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LynneW: I attended an Acrobat 9 Pro online workshop this morning - E-Portfolios

LynneW: I was very impressed.

BJB2: wow!

LynneW: IMHO any universities requiring eportfolios should be making that software available to their students.

BJB2: you will share that info during the discussion?

LynneW: Yep - if we have one.

BJB2: Nick in reception is joining us...as soon as he figures out how

LynneW: I've been waiting for the link to the recorded session. They haven't released it yet.

BJB2: and Tom should wake up soon...long enough nap ;-)

LynneW: Must be doing some post production.

LynneW: I'm going to check my email one more time for that link.

LynneW: BRB

BJB2 nods

LynneW: Nothing yet

BJB2: was it an elluminate discussion?

LynneW: No it was an Adobe connect session.

BJB2: ahhh, cool.

LynneW: They are also hosting certain file types on Adobe.com for portfolio users.

LynneW: For tracking ongoing comments, discussion threads, etc.

LynneW: Anyway - I'll wait to say more.

BJB2 nods.

NickMa joined the room.

LynneW: Hi Nick - welcome.

BJB2 cheers for Nick!

NickMa: Hi

NickMa: yay!

BJB2 . o O (he worked hard to get here, Lynne)

NickMa: indeed

LynneW: Nick, I'm glad you stuck to it!

LynneW: Nice job.

NickMa: thanks :)

BJB2: now we just have to wake up Tom

BJB2 holds a mirror under his nose to see if he's breathing

LynneW: LOL

NickMa: haha

BJB2 gets out the cpr manual just in case

LynneW thinks BJB may need to deliver a shock to his keyboard.

BJB2: ohhhhh.....great idea, Lynne!

BJB2 gets out the jumper cables

LynneW: The picture is forming in my mind.

LynneW: Nick - we have fun here.

TomF: good afternoon from Vancouver

NickMa: delivering shock through the keyboard. tapped in is even more advanced than I thought haha

LynneW: Tom - hello!

LynneW: Welcome from Vancouver USA

BJB2 sighs...drat, I was looking forward to breaking in those new cables

LynneW thinks the threat must have been shocking enough.

BJB2 nods solemnly

TomF: elluminate simultaneous to this with shell terrell on tweet deck

BJB2: shall we start with intros, Lynne?

LynneW: Ms. Terrell is a wonderful resource person.

LynneW: Yes, let's do self- introductions.

BJB2 . o O (and a reminder to go to the Actions menu in the top right of the chat and select detach)

LynneW: My name is Lynne Wolters and I am the facilitator for this group.

NickMa: this is my first session so just let me know how things work

BJB2: I'm on Tapped In helpdesk and am located in south central Pennsylvania

LynneW: Nick and Tom, please introduce yourselves.

NickMa: I'm Nick Mancuso a grad student at McNeese State University in Lake Charles.

LynneW: Where you are from and how you are connected to education

TomF: Tom Fullerton, Faculty Associate with Simon Fraser - Learning and Teaching with Technology

LynneW: It is a pleasure to spend time with each of you today.

NickMa: likewise

LynneW: Nick - you may want to use the ACTIONS menu to increase font size.

BJB2 . o O (oh, yikes...lightning and thunder here. Hopefully, I won't disappear)

LynneW: Upper right of this chat module.

NickMa: ok hey that's better thank you

LynneW: Sure. You can also use the ACTIONS menu to detach the chat module from the desktop above.

LynneW: The resources we will be visiting today are all posted on the desktop.

LynneW: Prior to each of our monthly events, I spend a couple of days doing research.

LynneW: This morning I attended an online webinar for Acrobat 9 Pro

LynneW: specifically its functionality for eportfolios.

LynneW: I was very impressed.

LynneW: The session link is supposed to be released soon. I'll be happy to post it here when it becomes available.

BJB2: post to the discussion board, Lynne.

TomF: thanks

LynneW: The following link will take you to a tutorial for building a pdf portfolio. http://www.acrobatusers.com/tutorials/2008/07/building_a_pdf_portfolio

BJB2 . o O (Nick is already a member of the group. Tom, find the green i in the welcome note, click on it to get the group ID page and select Join this group.)

LynneW: The advances available in Acrobat 9 Pro are amazing. I've been teaching student teachers to create pdf portfolios for years.

LynneW: I am also a web design person -- I would choose this tool before anything else, given the choice.

LynneW: The incorporation of Flash has made big differences in navigation and interaction with portfolio artifacts.

LynneW: Any questions? Any users with information to share?

TomF: which open source portfolio tool do you recommend to your undergrads?

LynneW: Depends on the purpose and longevity of the eportfolios.

LynneW: I have always liked .pdf blended with web capabilities.

NickMa: Right now I'm starting to think about the portfolio that I need to have put together to turn in at the end of grad school. Would acrobat 9 pro suit my needs for something like that?

LynneW: I moved to blogs as containers for eportfolios 3 years ago.

LynneW: Nick - I had graduate education students in mind when I was attending the Acrobat session. I heartily endorse it for your purposes.

JeffC joined the room.

LynneW: It is template driven, has forms capabilities, survey, data presentation, multi-media...

LynneW: Hi Jeff

LynneW: Welcome

JeffC waves

TomF: waves back

LynneW: I also posted two links to articles in the current T.H.E. Journal

NickMa: it sounds like a winner

LynneW: "E-Portfolios Coming of Age"
http://thejournal.com/Articles/2009/11/01/ELearning.aspx and "What's Out There"
http://thejournal.com/Articles/2009/11/01/ELearning.aspx?Page=3

LynneW: The latter is a review of the various eportfolio products being used most commonly in education.

LynneW: Does everyone see where those links are?

BJB2: if you detached your chat, find the web window that is probably behind the chat

TomF: yes thank you

BJB2 . o O (look in the Welcome note)

LynneW: They are listed between the link navigation for this room and the Google

graphic.

BJB2: you ok, Nick?

LynneW: Maybe Nick is reading.

NickMa: ok now I found it...I think

LynneW: Would you like to take a couple of minutes to take a quick scan of the information?

NickMa: sure that sounds good

LynneW: Let me know when you have returned here.

TomF: I was working with Concordia University to develop ePearl, a K-12 portfolio tool and am now looking for a more robust platform for grad students, but don't want to use commercial software

TomF: so Mahara, listed there is one of the tools that I'm experimenting with

BJB2: I'm going to paste the welcome note info into the chat so it will be in your transcripts

LynneW: Concordia Canada or the USA Concordias?

Welcome Note in e-Portfolios Group Room

November 19, 2009 session links:
Google Apps E-Portfolio Resources Site
http://sites.google.com/site/eportfolioapps/components/mashup
Example of a Google Sites Classroom Template
http://sites.google.com/site/web20toolsforschools/
"E-Portfolios Coming of Age", T.H.E Journal, November/December, 2009
http://thejournal.com/Articles/2009/11/01/ELearning.aspx
"What's Out There: The E-Portfolio Landscape", T.H.E. Journal, November/December, 2009 (Review of E-Portfolio Applications)
http://thejournal.com/Articles/2009/11/01/ELearning.aspx?Page=3
Building a PDF Portfolio Tutorial with Acrobat 9 Pro
http://www.acrobatusers.com/tutorials/2008/07/building_a_pdf_portfolio
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LynneW: I used to teach at Concordia Portland

TomF: o - sorry, yes I meant Concordia Montréal

LynneW: I did a trial with a ruby based open source product.

LynneW: It requires a cooperative IT department.

TomF: our teachers are involved in action-research and I'd like to be able to store artifacts in a standards-compliant database so that we can Open Journal Systems to publish

TomF: yes, of course

LynneW: Tom, if you give me your preferred email address - I'll send you some contact information offline.

TomF: we have a cooperative IT dept., but they've created a walled garden with the Moodle and I'm looking for ways to open it up

TomF: tom_fullerton@sfu.ca

LynneW nods sympathetically.

LynneW: Got it Tom.

TomF smiles

XiaoleiL joined the room.

LynneW: Hello and welcome.

BJB2: good job, Xiaolei!

XiaoleiL: hello

XiaoleiL: Thanks

LynneW: Would you please introduce yourself?

LynneW: Tell us where you are from and what your connection to education is.

XiaoleiL: Yes. I'm a international students in McNeese State University in Louisiana.

NickMa: small world huh haha

LynneW: You are most welcome to join us.

XiaoleiL: I'm pursuing my master's degree in Instructional Technology program

LynneW: Do you know Nick through your program?

XiaoleiL: haha, hi, Nick

XiaoleiL: yes, I just say hi to him

NickMa: yes that's why I made the joke above

NickMa: hey

NickMa: we have two classes together this semester

LynneW: I had just introduced a couple of new articles about eportfolios and provided a tutorial for creating pdf portfolios using Acrobat 9 Pro.

LynneW: These links are posted on the Welcome note in this group room.

XiaoleiL: To attend this conference is one of our assignment in this semester

LynneW: Next, I wanted to point out the Google resources for creating eportfolios.

LynneW: Google has created templates and a workflow of various Google products.

LynneW: That workflow is represented in the graphic posted.

LynneW: There is a link to Google sites to the right of that graphic.

TomF: should we follow here now?http://sites.google.com/site/eportfolioapps/components/mashup

NickMa: Xiao these resources are going to be very useful once we have to get our artifacts from each class and put together our portfolio to graduate

LynneW: Thanks Tom. Yes, please go take a look. Let me know when you have rerturned.

LynneW: I also created a Google site using the education classroom template. That link is

LynneW: http://sites.google.com/site/web20toolsforschools/

XiaoleiL: Really? I will get through them.

LynneW: Just scan the information now.

NickMa: the link is not working for me. is this link on the discussion board page?

LynneW: Which link isn't working for you?

BJB2 . o O (all urls will be in your transcript so you can look later)

BJB2: the google site worked fine for me

TomF: me as well

NickMa: ok good deal

LynneW: http://sites.google.com/site/eportfolioapps/components/mashup

BJB2 . o O (both google sites)

LynneW: Yes

NickMa: it's not taking me anywhere when I click it. I had to type in the first address

LynneW: Tom, what do you think about using Google assets for eportfolios?

BJB2: check later, Nick. And make sure you don't have another window open that might be minimized

TomF: my hesitation with using google sites, or another "blank slate" format is that the learner may not be able to bring in the reflection needed (http://sites.google.com/site/reflection4learning/college-students)

TomF: we have to scaffold

TomF: which is not a bad thing

NickMa: I'm checking it. I'm using a mac. Maybe it has something to do with my web browser?

BJB2 . o O (reflection is a difficult concept. Dianne Allen deals a lot with reflection in her Teaching Teachers discussions)

TomF: but I would prefer a template where that reflective process is built in

BJB2: might be, Nick.

TomF: I'm on a mac as well - firefox

LynneW: Me too.

BJB2: Dianne's Teaching teachers is at 6pm PST today

BJB2 . o O (macs and firefox sometimes have issues)

TomF: excellent, will check that out

NickMa: hmm so am I

LynneW: My Web 2.0 Tools for Schools session is today at 5

LynneW: Tom, the open source product I mentioned earlier got me hooked in because of the built in reflection piece.

LynneW: You'll have to check it out.

LynneW: Again - I'll send you the information via email.

TomF: I like the google package

LynneW: As for Google - they are presenting Blogger as the means for reflection.

TomF: I've just spent the last few classes with my grad students showing them google docs and diigo to share research

LynneW: Great.

LynneW: Are your grad students blogging.

TomF: some

LynneW: Nick and Xiaolei - are you blogging as part of your program?

TomF: they are all at different points in the process

LynneW: That is to be expected.

TomF: I'm encouraging them to move to a more public forum as they grow in their capacity to use the technology

LynneW: Any resistance based upon privacy issues?

TomF: for now, most are responding in the Moodle

TomF: yes

TomF: very hesitant to put their developing understanding out there for the public

LynneW: I have many stories I could share...

TomF: where do you work Lynne?

NickMa: we have surveyed different blogs and responded to some, but we have not created any of our own. At least not yet

PaulI joined the room.

LynneW: I always thought the teachable moments that presented themselves were well worth the public exposure.

BJB2 waves hi to Paul!

PaulI: Hi, BJB

LynneW: Hi Paul

LynneW: Welcome

TomF: hi Paul

PaulI: hi, Lynne

PaulI: Hi, All

XiaoleiL: I'm sorry, what did you ask me? My first language is not English, so I might respond you slowly

LynneW: That is okay.

NickMa: she asked if we have used blogs in our class?

BJB2 . o O (that fear carries over to the classroom...how many teachers are afraid to 'look stupid' by making a mistake or not knowing something?)

XiaoleiL: I don't think so

LynneW: This very issue is the "sore spot" for the current paradigm shift our student teachers need to make.

TomF: yes - not specific to technology although there is a certain amount of technophobia

LynneW: To become public collaborators and synthesizers of information.

BJB2 agrees

NickMa: we have not created any blogs yet, just interacted with other people's blogs

TomF: moving to project-based learning or other similar approaches involves letting go as well

LynneW: I have an ed tech news and resources blog that would be very helpful to you.

LynneW: CU-Online http://cuonline.blog-city.com

PaulI: Nice link

LynneW: Thanks Paul.

LynneW: We have a few minutes remaining for our session today.

PaulI: Okay

LynneW: What observations or questions do you have?

PaulI: Any more links like the one above?

BJB2 . o O (the next monthly ePortfolios discussion will take place on December 17)

LynneW: Paul, what are you looking for?

LynneW: I have lots of links, organized alphabetically by content area on the left hand side of my blog.

LynneW: Just keep scrolling

PaulI: I see it. Thanks.

LynneW: More links than you can shake a stick at.

PaulI: Lol

BJB2 chuckles...or a keyboard!

LynneW: Yep.

LynneW: Any questions or observations you want to share/discuss?

TomF: wow - thanks for sharing Lynne, there's a lot there - will subscribe to the RSS and share with students

LynneW: Wonderful.

BJB2: Lynne leads the Web 2.0 discussion at 5pm PST today. Always a good discussion too.

LynneW: Lots of resources for the lower grades - which can be hard to find.

LynneW: Also great resources for primary research.

PaulI: I wish I could attend that Web 2.0 discussion. I have class in 30 minutes.

LynneW: Thank you for coming today. Please consider joining me at 5 PM for Web 2.0 Tools for Schools.

LynneW: If you can't attend, I do have links posted in that group room.

PaulI: I will check them out later tonight.

LynneW: Good night. Thank you for attending this discussion group.

NickMa: thank you for the links. You've given me plenty to look at

LynneW smiles

XiaoleiL: Thank you Lynne. Those links are very helpful

PaulI: Thanks!

LynneW: You are most welcome.

TomF: the web 2.0 tools is accessible from the lobby of tapped in?

NickMa: when is the next session Dec. 17th?

LynneW: Yes at 3:30pm PST

LynneW: Here in this group room.

NickMa: alright thank you

LynneW: Tom, you can follow me - I'll be going to the other group room now.

TomF: ok, how do I get there?

LynneW: There may also be a passageway from this group room to the other.

LynneW: If you join our group, a direct link will appear in your Favorite Places.

LynneW left the room.

NickMa: BJB where do we go to get the transcript of this session? Does it automatically get sent to our email?

BJB2: Nick, when you log out you are automatically emailed the transcript

BJB2 . o O (takes about 10 minutes)

NickMa: alright. I appreciate your help today. Thank you :)

BJB2: my pleasure, Nick

NickMa: good-bye everyone

PaulI: goodbye