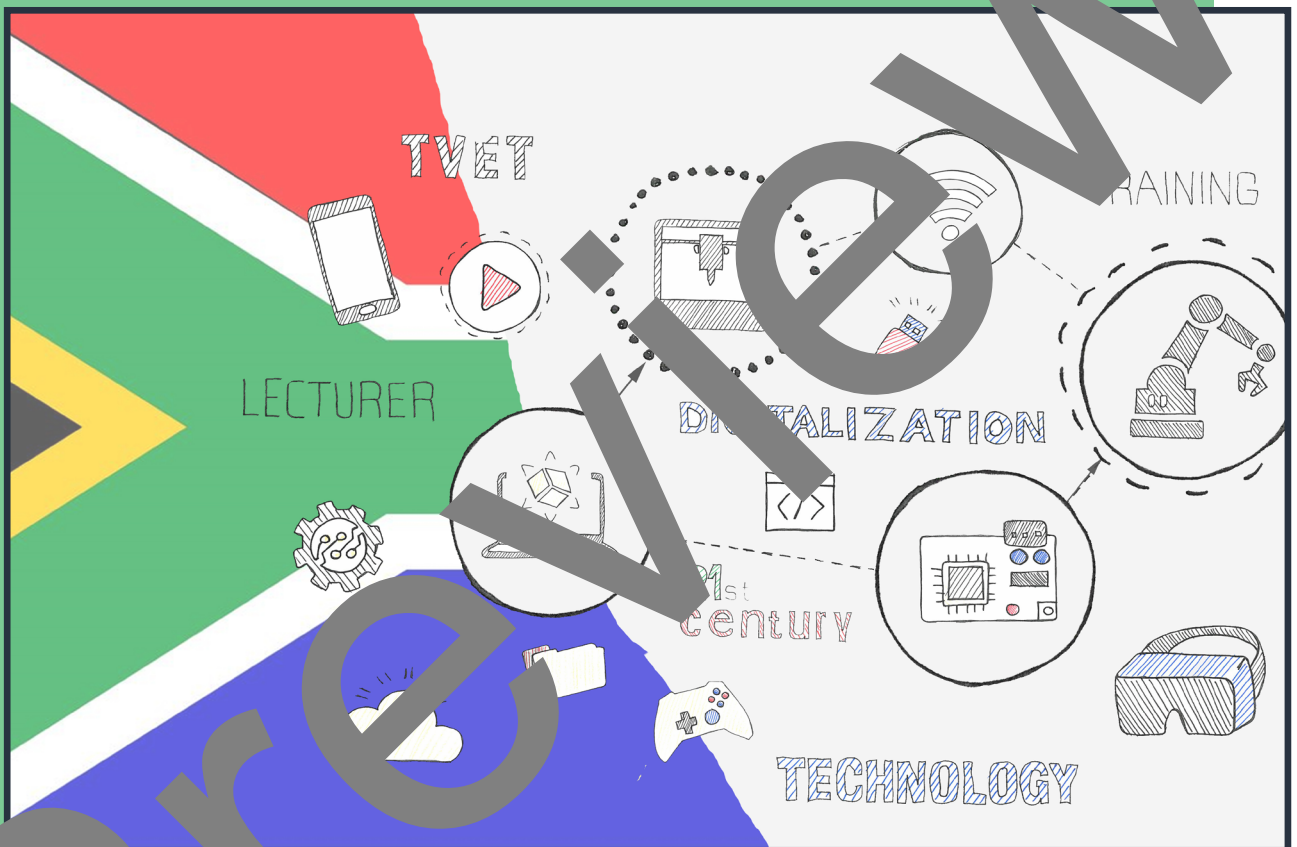


MODULE 1.1

DIGITAL TEACHING AND LEARNING IN TVET

Course Book



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DEAR TEACHERS & LECTURERS,

even if many uncertainties remain about how the digital transformation will affect economy and society globally, it is for sure that a relevant set of knowledge, skills and attitudes – called digital competences (Ferrari 2019) – has become vital to study, work and participate in society and culture in the 21st century (OECD 2016; Stromquist 2019).

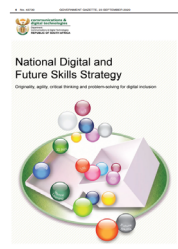
In the case of South Africa, skills intensity has already increased in most major sectors in the post-apartheid era (World Bank Group 2018). Standard technologies (cf. Mishra & Koehler 2006) such as email or messengers for communication, video conferencing applications, the internet or computer hard- and software are already pervasive in the workplace (Twinomurinzi 2020). In addition, there is a growing need for specific or advanced technology (Guthrie et al. 2019) that directs to Industry 4.0 such as AI, robotics or 3D technologies used specifically for a certain profession. Especially the mining, manufacturing and services sectors are going through significant transformation by a range of advanced technologies (DCDT 2020).

Against this background, South Africa's government has identified digital-related skills as the key to increasing job creation opportunities. In the National Digital and Future Skills Strategy, the South African government published eight main interconnected elements for the development of a digital society. Aligned with the most recent definitions of digital inclusion (Djukic 2022) and digital competence (EU 2018), the strategy aims to enable South Africa's citizens to approach and use digital technologies. This refers to access and usage of information, media and data literacy, communication and collaboration, digital content creation, safety, devices and software operations and problem solving. It is necessary in order to be prepared for both careers in the field of learning, the working world and society of the 21st century (DCDT 2020; Makgato 2019; Naudé 2017).

Based on the changing South African work landscape of South Africa and the country's vision of an inclusive digital society, one of the eight elements is the development and promotion of educational systems – in particular VET – that must respond to desirable competence development for the 21st century working world, society and culture (DCDT 2020; Makgato 2019; Naudé 2017).



DIGITAL SOCIETY SOUTH AFRICA: South Africa's National e-Strategy towards a thriving and inclusive digital future



National Digital and Future Skills Strategy: Originality, agility, critical thinking and problem-solving for digital inclusion

The integration of digital technologies modifies the entire didactic-methodological setting of a lesson – both in face-to-face lessons and in distance learning. Digital technologies influence perception and cognition, they cause a change in teaching-learning activities and can therefore not be regarded as an isolated decision for a time-limited stage of teaching. Planning the use of digital technologies includes the selection of digital technologies for its lesson preparation, teaching and learning activities, as well as assessment activities. Hence, the efficient use of digital technologies is challenging.

Based on current scientific findings on lecturers' need for training for a digital transformation in the South African TVET sector, the TRAINME 2 programme has been developed in order to promote in-service lecturer's Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge (TPACK).

In Module I.1, conditions for an effective usage of digital technologies is discussed, focusing on their didactic potential as well as the necessary competencies of teachers. You will get an overview of a variety of digital technologies that you can use in effective learning processes and in the design of your lessons. You will also learn use of the introduced digital technologies at different stations (hand-on practice) and develop innovative scenarios with reference to your teaching subject. During implementation at your college, you will transfer your new knowledge and skills into practice.



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OBJECTIVES

At the end of Module I.1, you will be able to

- reflect on what constitutes the didactic quality of digital technology in teaching and learning processes,
- consider the specific learning objective, context and pedagogical approach,
- select digital educational content (teaching / learning material),
- understand different licenses attributed to digital content and the implications for their re-use,
- create new and digital educational content (teaching / learning material),
- modify and edit existing digital content, where this is permitted,
- combine and mix existing digital resources or parts thereof, where this is permitted,
- create a lesson plan for a technology-enhanced lesson.
- integrate digital technology in a didactically meaningful way in the classroom

This course book is an introduction to using the digital technologies as a tool for 21st century teaching and learning at TVET colleges. The book is divided into two primary sections. Section 1, the Library, introduces the theoretical background and current state on the technology-enhanced teaching and learning. Section 2, the Workshop, gives an overview of great digital technologies that can facilitate everyday teaching and learning. The Workshop sets out essential concepts and skills relating to the ability to understand and use digital technologies (e.g. creating, sharing, assessing). The techniques suggested are tried and tested; they draw on both academic research and best practises. A toolbox gives insight to various digital technologies: from the presentation tool to subject specific technologies. The toolbox is only available in the digital format of the book.

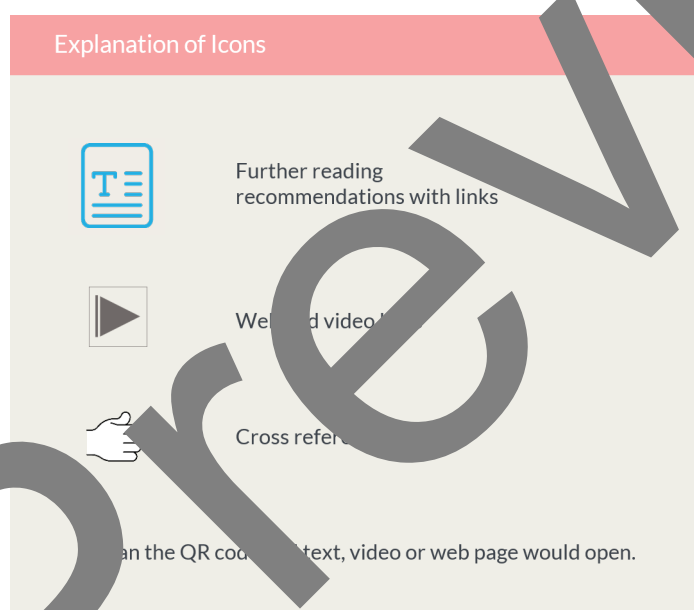
The book include a selection of the following teaching resources:

- Further reading recommendations with links
- Teaching and/or learning objectives
- Tips for lecturers
- Web and video links

By working through this module, you can build your teaching repertoire step by step, starting with strategies that are easy to implement and moving on to those that will help your students develop their skills still further. Always work with another lecturers or a group of lecturer who teach the same class. Discuss which strategies are the most effective and why. Find someone to pair up with and team-teach. Design the tasks together. Identify sections of the unit that are particularly relevant to you and focus on those.

The course book accompanies the workshops, where handouts and activities are provided.

There is space in this study guide for you to write notes and responses to some of the questions. In some tasks, you might make an audio recording or video in action. You could share this, along with any other notes with your teacher colleagues.



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Chapter 1

DIGITAL COMPETENCE

1 CONCEPTUALISATION

Digital competence has emerged concurrently with global transformations due to digitalisation and digitisation and is the most recent concept describing technology-related skills. ICT skills, technology skills, information technology skills, 21st century skills, information literacy, digital literacy, and digital skills have also been used to describe the knowledge, skills and attitudes of using digital technologies and are often used as synonyms.

The approach to the conceptual definition of digital competence has shifted from a technical orientation to a broader understanding taking non-routine interpersonal and non-routine analytical skill, such as originality, quality, critical thinking and problem-solving as key operational components into account (Ferrari 2012; van Laar et al. 2020).

Hence, the term competence is more used than skill, reflecting the need for a wider and more profound understanding of the concept (Ilomäki et al. 2011). In reviewing frameworks collected from government and non-government agencies, the following notions recur consistently: access, manage, understand, integrate, communicate, evaluate and create. In line with this, a most recent definition is provided by EU:

Digital competence involves the confident, critical and responsible use of, and engagement with, digital technologies for learning, at work, and for participation in society. It includes information and data literacy, communication and collaboration, media literacy, digital content creation (including programming), safety (including digital well-being and competences related to cybersecurity), intellectual property related questions, problem solving and critical thinking (EU 2018: 9).



Ilomäki et al. (2011):
What is digital competence

2 COMPETENCE AREAS AND COMPETENCES

The importance of digital competence is evidenced by the many national and regional efforts to develop and implement digital literacy frameworks and strategic plans to reinforce citizens' digital literacy. Various policy documents address this fact. In Germany, for example, competences for a digital world are described in the strategy paper *Bildung in der digitalen Welt* (Education in the digital world) of the conference of Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs in 2016. One year later, the European Commission published DigCompEdu. South Africa for its part adopted the Microsoft Digital Literacy Standard Curriculum Version 4 and the DL frameworks (cf. Law et al. 2018: 32). Most frameworks (including the DigComp framework) cover the DigComp framework to a high degree. Taking the DigComp 2.1 framework as reference there are five key areas and eight proficiency levels of digital competence.

Figure 1 DigComp's five key areas and 21 competences



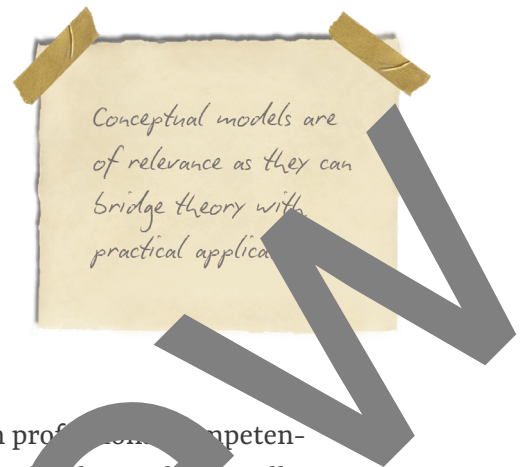
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3 TEACHER'S DIGITAL COMPETENCE

In addition to the technical, organisational and infra-structural requirements as well as the needs of the learners, the professionalism of the teachers is a key success factor for teaching and learning in the digital world and thus for the acquisition of subject-specific and interdisciplinary skills by students (KMK 2016).

For example, competence area 6 of the DigCompEdu framework shows that teachers are responsible for the mediation and promotion of learners' so-called digital key competencies. Based on the descriptions in chapter 1, the question immediately follows as to which professional competencies teachers (or lecturers) must have to integrate digital technologies didactically meaningfully into the classroom. Since educators are role models for their students, it is vital for them to be equipped with the digital competencies that citizens need to be able to actively participate in a digital society (Reinher 2016: 10). For example, the strategy paper *Bildung in der digitalen Welt* (Education in the digital world) of the conference of Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs in 2016 describes teachers' competences in dealing with digital technologies. Among other things, teachers should be able to:

- continuously develop their general media competence, i.e., to be able to handle technical devices, software and programs, learning platforms, etc., in order to be able to prepare lessons, also in collegial cooperation, networking administrative tasks, as well as both use of digital media in the classroom, and the secure handling of data (KMK 2016),
- learning theoretical and didactic possibilities of digital media promoting support for individuals and groups individuals or groups, in or outside the classroom,
- to support students in learning through or for media so that they can critically reflect on the growing range of available media, make meaningful choices, and use them appropriately, creatively, and socially responsibly.

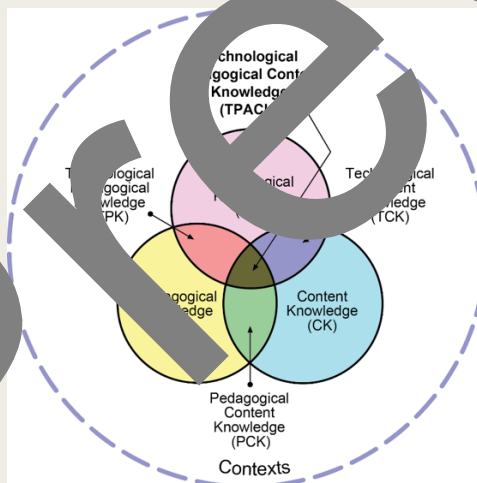


Based on the Policy on Professional Qualifications for Vocational Education Lecturers (DHET 2012), South African (newly) professionally qualified lecturers must be personally competent users of digital technologies, as well as being able to effectively integrate digital technologies into teaching and learning; this may be the use of language learning applications for first and second language education, as well as simulation software for mathematics learning (DCDT 2020). Furthermore, it is a strong consensus that teachers need appropriate conceptual understanding to guide the integration process in order to effectively use technology in education (Tondeur et al. 2021).

Internationally, a wide range of concepts & models are developed and used in research and/or practice focusing on technology integration in education, for example:

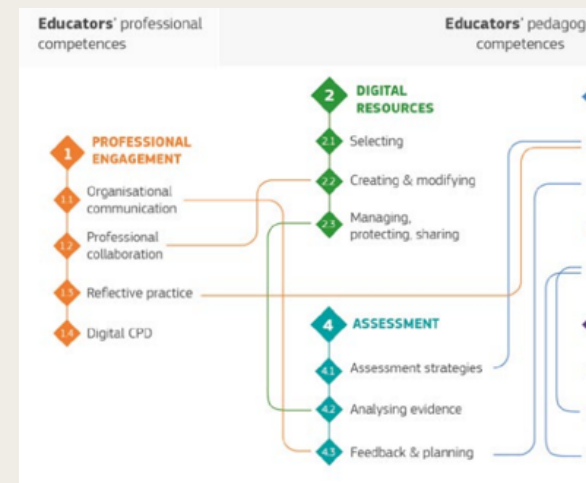
- TPACK Modell (Koehler & Mishra 2009)
- DigCompEdu-Modell (Redecker 2017)
- UNESCO ICT Competency Framework for Teachers (UNESCO 2018)

Figure 2 TPACK Modell



Source: Extracted from Koehler & Mishra 2009: 63

Figure 3 DigCompEdu-Modell



Source: Extracted from Redecker & Punie 2017: 16



Figure 4 – Global QIC Competency Framework for Teachers



Source: Extracted from UNESCO 2018: 10

Chapter 2

INTRODUCTION TO DIGITAL TEACHING & LEARNING

1 ONLINE LEARNING, E-LEARNING, DIGITAL LEARNING: WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

E-Learning – or electronic learning – has been referred to as technology-enhanced learning, and more recently as digital learning (Whitaker 2016) and describes the digitalisation of the entire teaching and learning experience. The learning content is conveyed into interactive links or simulations using different delivery modalities. This is done with the help of electronic texts, sound, images, video or animation. Digital learning also describes a set of technology-mediated methods that can be applied to support student learning. Online Learning is one modality of digital teaching and learning. Learners learn with the help of the internet. In online learning, lessons are pre-recorded, or a learner can attend on-demand lectures.

Educational (research) literature presents inconsistent views of the term digital learning. A few different definitions of digital learning are provided below:

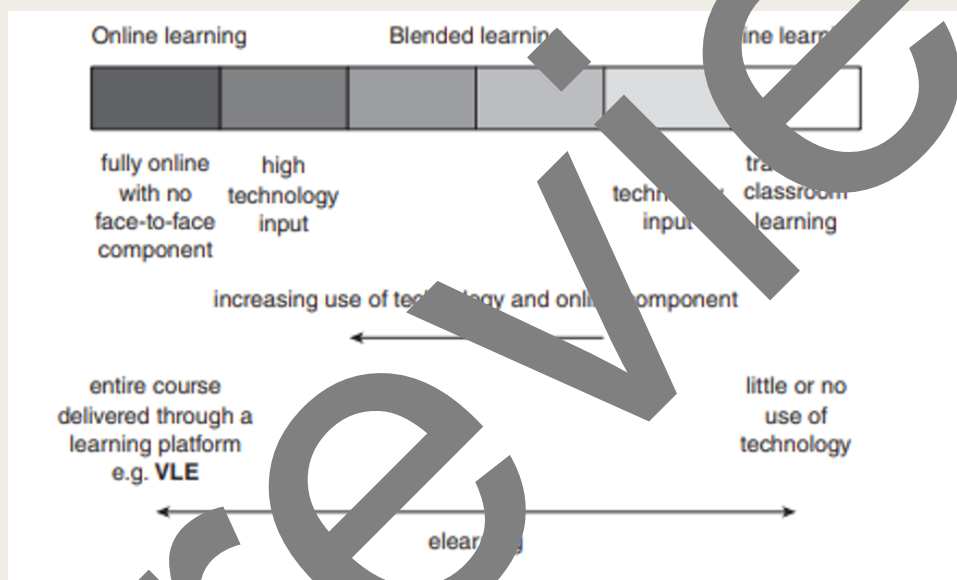
- Digital learning involves information communication technologies to support the learner's interaction with digital materials designed to help learners reach specific learning outcome (Vovides 2019).

Digital learning refers to learning that is facilitated by technology and gives learners some control over time, place, path and/or pace (Manzoor 2016).

- Digital learning encompasses instructional practices that use digital technology to strengthen or augment a student's learning experience.

Digital learning is any type of innovative learning that is accompanied by technology or by instructional practice that makes effective use of technology which encompasses the application of a wide spectrum of practices such as blended and virtual learning (Elçi 2020).

Figure 5 The relationship of e-learning to distributed learning



Extracted from Mason & Rennie 2006: 14

2 POTENTIAL OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES FOR TEACHING & LEARNING

Whether the integration of a digital tool leads to a better learning outcome is a complex question, which on the one hand requires dealing with the concept of learning and research methodological problem. An agreement exists that digital technology – when integrated into a program that aligns curriculum, instruction, and assessment in a rigorous and constructivist learning environment – has a number of potential to contribute to different facets of educational development and effective learning: expanding access of information, improving presentation, improving the quality of learning, enhancing the quality of teaching, and improving classroom management. For learning the potential is on the level of cognitive activation, climate of learning and classroom management (KMK 2021; Lachner et al. 2021).

Research has shown positive effects of digital technologies on student engagement, flow experience & motivation, and learning outcomes (Fokides & Kefallinou 2020; Heindl & Nader 2018; Karamagi & Smyrniotou 2017; Moyer et al. 2018).

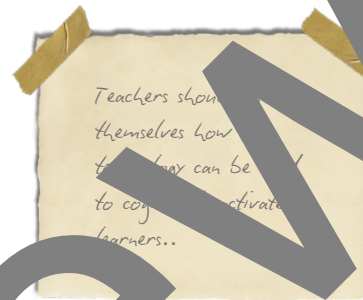
Meta-analyses on the use of notebooks and tablets (Zheng et al. 2016) and tablets (Haßler et al. 2015) have found a positive correlation between the use of mobile media and students' academic performance. Based on an evaluation of 110 experimental and quasi-experimental studies on learning with mobile devices from the period 1990–2013, Wang et al. (2015) report a mean effect size of 0.523 or that 69.95% of learners performed significantly better than those without mobile digital technologies.



Haalem et al. (2022):
Understanding the role
of digital technologies in
education: A review



Lin et al. (2016): A Study
of the Effects of Digital
Learning on Learning
Motivation and Learning
Outcome



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- 01 Individuality and Creativity
 - 02 Discovery Learning and Experimentation
 - 03 Action and Product Orientation
 - 04 Variability & Change Between Forms of Presentation
 - 05 Interactivity and Vividness
 - 06 Communication and Collaboration
 - 07 Combining Different Learning Spaces
 - 08 Accessibility and Inclusion
 - 09 Individual Feedback

Potential of digital technologies on the level of cognitive activation, classroom management and climate of learning (cf. KMK, 2021)

Digital technologies do not only deliver content and improve subject specific knowledge and skills, but rather improve students' own digital competence, e.g. the safe, responsible and ethical use of digital technologies (Redecker 2016). It is assumed that the use of digital technologies can support independent and co-operative work processes (Schaumburg & Prasse 2019: 172), communication and problem-solving skills (Redecker 2016).

Digital Technologies also offer possibilities in lifelong learning, adult training and e-training for the workplace (cf. Haddad & Draxler 2002; Stürmer & Lachner 2018). Teachers can make efficient and innovative use of technologies when planning, implementing, and assessing teaching and learning. Digital technologies make it easier for teachers to create and modify educational content and to share the content with their students. Teachers will also be able to innovate their teaching methods—and make their lessons or instruction more interesting, engaging, and effective. Digital technologies fundamentally change the design of teaching and learning (Jahnke 2017; Puentedura 2017). Whether working with a single student or large numbers of students face-to-face or online, teachers will be able to make timely, targeted interventions and provide personalised feedback to individuals along the way. Hence, the students will be more actively engaged, have a better learning experience and increase their enthusiasm for learning.

THE DIGITAL NATIVE DEBATE

In 2001, Marc Prensky, a popular American writer and speaker on education, coined the term digital natives – or net generation – to refer to young people who grew up with technology. A digital native is assumed to be naturally proficient in digital technologies. However, research has found that the idea of a digital native is a myth and there is no significant difference between millennials and older generations regarding their skill in using technology. Young people have very diverse uses, attitudes and experiences of technology. Surveys in South Africa also revealed that even the so-called digital natives lack basic digital skills (Czerniewicz & Brown 2013; Matli & Ngoepe 2021).

*The << kids > are (probably) alright,
but not "digital natives" with Katya
Bozukova*



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Eyon, R. (2020): *The myth of the digital native: Why it persists and the harm it inflicts*



Bennett et al. (2008): *The 'digital natives' debate: A Critical Review of the Evidence*

10 Selecting, Creating & Modifying Content

11 Sharing, Researching & Documenting

12 Communicating & Collaborating

13 Visualising, Animating & Simulating

14 Structuring & Systemising

15 Assessing & Diagnosing

16 Facilitating Learners' Digital Competence

Teachers (and students) can make use of digital technologies for



Read more in the digital competence book.

Digital Competence

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3 MORE EMPIRICAL RESULTS

Both subject-specific learning and interdisciplinary skills can be promoted with small to medium effects. On average, digital technology (media) has a demonstrable, albeit rather small, positive effect (0.30 to 0.37).

Furthermore, technology is used to stimulate cognitive activity (e.g. note-taking) and constructive and constructive (e.g. argumentation) activity of the learners. For example, the effects of digital presentations are small (0.11), as well as those of animations (0.37), serious games (0.30–0.35) and cognitive tutors (0.44–0.50). Interactive videos (0.50) are stronger, and creating concept networks with concept mapping applications most strongly (0.82). Consistent with this, constructivist learning environments in the field of mathematics were found to be effective, giving learners an active-constructive role and often also allow cooperative learning (0.40). It should be noted, that not every use of technology (media) is equally effective. Amongst others, PowerPoint is probably one of the most widely used digital technology, but it offers no demonstrably added value beyond the effect of a good teacher lecture. The impact of digital technology, on the other hand, is all the greater the more it is used to bring students into an active or constructive role. For example, with interactive videos, exercises with feedback, simulations (e.g. GeoGebra 1.8) or a guided web research, in preparation for a class discussion. Thus, a Digital Learning Environment (or technology-rich environments) is a system in which the learner can use new technology to assist them in learning new information and skills. This can be through technologies such as PC, tablet, mobile phone – any electronic product that allows you to learn something. The system encompasses the technological tools, curriculum, context, and the teacher who is equipped to leverage the tools in service of teaching the curriculum and promoting student learning.

Zinger et al. (2017) conceptualises technology-rich environments in the classroom, as for example providing access to digital technology, developing skills with digital technology, and enacting and supporting usage of digital technology.

Zinger et al. (2017) also argues that technology-rich environments ‘may exist in unexpected places and with limited resources, if teachers are able to effectively leverage those resources in ways that support the curriculum and student learning.’

EFFECT SIZES

The effect of digital media is determined by so-called effect sizes. Small (from 0.2), medium (from 0.5) and large (from 0.8) effect and large (from 0.8) effect sizes correspond to probabilities of 56%, 64% and 72 %, respectively, that a randomly selected person who is taught a particular method achieves higher learning success than a randomly selected person who is not taught the help of this method.



Hillmayr et al. (2020):
The potential of digital
tools to enhance mathematics and
learning in primary
schools: A text-specific
meta-analysis

The impact depends strongly on how they are integrated into the learning process. Therefore, teachers should reflect why they plan to use specific technologies in a certain way: What content should be taught? What should their students learn? What are prerequisites and constraints at colleges or for their students at home? What knowledge and learning experiences do they bring to the table? What learning habits do they have? Which teaching and learning scenarios are best suited? Which technology (media) mix is suitable?

Computer Simulation & Virtual Reality

Teaching and learning can be made more vivid through computer simulation & virtual reality, for example students of architecture can call up information about the buildings on their smartphones and on their smartphones do excursions and record their own evaluations on site. Students learn statistics more easily if they can use an app to practice on a real example. Furthermore, presenting students via virtual labs can increase the effectiveness of practical exercises in small laboratories. For instance, Park (2019) found that after working with a computer simulation on physical concepts, the students predicted and explained given scientific phenomena with more valid scientific ideas. Especially for the communication of complex processes several studies point to the potentially highly effective suitability of simulations (Santibando et al. 2016; Smetana & Bell 2012). Regarding the enhancement of traditional instruction with computer simulation, Jimoyiannis & Komis (2001) investigated the effect on students' understanding of basic kinematics concepts concerning simple motions through the Earth's gravitational field.

In their intervention, the students who used the computer simulation in addition to traditional instruction achieved significantly higher results on the research tasks. Berger (2010) noted that students exhibited greater motivation when engaged in a computer-based physics experiment as opposed to a hands-on experiment. Smith et al. (2010) similarly compared two groups of students, both of which were taught curriculum on the kinetic molecular theory. The students, who spent additional class periods using the computerised simulation, scored significantly higher than the students in the control group (Cohen's $d = 0.81$) on a test measuring their understanding of the theory. Besides positive effects, empirical studies report several cognitive and metacognitive difficulties for students learning with computer simulations (Jong & van Joolingen 1998; Köck 2018). This is mostly due to the high cognitive load that results from working on these complex systems (Jong, 2010). Also Stern, Barnea & Shauli (2008) indicated that overall achievement was very low and long-term learning differences negligible. The authors attribute this to a lack of sound teaching strategies, i.e., addressing students' prior knowledge, and guiding their interpretations of learning experiences.



Alten et al. (2019):
Effects of flipping the
classroom on learning
outcomes and satisfacti-
on: A meta-analysis



Kostaris et al. (2017): In-
vestigating the Potential
of the Flipped Classroom
Model in K-12 ICT Tea-
ching and Learning: An
Action Research Study



van Wyk (2019): Flipped
Class Pedagogy as a Digi-
tal Pedagogical Strategy
in an Open Distance
E-Learning Environment

Videos

The theoretical foundations for dealing with, for example, explainer videos include studies that examine the effectiveness of learning with explainer videos. Several studies prove this for both the reception and the production of explainer videos. Researchers demonstrated that the use of explainer videos (as opposed to paper-based materials) enhance learning performance (cf. Lloyd & Robertson 2013; van der Meij & van der Meij 2014), as well as the attention and motivation of learners (cf. Ifenthaler 2015). According to the cognitive theory of multimedia learning, videos, face-to-face classes, and videoconferences could all maximise the use of our cognitive infrastructure (Mayer 2008).

Flipped Classroom

The results of the meta-analysis show that secondary school students benefit from the flipped classroom principle. The results show significant and positive overall effects on the learning performance of students in all three comparison categories. The greatest overall effect with $d = 0.44$ was found in the 'pre-post comparison' category. In two other (strict) categories, the overall effects are small but still substantial and significant. This means that students through flipped classroom learned more than students in regular classes. For post-test comparisons, the effect size is $d = 0.21$ and for change comparisons, $d = 0.45$. This can serve as evidence that flipped classroom instruction can be more effective than traditional classroom off

4 PROBLEMS AND LIMITATIONS OF DIGITAL (EDUCATIONAL) TECHNOLOGIES

Empirical results show that openness to new technologies should be accompanied by an awareness of their limitations or disadvantages and teachers need to think carefully about when, why and how to use technologies as well as evaluating their efficiency and effectiveness. For example, digital technologies are sometimes associated with myths, such as that digital natives have – thanks to new communication technologies – neuronal structures or a great potential for multitasking, both of which have been disproved by empirical evidence (Kirschner & de Bruyckere 2017).

Studies also show, for example, that the use of pens activates deeper neural processes than the use of the keyboard. Results prove direct electrophysiological evidence that drawing by hand activates larger networks in the brain than typing on a keyboard (Mueller & Oppenheimer 2014). In a digital world, information seems to always accompany us, in our pockets and bags. Easy access to information, however, does not necessarily make learning easier; and access to content does not necessarily mean that a person learns. According to Dewey (1910) we learn not from experience, but from reflective practice – and a smartphone, a tablet or a laptop itself cannot make the user reflect (Jahnke et al. 2012). Furthermore, the implementation of technologies in the classroom can be costly and time-consuming, e.g. for the purchase of technical equipment or the expansion / conversion of premises.

COGNITIVE EXTROFLEXION

'Cognitive extroflexion' means that cognitive operations are shifted from the human brain. An example would be that today, compared to the past, we hardly remember any telephone numbers because they are stored in our mobile phone. Such technologies carry certain risks: cognitive activation will be reduced (deskilling).

See Page 32: Prerequisites and Constraints in the Use of Technology for Education

There may be problems with the existing infrastructure, for example internet connections may be inconsistent and/or slow.

The use of digital resource requires more legal requirements have to be observed

See Page 120: Copyright & Open Educational Resources in your digital course book

and compared to analog media such as textbooks, e.g. in terms of data protection and copyright.

Safety for students and teachers is a key challenge with prevention of cyber-bullying, the hacking of personal information, access to illegal or banned materials and distractions from learning (such as social networking and mobile phone use), all being high on institutional agendas. Some uses of technologies can be physically harmful. For example, poor posture and eyestrain are common problems when working at desktop computers for prolonged periods. Also, Repetitive Strain Injury (RSI) is a risk that occurs from the repeated actions necessary to control mobile devices.

5 POTENTIALS OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES IN TVET

Vocational education and training may consider two major topics of interest:

- **Social participation**
- **Vocational Action Competences**

Digital technologies offer opportunities to strengthen action orientation in the classroom and to integrate informal forms of learning into formal learning (Seufert et al. 2018). Also, Howe & Kohnen (2013) argue that digital technologies are particularly suited to promoting professional competence. They illustrate this potential using the example of learning and work tasks – the key didactic concept for the interconnected implementation of work process orientation and subject – guiding principle in vocational education and training.



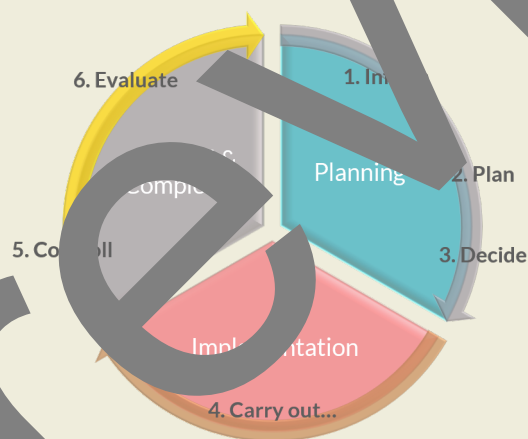
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DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES FOR LEARNING AND WORKING TASKS

Skilled workers are confronted with correspondingly demanding expectations such as independence, a sense of quality and responsibility, cooperation, communication and interaction skills, an understanding of operational processes, interrelationships and value chains, flexibility, creativity, etc. Holistically trained skilled workers with comprehensive professional action and organization competence are therefore required.

The promotion of professional competence is oriented towards projects and problem-based situations of professional reality (cf. Howe & Berben 2006). Learning in problem-based situations takes place by means of learning and work tasks that form a link between vocational training and work environment. Learning and work task consists of four steps: acceptance, planning, implementation, and control and completion of an assignment. At the same time the five digital competences (see DieGlossEdu on page 16) are promoted if technologies are implemented in the realization of the learning and working tasks (Howe & Knutzen 2013, see figure 6).

Figure 6 Cyclus of Learning / Works Task and Method Use



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Chapter 3

DESIGN OF DIGITAL TEACHING & LEARNING

1 TEACHING & LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

A Learning Environment is an ecosystem of people, values, devices, content, physical spaces and technology. It is the classroom, library, online spaces, and library; the teachers and students; the course curriculum and materials; the learning activities; and the integrated tools and devices, all of which are essential for learning, communication, and collaboration.

The use of technologies changes didactics in the classroom: whiteboard or blackboard are no longer the centre of educational process, but instead active student participation and individualised learning. The role of the teacher also changes from being the central controller to being a companion. Thus, a Digital Learning Environment (or technology-rich environments) is a system in which the learner can use new technologies to assist them in learning new information and skills. This can be through technologies such as a PC, tablet, mobile phone – any electronic product that allows you to learn something. The system encompasses the technological, the curriculum context, and the teacher who is equipped to leverage the tools in service of teaching the curriculum and promoting student learning.

Zinger et al. (2017) conceptualises technology-rich environments in the classroom, and for example, providing access to digital technology, developing skills with digital technology, and enacting and supporting usage of digital technology. Zinger et al. (2017) also argues that technology-rich environments ‘may exist in unexpected places and with limited resources, if teachers are able to effectively leverage those resources in ways that support the curriculum and student learning.’ The impact depends strongly on how they are integrated into the learning process. Therefore, teachers should reflect why they plan to use specific technologies in a certain way: What content should be taught? What should their students learn? What are prerequisites and constraints at colleges or for their students at home? What knowledge and learning experiences do they bring to the table? What learning habits do they have? Which teaching and learning scenarios are best suited? Which technology (media) mix is suitable?



Veletsianos (2016):
Digital Learning Environments



Borri (2021): From Classroom to Learning Environment

Figure 7 Evolution of a New Paradigm

FROM	TO
A school building	A knowledge infrastructure (schools, libraries, television, internet, museums...)
Classrooms	Individual learners
A teacher (as provider of knowledge)	A teacher (as adviser and facilitator)
A set of textbooks and some audiovisual aids	Multiple materials (print, audio, video, digital...)

Source: Extracted from Hargrave & Drayton (2002)

2 PREREQUISITES AND CONSTRAINTS IN THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY FOR EDUCATION

Teachers and their competences are central to the (digital) learning environment. However, other contextual factors also influence teaching and learning. According to Haddad & Jurich (2012) an effective use of learning technology depends on:

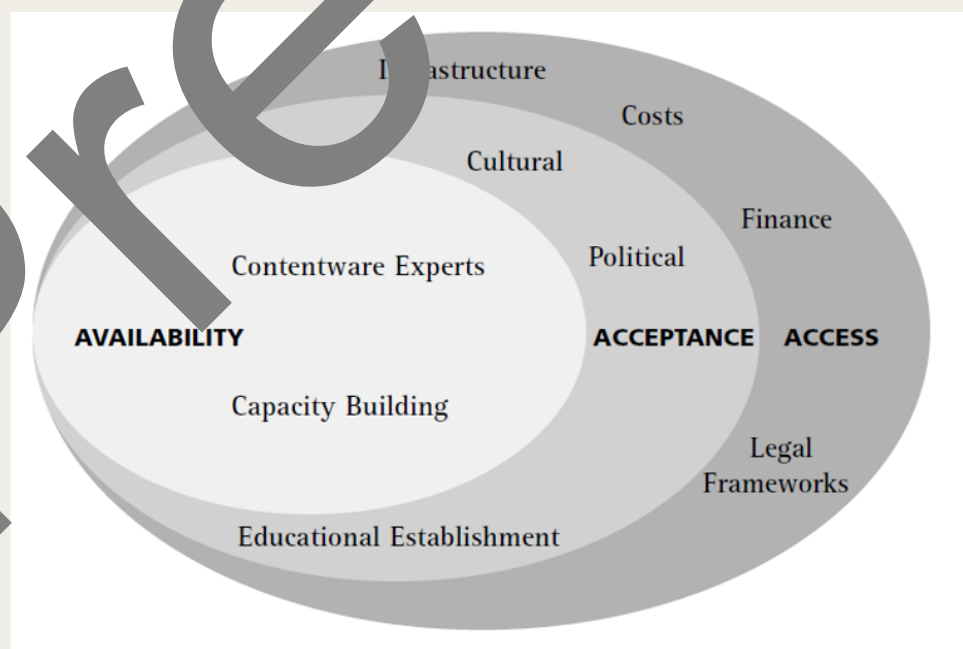
Access: Basic requisites for the installation and use of technologies

Acceptance: Cultural and political factors that create or promote barriers to technology projects

Availability: Technology-related factors that facilitate or hinder project implementation

However, the effective integration of technology may be more dependent on curriculum and instruction than the particular technological tool (Earls, 2002). In the context of access, skills, and usage, technology-rich environments are dependent on the teachers who instruct the student as much as they are dependent on the availability and affordances of the technology itself (Zinger et al., 2017).

Figure 8 The relationship between learning to distributed learning



Source: Extracted from Haddad & Jurich 2002: 8



Haddad & Jurich
(2002): Technologies for
Education

3 BARRIERS TO TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION EDUCATION

Although research (e.g. Elliot & Mikulas 2012; Tamin et al. 2011; Zielezinski & Darling-Hammond 2016) has demonstrated that student achievement improves with the use of technology, certain barriers impede teachers from integrating digital technology into their classrooms. Ertmer (1999) identified first-order or external barriers and second-order or internal barriers.

First-order barriers are external to teachers. They are associated with availability of resources (Ertmer 1999). First-order barriers exist across nations, from those with limited to high levels of technology (Goktas et al. 2009; Keengwe et al. 2011). Lack of high-speed internet access and time challenges related to student access to ICT and teacher development and planning time is a first-order barriers (du Plessis & Webb 2012). Furthermore, technical support emerges as a common barrier and universal prerequisite for successful pedagogical practices in technology-rich classrooms in developed countries such as the United States (Warschauer 2011) as well as developing countries such as Nigeria, where lack of technical support was found (Tella et al. 2007). Even schools with sufficient resources may have difficulty keeping up with the ever-evolving need for increasing bandwidth and computing power, frequent needs for device updates and hardware obsolescence. However, these barriers are necessary but not sufficient condition for technology use in the classroom (Ertmer 1999; Wilfried et al. 2015).

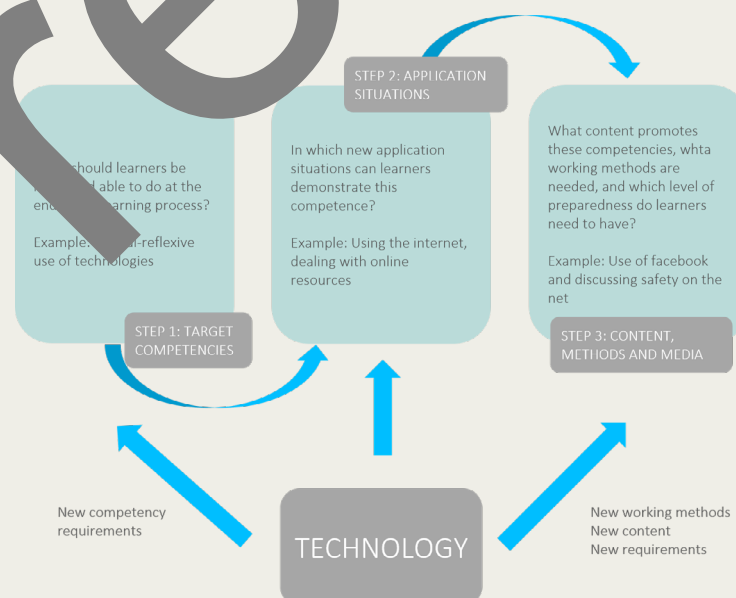
Second-order barriers associated with teachers include teachers' beliefs about the role of technology in their classroom, beliefs about their own teaching, and the willingness or ability to change their practice (Ertmer 1999). From a skill and usage perspective, if teachers' beliefs do not align with effective technological pedagogical practices, then it is unlikely that students will have opportunities to develop their own skills and usage of technology. Second-order barriers are influenced not only by personal attitudes, but also by social contexts, cultural landscapes, and learned pedagogical practices (Ertmer 1999). For example, in studying the use of computers in an ESL class, Warschauer (1998) found incongruences between the teacher's and students' visions of using computers for writing. The conflicting visions led to student disengagement and a lack of interest in the work of the class. Particularly, teachers' beliefs & attitudes are relevant for technology integration (Ertmer 2005, 2015; Lefebvre 2020).

4 DESIGNING A DIGITAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

When you design a digital learning environment you must understand the potential of technologies to meet different objectives (e.g. the development of digital competence). Different objectives do not only affect the choice of technologies but also the modalities of use (Haddad & Draxler 2002). Krommer (2015) and Dillenbourg (2013) argue that when it comes to the use of technology in the classroom, neither the only presence of (the quality of) the technology nor objectives for unreflective orientation to the real world should be the basis of lesson planning (Krommer 2015: 42).

Various principles and models from cognitive psychology (e.g. John, Ropohl & Groß: 11), which illustrate and research the capacity and performance of human memory, are conceptually guiding the design of multimedia learning environments with digital technologies.

Figure 9 New technologies impact learning and learning processes



Dillenbourg (2013):
Design for classroom
orchestration.

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5 DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION MODELS

5.1 THE SAMR MODEL

Digital technologies can be integrated in different modalities. Even if a fundamental, generalizing, empirical foundation does not exist, the SAMR (Substitution, Augmentation, Modification, Redefinition) model is a planning tool that may help to design better learning activities for students. The model is a four-level, taxonomy-based approach. It shows the stages of technology integration in educational settings.

How to Apply the SAMR Model
with Ruben Puentedura



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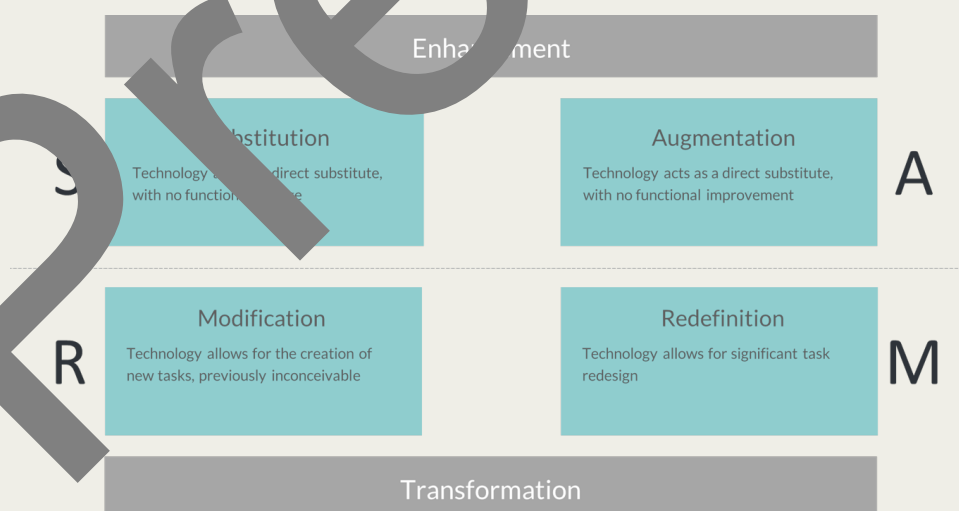
Critical Review and Suggestions for Future Research

Despite its increasing popularity, there is still a lack of a theoretical explanation of the SAMR model in the peer-reviewed literature. A challenge for implementation is the absence of context, its hierarchical structure, and the emphasis placed on product over process is (see Hamilton 2016).



Hamilton et al. (2016):
The Substitution Augmentation Modification Redefinition (SAMR) Model: A Critical Review and Suggestions for its Use

Figure 10 SAMR-Model



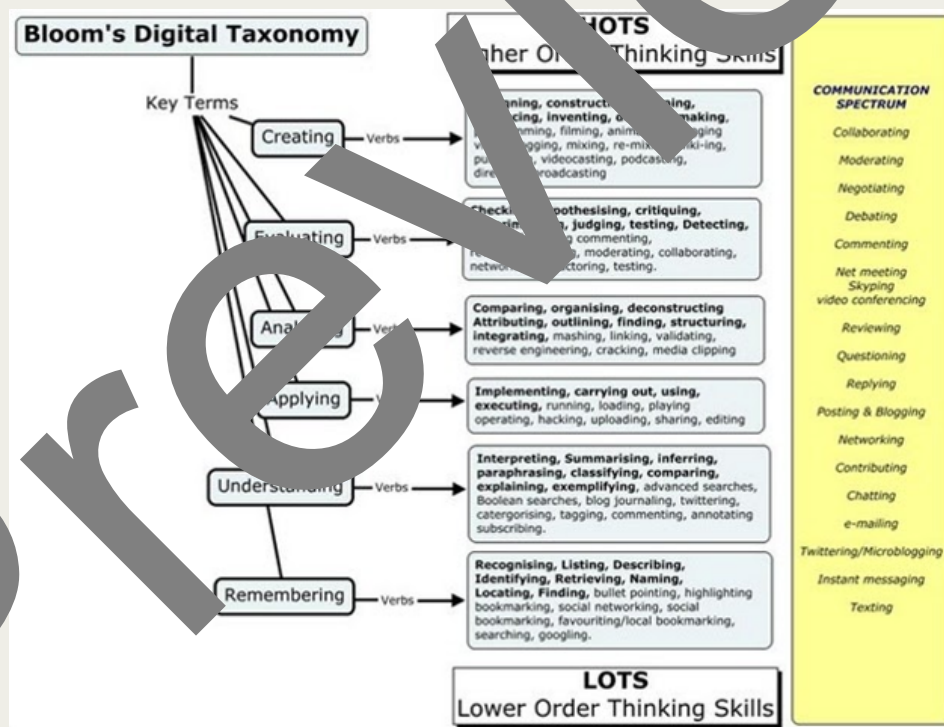
Puentedura (2010):
SAMR and TPACK: Intro to Advanced Practice

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5.2 BLOOM'S DIGITAL TAXONOMY

Bloom's Taxonomy has also been adapted to show how ICT tools and technologies can facilitate learning. One such adaptation is the integration of technology into the taxonomy, resulting in what some might call Bloom's Digital Taxonomy. This adaptation involves reimagining how technology can enhance and support each level of cognitive skill development. In this context, each level of the original taxonomy can be connected to specific technological activities and tools that aid in achieving those cognitive goals (see figure 11).

Figure 11 Bloom's Digital Taxonomy



Source: Extracted from Churches 2008: 7

5.3 GROUNDED TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION

Based on the argument that effective technology integration necessitates a blend of content knowledge, technological expertise, and pedagogical insight (Koehler & Mishra 2008; Mishra & Koehler 2006), Harris et al. (2010) propose a rational approach to assist educators in enhancing the integration of technologies into their teaching. This approach involves directly connecting students' content-related learning requirements with specific content-based learning activities and the corresponding educational technologies that are most conducive to the successful execution of these activities. In mathematics, for instance, Harris et al. (2010) have identified 31 learning activity types that have divided into seven categories.

- The *Consider* Activity Types
- The *Practice* Activity Types
- The *Interpret* Activity Types
- The *Produce* Activity Types
- The *Apply* Activity Types
- The *Evaluate* Activity Types
- The *Create* Activity Types

Table 1 Sample Evaluation of Mathematical Activity Types

ACTIVITY TYPES	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	EXAMPLE TECHNOLOGIES
Compare and Contrast	The student compares and contrasts different mathematical strategies or concepts, to see which is more appropriate for a particular situation	Inspiration, Web searches, Mathematica, MathCad
Test a Solution	The student systematically tests a solution and examines whether it makes sense based upon systematic feedback, which might be assisted by technology	Scientific calculator, graphing calculator, spreadsheet, Mathematica, Geometry Expressions



Harris et al. (2010):
"Ground-ed" Technology
Integration: Instructional
Planning Using Curricu-
lum-Based Activity Type
Taxonomies

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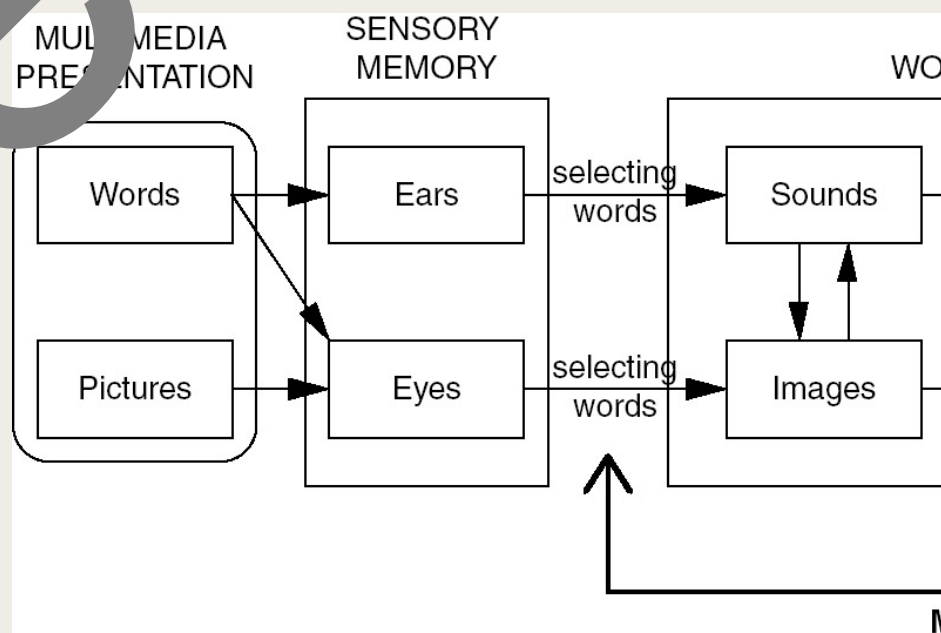
6 MULTIMEDIA LEARNING THEORY

Multimedia Learning Theory (MMLT) was originally developed by Richard Mayer in 1997. It falls under the grand theory of Cognitivism. According to Mayer (1997), the key idea of the theory is that students can learn more effectively when they are given two or more media and are engaged in processes of selecting the most relevant materials, organizing them into cognitive mental representations, and finally integrating them with their prior knowledge. This theory proposes three main assumptions when it comes to learning with multimedia:

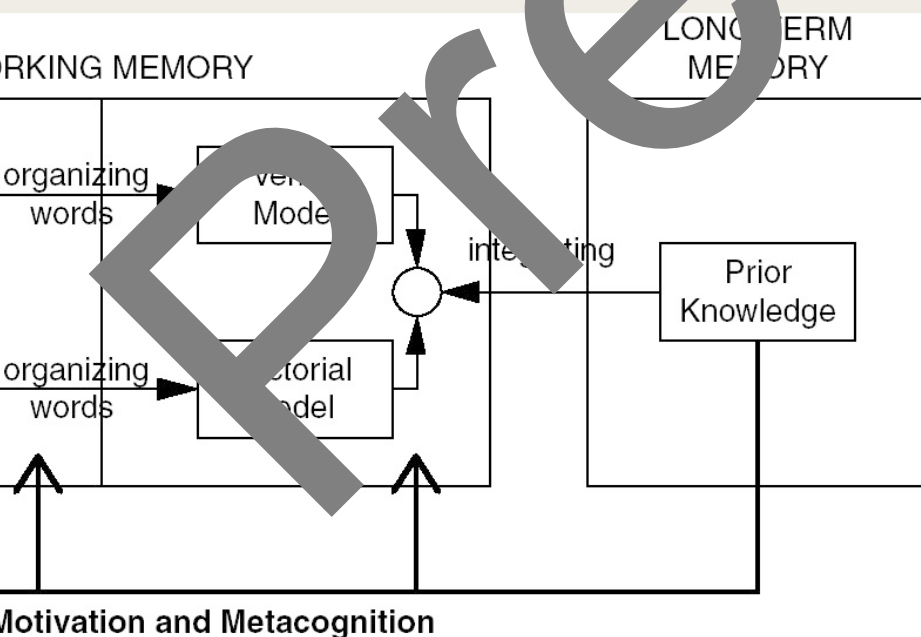
- There are two separate channels (auditory and visual) for processing information (sometimes referred to as Dual-Coding theory);
- Each channel has a limited (finite) capacity (similar to Sweller's notion of Cognitive Load);
- Learning is an active process of filtering, selecting, organizing, and integrating information based upon prior knowledge.

Mayer's cognitive theory of multimedia learning relies heavily on cognitive load theory (CLT; e. g. Chandler & Sweller, 1991, 1992; Sweller, 2005).

Figure 12 Cognitive Theory of Multimedia Learning



Source: Extracted from Mayer 2014



Mayer (1997): Multi-media Learning: Are We Asking the Right Questions?

7 LEARNING FOR AND THROUGH DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Digital technologies can be incorporated into the design of learning processes in different ways, depending on several objectives and the didactic focus.

Learning for technology

Education for technology encompasses the broad field of digital literacy and can be seen from three aspects:

- **Technological:** includes the ability to choose the right technology to solve a particular task, combined with a basic exploratory attitude.
- **Cognitive:** includes knowledge of programming (e.g. for 3D printing), computational thinking, networking in the context of the Internet of Things, robotics, Big Data analysis. The internet, for example, enables rapid access to a huge amount of information. Immersive simulations with augmented/virtual reality make it possible to have realistic experiences in a specially environment created for this purpose. Mind tools can support reflection and metacognition.
- **Ethical:** promotes an informed and critical attitude, e.g. with regard to security and data protection issues, netiquette, etc. often addressed in the context of media education.

Learning through technology

Education through technology encompasses the use of technologies that

- can support / assist learning (e.g. assistive technology that can read out text to people who cannot read it themselves or simulate a classroom when a student cannot attend in person),
- help students perform certain tasks (e.g. computer, printer, 3D printer), and
- help facilitate students' own digital competence.

8 WAYS OF COMMUNICATION

Communicating with teachers and students is an important factor to acquire knowledge (Schulmeister 2003: 159). Different means of communication can generally be grouped into:

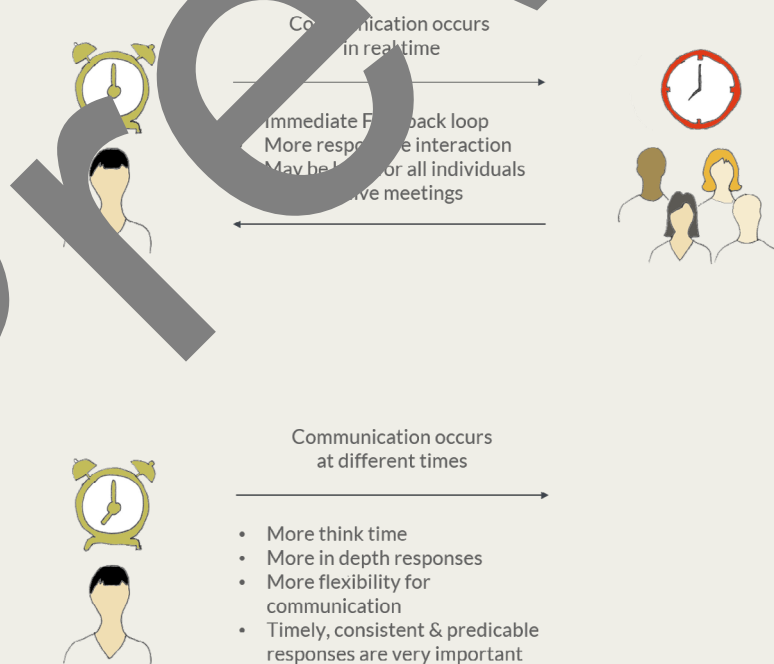
Synchronous communication: Interactive, live (real time) interchange between people.

Synchronous learning thus offers a fixed time frame for learning activities. Another advantage is that communication takes place (almost) without time delay. This enables direct interaction between the participants.

Asynchronous communication: Participants of discourse don't have to respond or participate immediately.

Advantages of asynchronous learning are that learners can work at their own pace and repeat content as often as they like; answers, e.g. to questions in forums, can also be thought through more carefully than in face-to-face learning situations.

Figure 13 Ways of Communication



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9 FORMS OF DIGITAL LEARNING

Digital teaching and learning takes various forms: individual (Individual Learning), collaborative (Collaborative Learning), game-based (Game-Based Learning), with stories (Storytelling), immersive (VR, 360-degree/3D), and with cognitive AI applications or as a combination of several forms (Möslein-Tröppner & Bernhardt 2021).

Individual Learning

Individual learning is self-directed and at the student's own pace. It is guided by one's own interests and enables individual learning paths - outside and inside the classroom. But it can also be part of a flipped-classroom. Adaptive learning can also offer such opportunities, as it can address both auditory and visual learning types. Characteristics of individual learning:

- however (e.g. learners use a smartphone or other device)
- whenever
- whenever
- and wherever.

The different forms of creating and using learning videos, audiobooks, podcasts or eBooks are individual learning forms (Möslein-Tröppner & Bernhard 2021).

Social / Collaborative Learning

Digital collaboration involves the use of digital technologies for collaboration regardless of the location of the participants.

- Examples:
- Online Courses
 - Blended-Learning Courses
 - Group Work

Social learning means learning together and from each other through the technologies that have been publicly available since Web 2.0. Examples for Social Learning:

- Examples:
- Social Network Communities (e.g. LinkedIn, Facebook)
 - Chat & Video Meeting
 - File Sharing

Game-Based Learning

Game-Based Learning means learning on the basis of games. Basically, games offer a high entertainment value and are fun. They challenge the player and motivate him to pursue the game goal. Associated with this is a reward for one's own result - depending on how one proceeds in the game, this can be higher or lower.

You can play individually or in groups with each other (cooperative) or against each other (competitive). If you don't play alone, you can play at the same time (synchronous) or time-delayed (asynchronous).

Examples:

- Scenarios
- Interactive Videos
- Simulations
- Quizzes
- Programming (e.g. Lego Mindstorms & Scratch)

Storytelling

People find it easy to remember content when it is packaged in stories. Stories are up to 22 times more memorable than facts or numbers (Delisraty 2014). Teachers can use digital storytelling in two different ways:

- The content is integrated into the stories by the teachers themselves
- The learners create their own story on a given topic and to present it to the students (Möslin-Trötschel & Bernhart 2021).

Examples:

- Podcasts
- Visual Storytelling
- Animations

Immersive Learning

Immersive learning provides individuals with an 'interactive learning environment, either physically or virtually, to replicate possible scenarios or to teach particular skills or techniques. Simulations, role play, and virtual learning environments can be considered immersive learning' (<https://trainingindustry.com/glossary/immersive-learning/>).

- Examples:
- 360° / 3D Learning
 - VR-Gamebooks
 - Escape Rooms
 - Virtual Classrooms
 - VR-/AR-/MR-Applications such as Google Expeditions etc.

The motivations of using virtual reality (VR) in teaching are: learning efficiency, time problems, physical inaccessibility, simulating a dangerous situation and ethical problems.

Cognitive AI-Apps

AI-Applications based on intelligent algorithms. They provide valuable assistance for learners.

Examples:

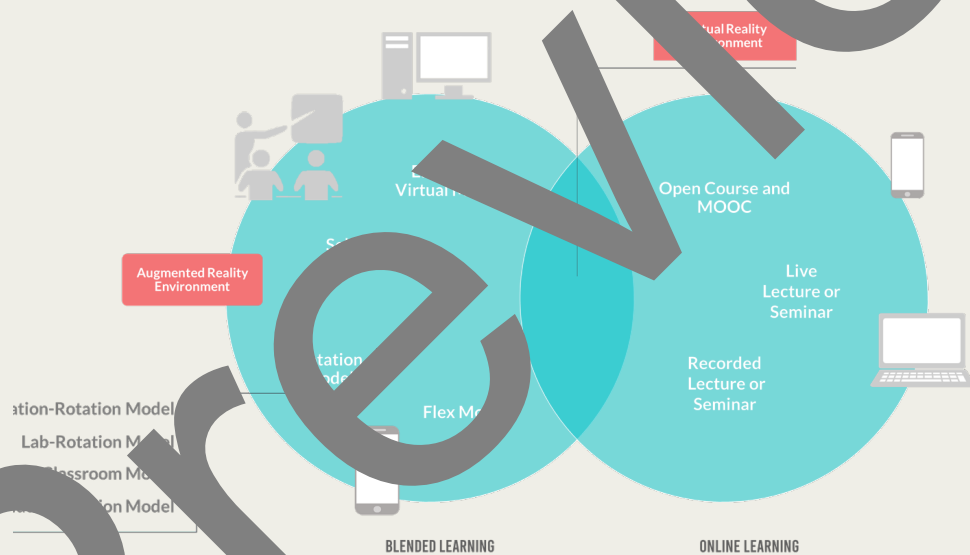
- language processing apps (e.g. translation apps such as DeepL)
- text processing,
- image processing,
- data processing

10 DIGITAL TEACHING AND LEARNING MODALITIES, SCENARIOS & METHODS

The integration of digital technology encompasses different approaches to teaching and learning. It refers to the blend of digital technology and skills into face-to-face learning. Digital technologies are also used to support online learning in a variety of scenarios using various methods.

- **Blended Learning**
- **Online Learning**

Figure 14 Overview of Digital Teaching and Learning



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10.4 BLENDED LEARNING

Attempts by scientists to outline the concept of Blended Learning demonstrate different ways of understanding of its content:

- Online with face-to-face teaching and learning
- Courses that are taught both in the classroom (face-to-face) and from a distance
- Traditional teaching and learning is supplemented (enriched) with technology to allow learners to control their own learning pace. Benefits are role play, mentoring, hands-on practice, and feedback

In blended learning, there are three different types of activities that can be combined with each other (cf. Alonso et al. 2007):

- Self-paced e-learning: Here the students can choose themselves the time and its duration, the tempo, and the place of their learning activities (Learning anytime and anywhere).
- Live e-Learning: Synchronised form of e-learning, for example, lectures as webcast or working in a virtual classroom at a specific time. This makes it possible for the students to ask the teacher questions or take part in discussions with other students.



Kerres et al. (2003): A didactical framework for the design of blended learning arrangements

10.5 ONLINE TEACHING AND LEARNING

Online learning is **education that takes place over the internet**. Instruction may be synchronous or asynchronous, and various technologies can be used to mediate the process.

First of all, online teaching must also meet didactic requirements or design principles that already apply in offline teaching: Student activation, learner orientation, learning goal/competence orientation, etc.

However, their possibilities for interaction differ significantly from those of a classroom teaching, since digital tools are used here (such as the virtual classroom, online seminars, chats). Online as well as offline, the learning process must be supervised by teachers – at least at appropriate intervals.

Table 2 Overview of Digital Teaching and Learning Modalities, Scenarios and Methods

WORK STEP / TIME	GOAL	CONTENT SYNCHRONOUS/ ASYNCHRONOUS	METHODS / SOCIAL FORMS	ASSESSMENT / FEEDBACK	TECHNICAL MEDIA
Arrival 07:55 - 08:00 h	Checking technology, informal exchange	Arrival in the virtual asynchronous teach-learning room			BBB, Startslide, maybe music
Entrance & Activation 08:00 - 08:15 h	The participants get to know each other. A good work environment is created.	Participants get to know each other	Check-in method, entrance, e.g. Picturify	presenting each other	Digital picture gallery, BBB, maybe turning on the camera and audio
Orientation Input 08:15 - 08:45 h	The participants receive a thematic overview, also on the organization process, goals & use, and know what to expect	Presentation of the topics, questions, situation, relevant tools, ...	Lecture	Enquiries	Slides Presentation via BBB Share-screen via BBB
Activating prior knowledge 08:45 - 09:20 h	The participants are to connect their prior knowledge to the new topic	Entrance into the topic	Questionnaire Work - pair - share: exchange in small groups in breakout-rooms Brainstorming & clustering	Shared notes participant's flips	BBB, shared notes, Board-Tool
Mediation	The participants receive a depth view into the topic and understand the situation	Working of a topic in digital	Self-study units are worked through alone, with a learning-tandem or in a studygroup, independent from time and location.	Exercises, quizzes, (self-)tests	Self-study material, BBB, Board Tools for collaborative work
Conclusion 09:20 - 09:30 h	The participants give feedback on content and know about their own approach and learning	Conclusion, Feedback, outlook/prospects	Plenum exchange	5 Terms Flash feedback-method	Slides Shared notes

Source: Created by author

11 TEACHING STRATEGIES

Teaching (or instructional) strategies are what teachers do to facilitate student learning (Dabbagh & Bannan-Ritland 2005). According to Jonassen et al. (1991), instructional strategies are ‘the plans and techniques that the instructor/instructional designer uses to engage the learner and facilitate learning’ (p. 34) and represent ‘a plan, method or series of activities, aimed at obtaining a specific goal’ (p. 31).

In traditional learning environments, students need more than just structure and guidance; they also require a deliberate arrangement of experiences to facilitate the attainment of their desired performance improvements. In other words, teachers must create a stimulating learning environment for the purpose of providing guidance, but also the necessary strategies, and carrying out activities that will facilitate learning, and help develop appropriate behavior for the learning objectives (cf. Akdeniz 2016), the need to be kept in mind. These strategies are also relevant for digital learning. In the related literature, there are a lot of concepts of strategies which can be classified into different categories.

Figure 15 Classification of Instructional strategies

Author	Classification systems									
Saskatchewan Education (1985, 1991)	Direct instruction	Inductive instruction	Independent/individual study			Experiential instruction		Indirect instruction		
Merrill (1987)	Regulation strategies		Message strategies				Orientation strategies			
Sedgwick (1998)	Give type of message	Warn / Alerted		To be informed / To inform		Volunteer / Make voluntary		Win / Bring		
Marzano (2007)	Identifying similarities and differences	Reinforcing effort and providing recognition	Homework and practice	Nonlinguistic representations such as mental images, graphs, acting out content	Cooperative learning	Setting objectives and providing feedback	Generating and testing hypotheses	Activating prior knowledge via questions, cues, advance organizers		
Chen (2008)	Effective instruction			Teacher oriented strategies			Student-oriented strategies			
	Web-based strategies									
Ray (2005)	Encouragement of student-centered instruction	Encouragement of student collaboration	Encouragement of effective learning	Giving prompt feedback	Emphasizing on-time duties		Create high expectations	Supporting implicit learning		
	Brain-based strategies									
Huang (2006)	Cognitive domain group				Affective domain group			Physico-motor domain group		
	Whole brain str.	Left brain str.	Right brain str.	Metacognitive str.	Security and trust str.	Attention str.	Social-interaction str.	Physical environment str.		
Killen (2007)	Direct instruction	Discussion str.	Small group discussions str.	Cooperative instruction str.	Problem-solving str.	Inquiry str.	Role playing str.	Case studies	Writing str.	
Bazan (2007)	Student directed str.			Teacher directed str.			Without instruction design str.			
	Macro strategies					Micro-strategies				
Edvantia (2005)	Metacognition		Active student engagement		Higher order thinking		Cooperative learning		Independent practice/homework	
	Focus strategies					Process strategies				
Eri şüi & Akdeniz (2012)	Instructor oriented str.	Learner-oriented str.	Problem solving-case studies str.	Discussion, brainstorming str.	Modeling, simulation, role playing str.	Thinking, criticize, comment str.	Presentation str.	Question - answer str.	Writing, summarizing, taking notes str.	Project, investigation str.

Source: Extracted from Instructional Strategies by Akdeniz 2016: 64

12 METHODS AND TECHNIQUES

Traditionally, strategies can be collected in four groups. These groups are generally associated with the instructional and learning models of Bruner, Ausubel, Piaget Dewey or Vygotsky (Akdeniz 2016):

- Presentation strategies
- Discovery strategies
- Inquiry strategies
- Cooperative / Collaborative strategies

In this study guide only appropriate teaching methods and techniques for traditional strategies are introduced.

Table 3 Classifications of instructional strategies

GROUP	KEY POINTS	METHODS & TECHNIQUES
Presentation strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher-centered • Deductive reasoning • Informative instruction • Abstract to concrete • Preprocessing information • Acquisition 	Question and answer, lecture, case study, discussion, brainstorming, demonstration etc.
Discovery strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learner-centered • Deductive reasoning • Comprehensive instruction • Concrete to abstract • Informal and sample 	Brainstorming, role playing, question & answer, discussion, debate, drama, analogy, case study etc.
Inquiry strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learner-centered • Deductive and inductive reasoning • Higher-order thinking • Experiential • Problem-solving • Analysis, synthesis, evaluation, selection, creation 	Trip, observation, individual study, experiment, lab, case study, problem-solving, etc.
Cooperative / Collaborative strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learner-centered • Group studies/social interaction • Work sharing • Democratic values • Problem-solving and case studies • Analysis, synthesis, evaluation 	Problem solving, case study, inquiry, Learning Together, Think-Pair-Share, teams-game-tournament, Cooperative Integrated Reading and Composition (CIRC), jigsaw, etc

Source: Created by author, adapted from Instructional Strategies by Akdeniz 2016: 67

13 FORMS OF ACTION AND SOCIAL FORMS

For the learning at home, in addition to individual work, forms of partner work and group work can be taken into account, for example, by using online-based collaborative variants to work together on documents or to create digital products such as presentations, explanatory videos, podcasts, etc. During these phases, video links, video telephony or chats enable the communication within the team. This promotes social contact between the learners and allows the teacher to gain in to gain an insight into the work status and procedures of the groups. Technically, less complex forms are also conceivable and useful, such as a partner puzzle, in which partner teams work out a content in a division of labour, then explain their respective topic to each other over the telephone and email the joint results to their teacher.

Individual work

Each individual work requires a clear work assignment, possibilities for checking and securing results should already be considered when setting the task. When setting the task.

Table 4 Notes on individual work requirements for digital teaching and learning

DIDACTIC-METHODIC NOTES	TECHNICAL NOTES
Students work on materials or tasks e.g. from textbooks, worksheets or internet sources.	Formulate work assignments Specify the media to be used, if necessary, provide a QR code Possibly offer solutions for self-marking (uploaded to server or cloud) Possibly save results (e.g. server or cloud)
Students learn and review content individually using digital platforms and receive immediate feedback on their learning progress.	Digital exercises are used or created by the students themselves, e.g. with LearningApps, LearningSnacks, Kahoot, Mentimeter
Students create materials that will be digitally provided to all.	In addition to the analogue work results (texts, charts, flyers, etc.), which are made available to everyone digitally, the development of digital exercises (e.g. LearningApps, LearningSnacks) or explanatory videos (e.g. with MySimpleShow or with smartphones) by the students is also possible.

Source: Created by author, adapted from Emmermann et al 2021: 52

Partner work/Group work

In the digital version, the same instructions for the formulation and provision of tasks and materials apply as for the individual work. In these social forms, the possibilities of checking and securing results should also already be considered when setting the task.

Table 5 Notes on partner / group work regarding digital teaching and learning

DIDACTIC-METHODICAL NOTES	TECHNICAL NOTES
Collaborative opportunities support joint work, with several students working on a document at the same time, regardless of location.	At some schools, a school server offers the possibility of working together in a document via the cloud. Other variants: Google Drive or Padlet.
The discursive oral exchange in the collaboration can take place via breakout rooms.	Digital communication between several people is possible, for example via Zoom or BigBlueButton.

Source: Created by author, adapted from Emmermann et al 2021: 53

Table 6 Notes on partner / group work regarding digital teaching and learning

DIDACTIC-METHODICAL NOTES	TECHNICAL NOTES
Information is digitally prepared as a lecture, which can be accessed. Text-image-(sound)-variants are possible, sometimes in interactive forms. These can be developed by the teacher for the students.	There are different ways of preparing information, and there are digital tools for this, e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> lectures with PowerPoint, Adobe Express, Google Slides etc. Screen-cast videos with CamStudio interactive lectures with ThingLink, TEDME explanatory videos with MySimpleShow

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Classroom discussion

A virtual classroom discussion cannot be as spontaneous as a classroom discussion and therefore needs to be carefully planned.

The two examples show different variations for the design of digital lessons.

In **example 1**, the teacher provides the trainees with assignments and material to work on individually. Analogue tasks and materials are replaced by digital technology (media). The tasks remain the same, only the media changes. According to the SAMR model, this corresponds to the substitution stage. The trainees work on structure and complete their tasks time-independently; the classroom discussion of the face-to-face lessons to secure results is replaced by a video conference (Emmermann et al. 2021: 56).

Example 2 shows lessons with students who are being trained exclusively according to § 66 of the Vocational Training Act. The stages of the lesson are implemented in a way comparable to face-to-face teaching. The media provided for this purpose is retained. The teacher accompanies the learning process in video presence, guides and gives feedback. The lessons are designed to support social contacts even without the face-to-face teaching. Digital technology is used in accordance with the SAMR-Model for the functional extension of learning processes (Emmermann et al. 2021: 56).

Table 7 Notes of classroom discussion regarding digital teaching and learning

DIDACTIC/METHODICAL NOTES	TECHNICAL NOTES
Questions raised, solved, presented, and corrected are worked out in a joint discussion in the virtual space.	Digital communication between several people is possible, for example, via Zoom or BigBlueButton. Collaborative work in the virtual classroom can be supported by giving everyone access to content that has already been created and is stored in a cloud, or by using interactive boards such as those in Padlet, Kahoot or Flinga. The structuring of lessons can be visually supported by Classroomscreen.

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