and versatile. By harnessing a device that students always have on them enables educators to provide a more flexible environment where the student is able to determine when and where they want to learn.

This presentation outlines innovative ways mobile technology can be integrated into the learning environment to better facilitate more flexible learning. These tools are readily available and can work on most mobile devices with little or no expense necessary by the student. Tools such as podcasting, quizzes, blogging and social interaction can all be enhanced using mobile devices. A few of the ways that instructors could integrate mobile learning into their teaching will be highlighted. In addition this presentation aims to facilitate a discussion around the practicalities and potential of integrating and supporting mobile learning within a tertiary course.