

Title of Session: EuroLang
Moderator: Alain Krizic
Title of File: 20031102Elang
Date: November 2, 2003

Tapped In transcript for 2003.11.02 14:02:07
Room: After School Online

BJ: we have a nice group here...all we need is David.

AlainKr: David LeBlanc?

LornaB: Thanks BJ. I got confused with the time change in the UK and arrived early but thought I was late.

BJ nods to Alain. Wasn't he supposed to lead this session?

BJ: You're right on time, Lorna

AlainKr: So, I'm in the right place then

BJ: yes, Alain

AlainKr: With the right people

BJ smiles. Yep!

AlainKr: At the right time

AlainKr -D

BJ cheers for Alain...yes!

AlainKr: Great

AlainKr: Must be fixing up things

AlainKr: Power cut in Canada?

AlainKr: Another blackout?

BJ: I didn't hear of anything

AlainKr: Has anyone an experience with the sort of project he is involved in?

OttoS: No

AlainKr: Moodle or zope?

AlainKr: They're interactive web environments

BJ: Did David give us a password to log in last time?

AlainKr: Users can post and edit documents from their home computers, or at school

AlainKr: Er, to his site?

BJ: yes

AlainKr: Yes, I'll find it at once

AlainKr: the url is :

AlainKr: <http://moodle.org/course/view.php?id=2>

AlainKr: the pass is

AlainKr: demo

AlainKr: as easy as falling off a log

AlainKr: so, what shall we do?

AlainKr: Shall we pop in saying hey, Dave, it's us

AlainKr: open up, we know you're here

BJ smiles.

AlainKr: seriously, can we project the url?

BJ . o O (or we can send him an email and see where he is)

ElaineGst5: sorry-what's the username?

AlainKr: demo

BJ: you don't have to project, Alain...just click on the hyperlink to open a new window

ElaineGst5: and the password is the same?

AlainKr: ok !!!

OttoS: He has a demo. Is that worth looking at?

AlainKr: The tool itself is a content management system.

AlainKr: are you into CMS or whatever they're called?

AlainKr: Do you use ICT in class?

OttoS: I am here to learn what these things are.

AlainKr: What questions would you ask David?

AlainKr: OK,

AlainKr: I discovered something a little bit similar recently

AlainKr: though you probably heard of wikipedia I suppose?

OttoS: No

AlainKr: It's an online encyclopedia

AlainKr: whose articles are made by contributors from all over the world

AlainKr: there's a French version too

AlainKr: and maybe other languages

AlainKr: The idea is to have pages that can be edited by anybody

OttoS: How is it better than other online encyclopedias?

AlainKr: anybody who has the rights to do it

AlainKr: because the update is constant

OttoS: How good is the information.

AlainKr: some people are of course more involved

LornaB: Is it reliable?

AlainKr: well, as far as I could see, yes

AlainKr: We can go and have a look if I can find the url

LornaB: I looked at the Moodle URL but am still unsure what it is exactly. Can you explain please?

AlainKr: Think of a question you would like to find in this encyclopedia for instance

AlainKr: Lorna, it's a way to post things online, that's it

AlainKr: documents, soundfiles, pictures...

LornaB: How is it different from a message board?

OttoS: How is that better than having a homepage?

AlainKr: It's more than a message board because of its architecture, but basically, it's about the same principle

AlainKr: I've found the url : <http://en.wikipedia.org/>

BJ: Bernie Dodge showed that link during the webquest discussion last week

AlainKr: Are you all language teachers from Germany?

OttoS: No, I teach in Louisiana.

AlainKr: I teach English in a French secondary school

LornaB: If you want a question we could ask for the origins of Halloween

AlainKr: Why nop?

LornaB: I teach English to asylum seekers and refugees in London, England

AlainKr: Search results

AlainKr: For query "halloween"

AlainKr: Full-text search has been temporarily disabled due to high server load; we hope to get it online again after some hardware upcoming upgrades. In the meantime, you can search via google:

OttoS: The server is down on Wikipedia.

AlainKr: I'm afraid so...

AlainKr: Well, I'm trying to adapt it to my teaching

OttoS: Exactly what are you doing with it?

AlainKr: This is what I've done so far :

AlainKr: <http://ak1.apinc.org/wikini/wakka.php?wiki=PagePrincipale>

AlainKr: Can you access the page?

OttoS: It didn't work when I tried.

OttoS: Now I am in it.

AlainKr: OK, click on "PlanDuSite"

OttoS: I don't see it.

AlainKr: Open the page "ComeniusTr"

AlainKr: You can use the box "recherche" at the bottom of the page

AlainKr: type "ComeniusTr"

OttoS: It looks interesting.

AlainKr: And it works

OttoS: Kids like to write in it?

AlainKr: So far, only one pupil has posted something

AlainKr: but I hope I will arouse their curiosity with this sort of environment

OttoS: Kids often like to write in a different environment.

AlainKr: For when they're motivated, they work and they learn

OttoS: Finding what motivates them each day is the challenge.

AlainKr: I also started a lexicon

AlainKr: French-English art terms

AlainKr: brummie slang

LornaB: That looks really great.

AlainKr: the sort of questions that come over and over on message boards

AlainKr: or forum, I like the French word for it

AlainKr: Feel free to contribute !

LornaB: I Do you expect students to post information in their own time or as a class exercise?

AlainKr: Especially the art section

AlainKr: Or you can even start a cross-stitching entry

AlainKr: Well, some of it has to be done in class :

AlainKr: most of them have access to the internet at home

AlainKr: but not all of them

OttoS: How many students do you work with?

AlainKr: the average class is 33

OttoS: Do they all have access to computers that are online?

LornaB: The entry is perfect - grammar, spelling etc. Do you correct the s/s work before they post it?

AlainKr: Lorna, hold your horses, most of the things in the lexicon are just compilations from the web

AlainKr: But I have art students, and if I can find English-speaking students to contribute, that would be perfect

LornaB: I actually meant the entry by the student talking about Turkey. Sorry. I confused you!!

AlainKr: If you have a look at the "BacASable", you will see that you can edit the page

AlainKr: Maybe you'll get the idea of it

AlainKr: It's great for students to send a short report at the end of a class

AlainKr: that you can correct at home

AlainKr: for instance

AlainKr: But there are other ways to use it I'm sure

AlainKr: Depends on whom you work with

AlainKr: Lorna, I corrected it

AlainKr: If you click on

AlainKr: <http://ak1.apinc.org/wikini/wakka.php?wiki=DerniersChangements>

AlainKr: you will be able to compare the different version in chronological order

AlainKr: clever, eh?

AlainKr: if you look at (21:42:17) (historique) ComeniusTr

AlainKr: and click on historique

AlainKr: you will see the changes between the different versions

LornaB: It seems like a lot of work for the teacher.

AlainKr: Several students working on a common project

AlainKr: can thus add or edit things in the process

AlainKr: Er,... Yes

LornaB: Presumably they are students who know each other.

AlainKr: but 33 in groups of five,

AlainKr: that's much less

AlainKr: time to spend

AlainKr: correcting errors

LornaB: Is it like using NetMeeting.

AlainKr: We are just starting a common project with several European countries

OttoS left the room (signed off).

LornaB: How do you choose a project?

AlainKr: So it might be something that will help them work together before sending a common post to their partners

AlainKr: You mean the European Project?

AlainKr: Oh, Lorna, you fell asleep

BJ . o O (it's pretty late for you and Lorna, Alain...)

AlainKr: Ok, then, I'm tired too

BJ: perhaps it's time to wrap up the discussion for today?

LornaB: No I'm just a little confused my French is very bad. What is the European Project?

AlainKr: So, my regards to DL when you see him

AlainKr: Comenius project

BJ: Thanks for leading the discussion, Alain.

AlainKr: Several schools from at least three countries

AlainKr: OK, good night all

AlainKr: Feel free to pop in in my wiki Lorna

AlainKr: It's been a pleasure meeting you

LornaB: Thanks Alain. It was interesting. Night night