The A.C.E Framework: A model for e-learning implementations

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Table 1: Recent Internet use by individuals for education: August 2006

Ago Croup	Recent	Internet	% of total	Education
Age Group	users 5		population ⁶	or study
15 - 19			87.2	55.1
20 - 24		237,700	02.0	39.4
25 - 29		212,000	82.4	23.3
30 - 34		225,700	82.8	20.8
35 - 39		232,800	77.0	22.1
40 - 44		242,800	77.8	21.3
45 - 49		220,100	73.3	21.9
50 - 54		179,300	68.9	19.4
55 - 59		152,000	63.8	15.9
60 +		240,600	35.8	14.0
Total	2	,207,600	69.0	26.3

[Source: Statistics New Zealand. (2007a) (p83)]



Table 3: Business use of computers and the Internet: By type: August 2006

Industry	Businesses	% Using computers	% Using the Internet
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2 422	82	77
Mining and quarrying		83	77
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	3,465		82
Retail trade	5,886	9	89
Construction	3,549	98	92
Manufacturing	5,523	97	93
Health and community services	2,085	99	93
Transport and storage	1,524	98	94
Communication services	141	96	94
Cultural and recreational services	615	95	95
Education	585	98	96
Property and business services	5,055	98	96
Wholesale trade	3,198	99	97
Finance and insurance	582	99	99
Electricity, gas and water supply	18	100	100
Total	35,436	93	91

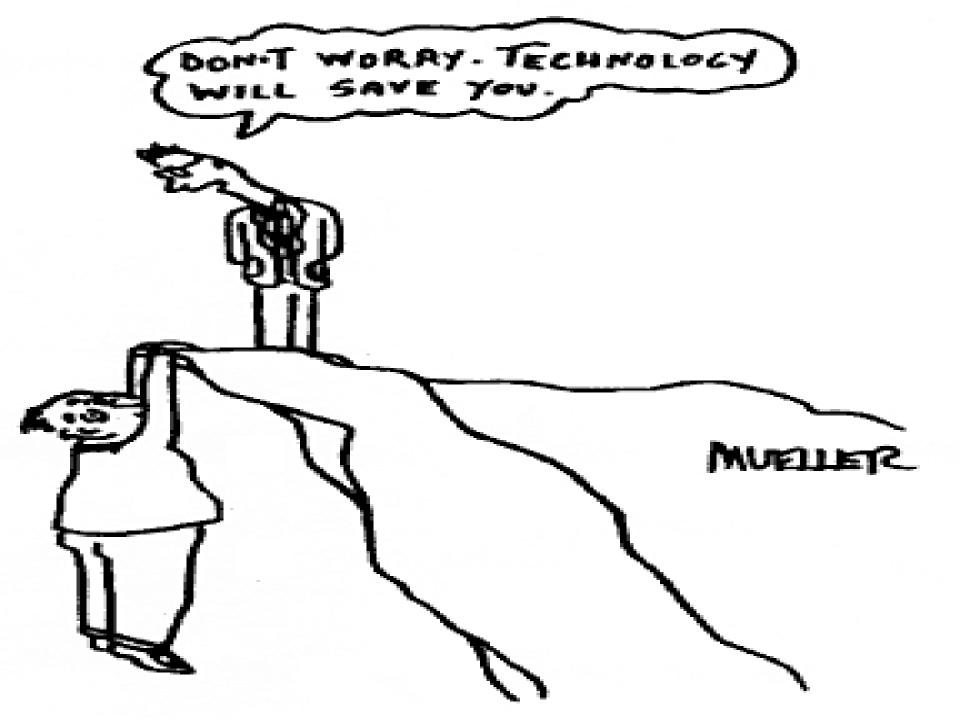
[Source: Statistics New Zealand. (2007a) (p98)]



Table 5: Provision of training via the Internet by type: August 2006		
Industry	Number using the Internet	% of staff training via the Internet
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2 403	7
Construction		8
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	2,835	9
Manufacturing	5,157	12
Retail trade	5,259	16
Restaurants	1,428	20
Wholesale trade	3,099	21
Health and community services	582	21
Property and business services	549	24
Mining and quarrying	69	27
Education	1,935	30
Transport and storage	132	32
Finance and insurance	4,845	33
Communication services	579	34
Electricity, gas and water supply	18	50
Total	32,157	22.9

[Source: Statistics New Zealand. (2007a) (p102)]





Capability

- Effective: impact on learning/training in the manner they were designed to do,
- Efficient: are cost effective in terms of "return of investment" on the resources consumed (i.e. time spent individuals engaging with the activity and time spent developing the activity)
- Replicable: others (institutions/individuals can duplicate events and obtain the similar results



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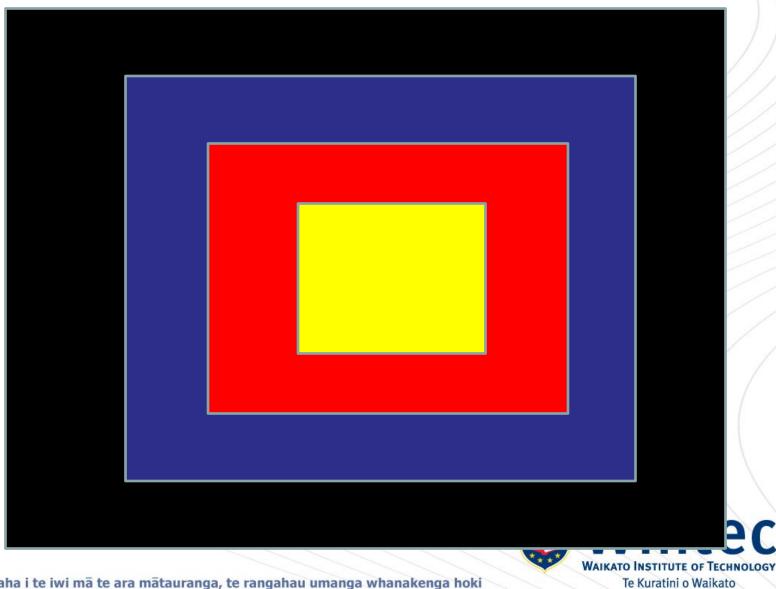
The 3 As

- Awareness: Leadership reflects upon existing capacity, capability and use of ICT.
- **Action:** Policies and plans are generated to increase access, capacity and capability at a systemic level.
- **Accomplishment:** The impact of implementations are evaluated for effectiveness.





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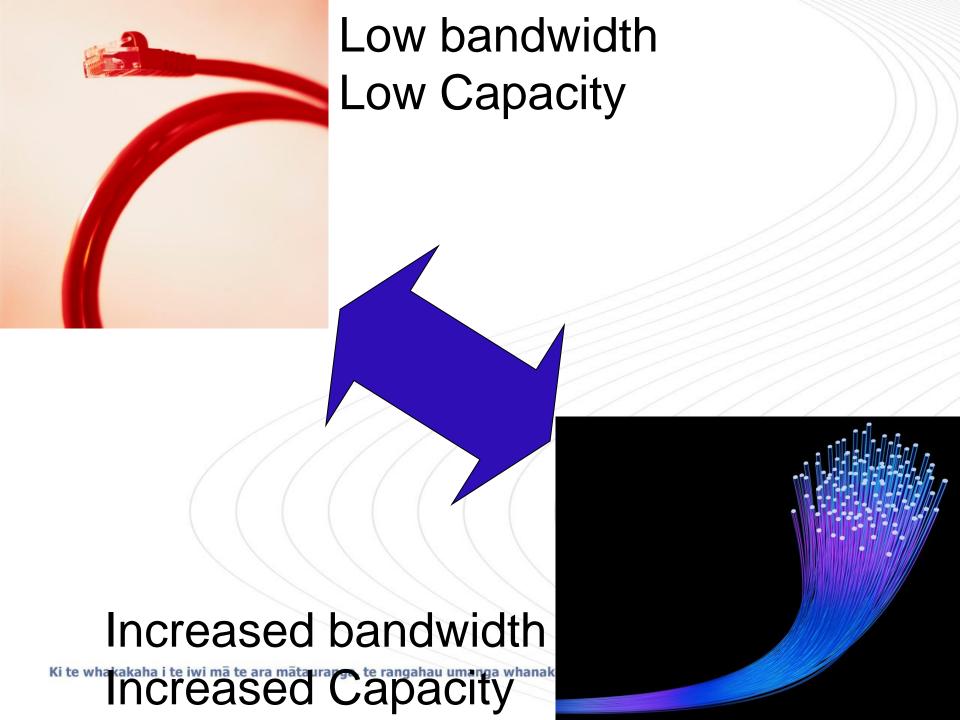


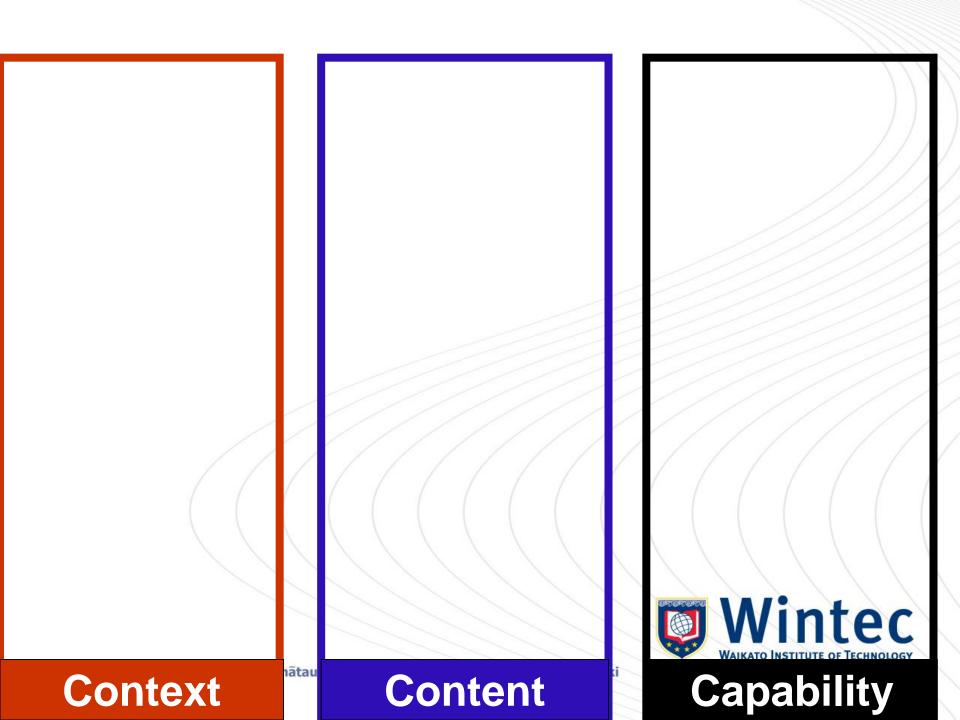


3 Cs

- **Context:** Infrastructural/technical factors shape and influence participant perceptions of ICT-enabled environments.
- Content: National factors emphasise the 'uniqueness' of individual institutions and shape the direction and focus of ICTbased implementations.
- **Capability:** Individual factors building the competence, confidence and understanding of individuals and determine the successful integration of ICT in institutions.







3 Es

- **Enabled:** Initiatives measured on how they have enabled users to participate in ICT enhanced environments.
- Engaged: Initiatives can be measured on how they have initiated and maintained engagement in the ICT communities established.
- Empowered: Initiatives can be measured on how they have ensured all participants are capable of participation.



Enable Engage

Empower

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The A.C.E Model

ICT Accomplishment (Measure)

Assess

Enabled

Connections are reliable and robust.

Access policies are designed to facilitate delivery of ICT facilitated teaching and learning events.

Purchase of peripheral devices and software are aligned with school policies and procedures

Context

Action

Assess

Engaged

Learners are actively engaged with course resources deployed.

Digital learning objects are indexed, stored, retrieved and presented

Participants have access to course materials they need, when they need them

Content

Assess

Empowered

Teachers are provided with professional development in ICT enabling them to participate fully in ICT environments.

Learners provided with ongoing support enabling them to participate fully in ICT environments

Capability

Action



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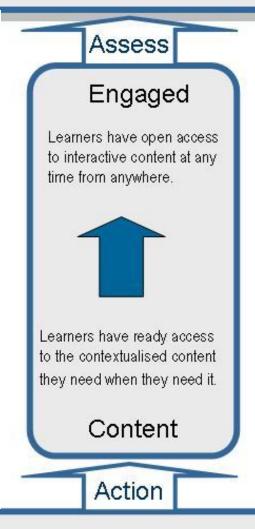
Infrastructure facilitates the transfer of information between disparate information platforms and systems to mobile devices.

Context

Action

Project	Midwifery Delivery	Project Update: Number 2	
Stream 1	Technical Infrastructure	January 18 th	
Owner	Grant Tyson		
	Key Tasks	Resolved	Action Gates
1	Identified room(s) established for VC delivery	 1.a. Delivery of all Video Conferencing confirmed: Wintec: City Campus: CG17 EIT: Tairawhiti: BOP: 1.b. Video Conference schedule Mornings 8.30 am – 10.00 am Afternoons 1.00 pm – 2.30 pm 1.c. Video Conference sessions will be recorded to provide a "back-up" if technical failures occur at distributed sites. 	 1.i Review scheduled times in conjunction with Demand for BSocSq (e.g. Wednesday 2.00 pm from 17th Feb) The demands/requirements of external sites and make required adjustments 1.ii Establish if a permanent VC deployment is warranted for CG17. 1.iii Review costs of VC delivery and actively investigate alternatives (for example "Broadcast-Record" functionality of Panopto and Live Meeting).





Project	Conferencing and Midwifery	
Stream 2	Online	
Owner	Chris Wyborn	Completion Date: January 18th
	Key Tasks	Dependencies
1	RSS feeds deployed (Journals, news)	Library provides appropriate links to journals
2	Key events entered in calendar	BM Programme Leader provides time-table
3	Search blocks (Digital NZ, Wiki) deployed	Moodle Admin enables blocks
4	Panopto Moodle Block deployed	ITS release Panaopto block
5	Intute training help files/links deployed	Library provides links to Intute and other help resources
6	Course materials uploaded	BM tutors have material available
7	Staff comfortable and confident using Moodle	Moodle Admin deploys help files (technical and learning)
8	Learners comfortable and confident using Moodle	Moodle Admin deploys help files (technical and learning)
9	Support services identified	Moodle Admin deploys "help block" with contact details for
		learner and technical support





Empowered

Participants are competent, confident and capable of using QR/MT.



Ongoing support in QR/MT learning applications provided to learners and tutors.

Capability

Action

Project	Conferencing and Midwifery	
Stream 4	Preparation: Tutors	
Owner	John Clayton	Completion Date: January 22nd
	Key Tasks	Dependencies
1	Moodle Sites Reviewed (Monday-Friday: Flexible)	 All Moodle sites functional and tutors assess rights granted (Melanie/Michelle) Moodle support, both group and individual, available (John/Colin) Midwifery team members informed of support available and training times confirmed (John/Liz). Support staff members available (John/Colin)
2	VC delivery demonstrated (Full Demonstration: Tuesday 10.00 am).	 CG17 is available for VC training (Times TBC) (Bruce/Les/John/Liz/Colin). CG17 fully functional for Live Demo Tuesday 19th at 10.00 (Bruce/Les) with connections to remote sites confirmed (Bruce/Les) Midwifery team members informed of training sessions (John/Liz). Support staff members available (John/Colin/Bruce/Les) NB: Tauranga TBC (Jan)
3	Live Meeting and /or Panopto demonstrated (Full demonstration Thursday 10.00 am) (NB: Review of preferred option still in progress)	 Panopto Recorder available and/or Live Meeting accounts available) (Grant) Demonstrator portable system available (i.e demonstrate potential) this could include Flexible Camera mount, Microphone, Data show (Bruce) Panopto/Live Meeting support, both group and individual, available (John/Colin) Live Meeting room (?) available for demo (D-Block?) (Les) Midwifery team members informed of training sessions (John/Liz). Support staff members available (John/Colin/Bruce/Les)



Project	Conferencing and Midwifery	
Stream A	Example Index Cards	
Owner	Varied	Completion Date: March 1st
	Key Tasks (From Action Gates)	Dependencies
1	Example 1 (Stream: Technical Infastructure)	
·	2.j Review Live-Meeting equipment and connectivity at distributed locations.	Internal and External LM connection endpoints and room allocations confirmed.
	2.ii Test QoS of full LM delivery	External endpoints connect successfully to LM and all LM functions are operational
	2.jiji Review LM delivery as a cost effective alternative to VC.	Confirm costs of LM endpoints and CF VC endpoints
	2 jy Establish if a permanent LM deployment is required for Wintec and distributed locations.	Live meeting is a cost effective alternative to VC.
2	Example 2 (Stream: Online)	
	3.i Review standards for creation and publication of course materials.	Standards for the creation of course materials readily available to tutors
	3.ji Review process and procedures for the evaluation of course materials used.	Perceptual measures / Best Practice Check list available for tutors to review content used
	3.ii Review process and procedures for the re-use of learning objects created.	Storage space and search procedures for learning objects developed are readily available to staff.



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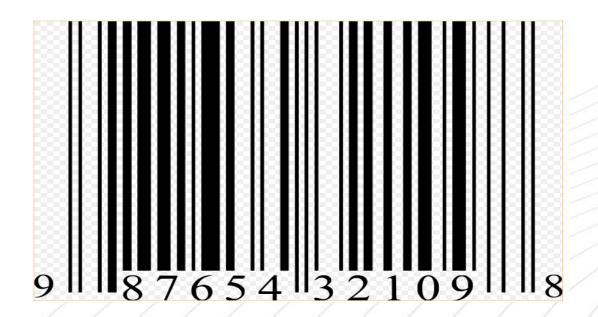
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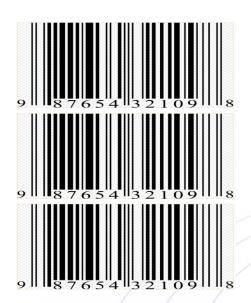
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One Dimensional





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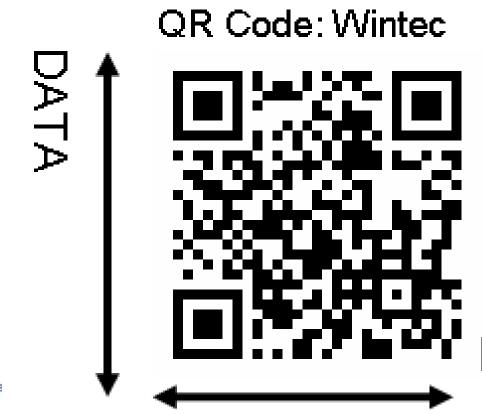






Two Dimensional

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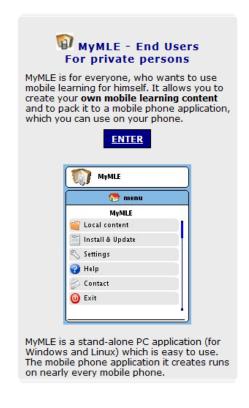


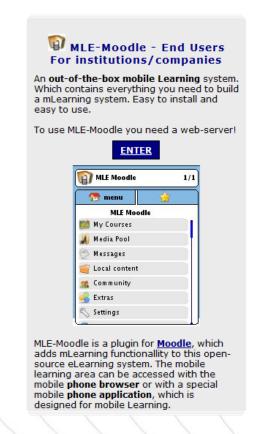
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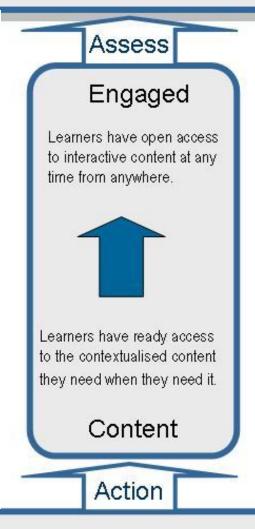
Mobile Learning Engine: MLE











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My Maps



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- Lines
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Creating a map is easy. Here are the basic steps:

- 1. Click My Maps
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Australian Flexible Learning Framework news

Framework to help build e-learning momentum in Asia

E-learning integral for trades training

VET E-portfolios Showcase - call for presenters

e-Gems webconference - Second Life, scenarios, Sloodle and an outbush community

Toolbox strengthens awareness of Indigenous culture

eLearning Watch

ElearningWatch December 2009
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Going Mobile

The Emerging Technologies Centre has included a functionality, "Mobile Learning Engine", to this site. This functionality allows participants to engage with moodle courses from their phones. A QR code to access ETC - Mobile is provided below.



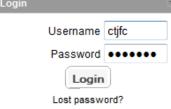




ETC Moodle Link: http://etc.elearning.ac.nz/

ETC Manager: Dr John Clayton









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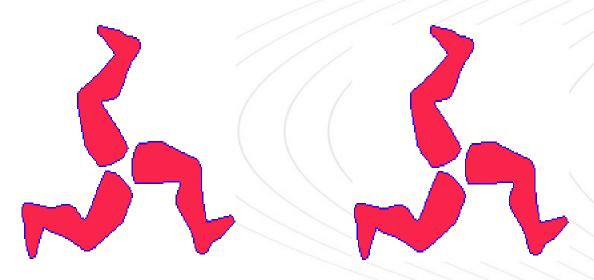
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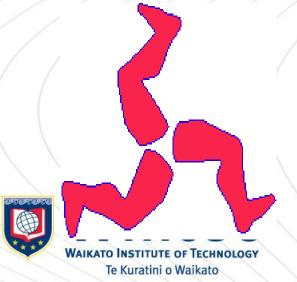
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Issue

What has been created may not advance the institutions capability in the way we imagined





Measuring Quality & Impact

Institutions and individuals need to be assured the eactivities designed and deployed are

- effective (do what they say they will do) and
- efficient and cost-effective (time and money invested bring maximum returns).



Focus Areas

- Return on Investment:
 - Individual and organisational

Quality:

- the processes used in the creation of the training event
- the experience of all participants in an elearning environment

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"If we spin this thing fast enough, the whole quality thing will go away."

"You are so right, boss!"

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Quality Assurance

Hypothesis: *The quality of the any elearning implementation is "directly attributed" to the quality of the all the processes used in the creation of that event.*

- creation of digital learning materials,
- tutoring/mentoring/ supporting of learners, and
- administration of the training event.



Five Ds (5Ds).

DEFINE

The e-learning training

Identify the skills/competencies to be taught and assessed through the use of e-learning technologies in a specific environment i.e on or off the job

DETERMINE

The impact of the a-learning experience

Evaluate the success of the e-experience for the individual and the organisation and use the outcomes to inform the development of future e-learning events.

e-Learning in Industry

DESIGN

The e-learning experience

Develop an e-training plan and incorporate e-learning solutions at identified stages

DELIVER

The e-learning event

Identify and apply effective e-learning modes to ensure the learner engages fully in the e-learning experience

DEVELOP

The e-learning resources

Design and create e-resources and e-activities which will support the learner in achieving the desired outcomes



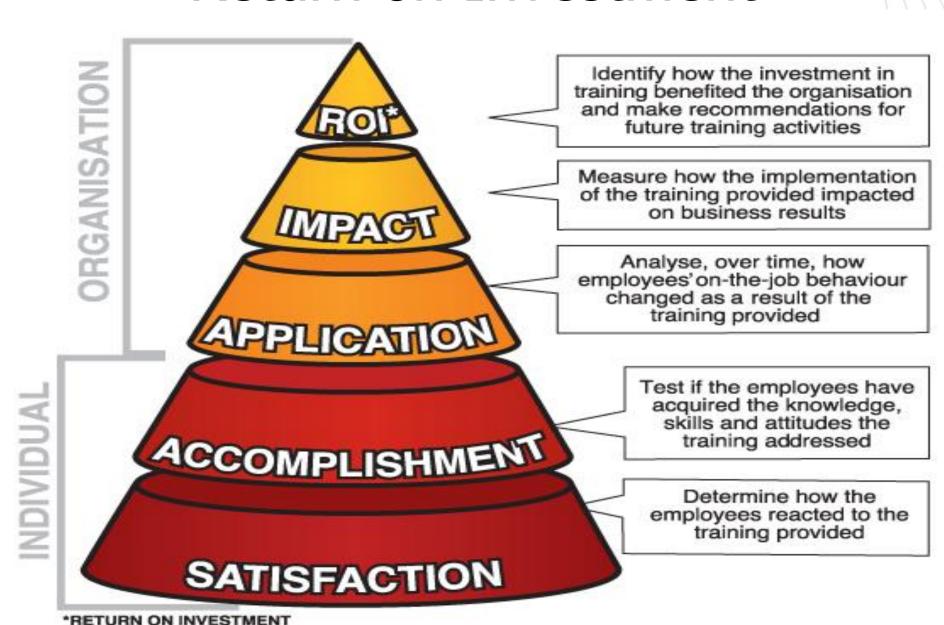
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The evaluation of the effectiveness and impact of e-learning should focus on two levels of analysis:

- Individual level: investigating competency and accomplishment and
- Organisational level: investigating strategic alignment and business impact



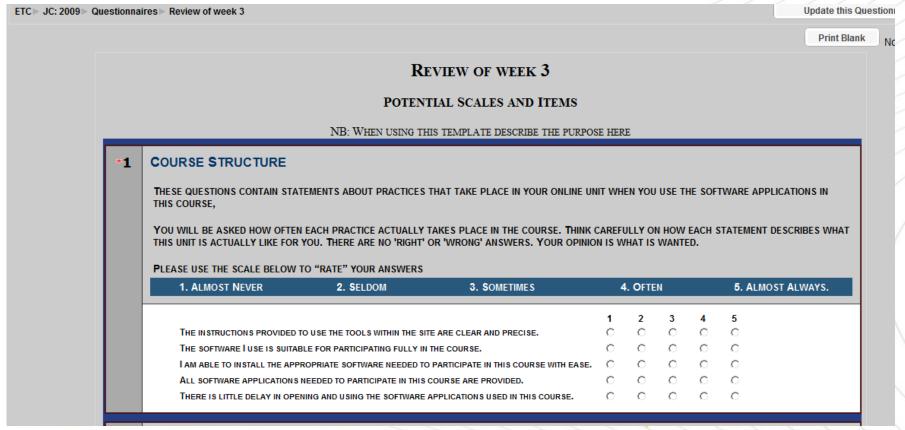
Return on Investment



Lewinian Formula

 $\mathsf{B} = f (\mathsf{P}, \mathsf{E})$

B behavior f function P person E environment



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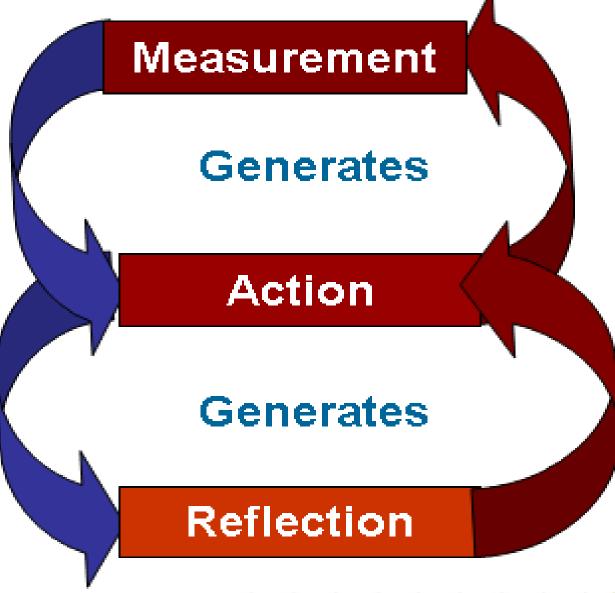
2 Days of Classroom Training			Blended
Training Component	Cost per Learner	Total Cost	Total Cost
Training, Design, Project Mgmt	\$250	\$250,000	\$50,000
Learner Materials	\$275	\$275,000	\$175,000
Facilitation Services	\$175	\$175,000	\$75,000
Travel/Accomodations/Meals	\$500	\$500,000	\$0
Sub-Total: Hard costs	\$1,200	\$1,200,000	\$300,000
Employee Time off the Job	\$800	\$800,000	\$400,000
Total Cost of Investment	\$2,000	\$2,000,000	\$700,000
Performance Improvement		2%	7%
Value of Increase in Productivity	(\$100k salary)	\$2,000,000	\$7,000,000
Return on Investment (ROI)		none	10x

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The R.A.M. Model

- Reflect on their strengths and weaknesses in relation to the integration of e-learning
- Identify action(s) that will facilitate increased teacher competence, confidence and capability in e-learning applications
- Measure and report on the impact e-learning has had on teaching and learning activities and administrative practices.







Benchmarking

- In evaluating an individual institution's capability a clear set of measurable indicators (teachers' satisfaction with software technologies used, students' competencies in ICT, and teacher and student satisfaction with the technical support provided), can be identified to measure:
 - (a) an institution's performance against others in the same sector, or
 - (b) the institution's performance in achieving their identified objectives for ICT implementation.

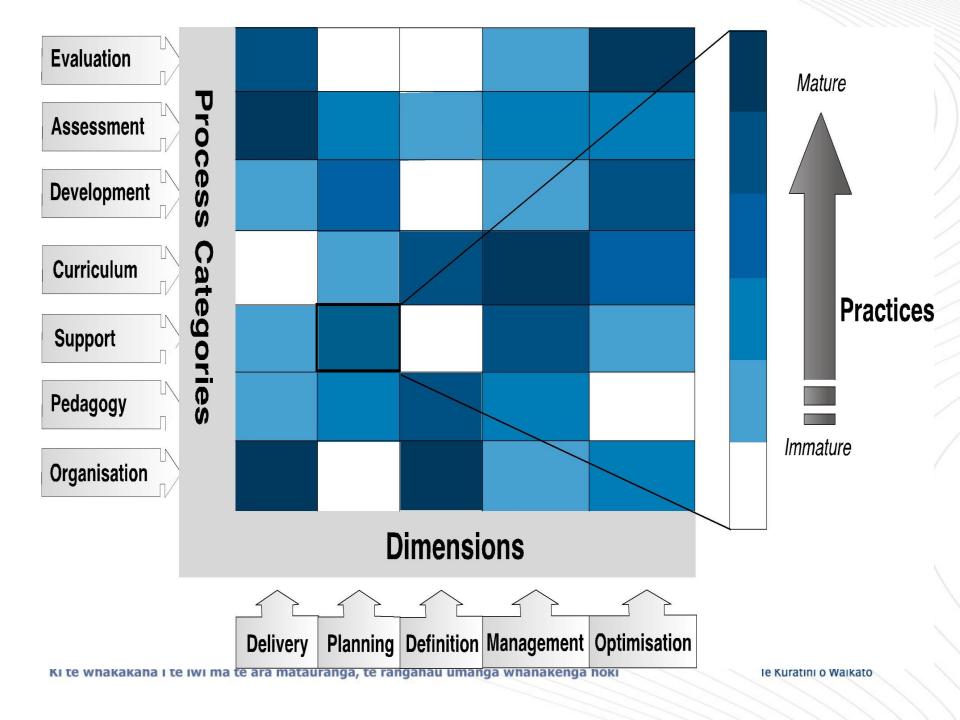


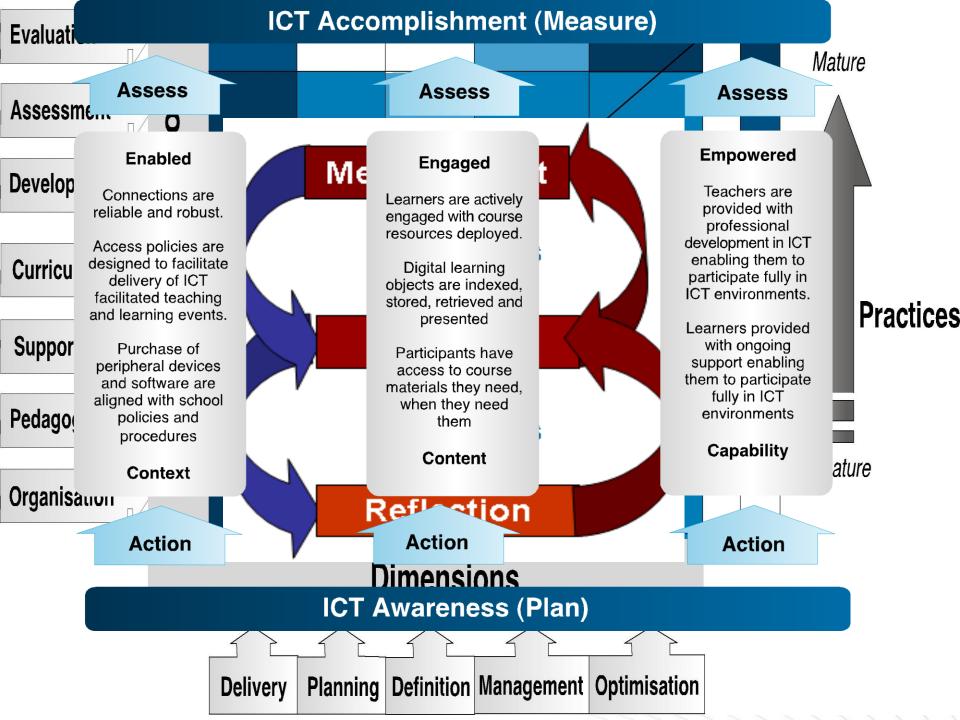
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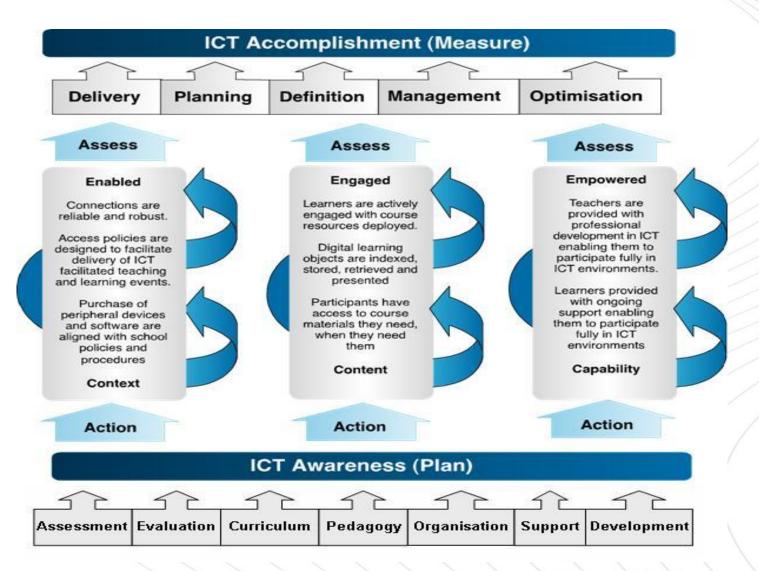
eLearning Maturity Model (eMM)

The framework is based on categories, dimensions and practices

- Categories: identify the "processes" that support ICT development
- **Dimensions:** serve to break down the processes into examinable aspects
- **Practices:** serve to measure the organisation's actual practices









Conclusion

For organisations iteratively to improve their e-learning capability they need systematically to plan for improvement.

They need to obtain:

from the **Right** people

at the **Right** time

the **Right** information

