

Cross-disciplinary collaboration platform using MMORPG technology – Virtual museum of Art and modern history.

MMORPG技術を利用した学際的協働プラットフォームの構築例
～バーチャル美術史・近代史博物館

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 **The Modern Museum**
A collaboration platform for finding cross-disciplinary relations
between Art, Science & Technology and Society

What is MMORPG?

“Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game”

Virtual World, VW

- Second Life by Linden Lab
- OpenSimulator (open source)
by Tokyo University of Information Technology
- Mind Craft

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1. Education using Virtual World (1/2)

Example Movie

Unique benefits of Virtual World Education

- Interactive presentation and discussion with participants remotely
- Visualize contents and curate contexts in 3D space
- Multi-sensing immersive experiences.
- Discovery learning by collaboration
- Social skill challenge
- Special training and experiment
- Person to person counseling remotely.

1. Education using Virtual World (2/2)

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2. Education Portal/ Disciplines

Example Movie

Discipline (Wikipedia)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Outline_of_academic_disciplines

- **Humanities:** History, Languages, Literature, Philosophy, **Professions** (Arts, Religions, Architecture, etc.)
- **Social sciences:** Economics, Geography, Psychology, Sociology, etc. **Professions** (Archaeology, Education, Law, Library and information science, etc.)
- **Natural sciences:** Biology, Chemistry, Earth sciences, Physics, Space sciences, **Professions** (Agriculture, Engineering, Environmental studies, Medicine and health, etc.)
- **Formal sciences:** Logic, Pure mathematics, **Professions** (Applied mathematics, Computer science, Systems science)
- ~~Applied Sciences~~
- ~~Inter-disciplinary Sciences~~

3. Moodle/ Constructivism

Moodle: Modular Object-Oriented Dynamic Learning Environment
ftp://isis.faces.ula.ve/Educ_Distancia/Moodle/Moodle_MartinDougiamas.pdf

- Free and open-Source software for Learning Management System
- Originated by [Martin Dougiamas](#), et al, released in 2002

Constructivism

- Jean Piaget (1896-1980)
- People construct their own understanding and knowledge of the world, through experiencing things and reflecting on those experiences (, not through copying existing knowledge).

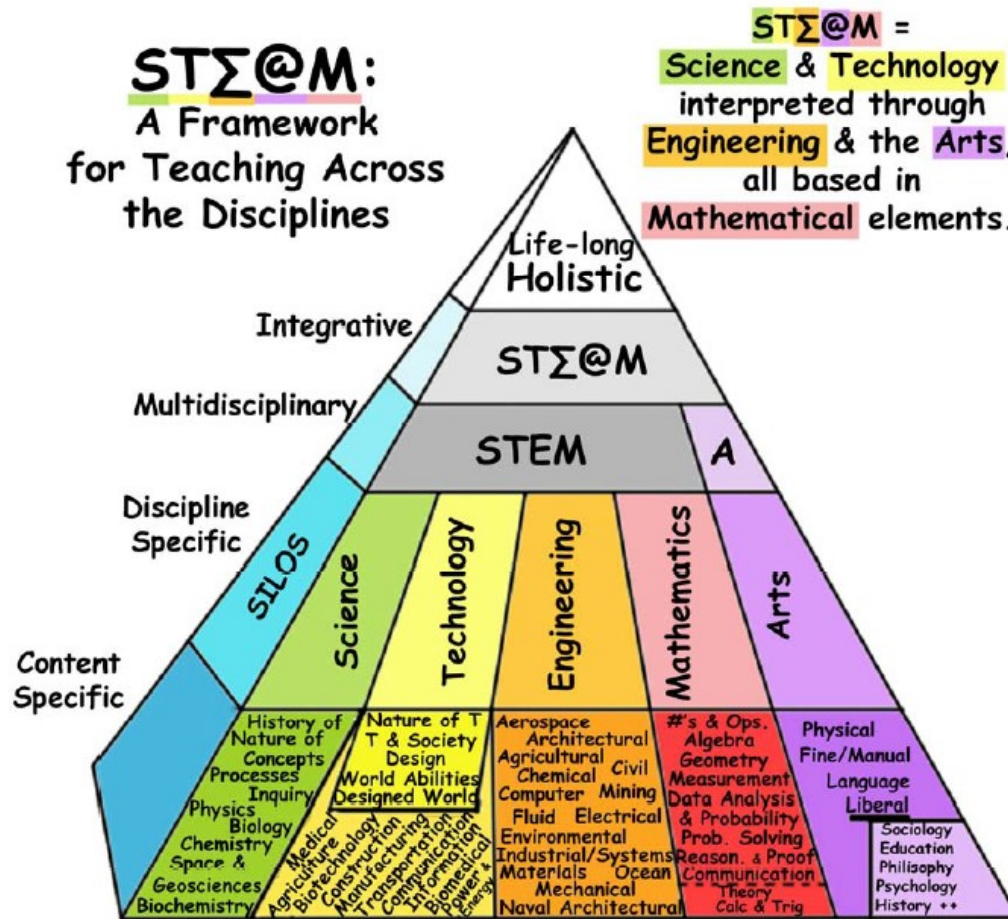
Moodle supports for;

- Distribution of learning materials, test and questionnaire
- Presentation by students, Discussion between students
- Project management by students
- Construction of knowledge portal and community portal

4. STEAM/ Visualization (1/3)

STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, **Art** and Mathematics



4. STEAM/ Visualization (2/3)

Key points of Yakman's papers (next sheet)

- STEAM is a way to teach how all things relate to each other, in school and in life. It's **more fun** than traditional learning styles and makes more sense to all types of learners because it is based on the natural ways that people learn and are **interested** in things.
- Develop deeper understanding of content, process, and characteristics of science through '**Creative Design**' and '**Emotional Learning**'.
- Students need a literacy of a breadth of the primary disciplines which would include an ability to transfer knowledge with **higher order thinking between disciplines**, or to use my term, students need to obtain a *functional literacy*.
- "the easier it is to engage other subjects, due to factors like **common language**, the easier it is for students to realize how to apply knowledge from one curriculum to another." (Huber & Morrale, 2002, p. 2).

Question

- Is Art only an assistant roll for learning science? (Visualization of Idea)

4. STEAM/ Visualization (3/3)

Yakman's papers

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5. Museum of Art and Modern History (1/3)

Example Movie



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5. Museum of Art and Modern History (2/3)

- Collaboration platform for finding cross-disciplinary relations between Paintings, Architecture, Literature, Music, Invention of Science & Technology, Social events, etc. in modern history.
- Arrange panels of major Art works and events in 3D space. Altitude of panels are corresponding with their published years.
- Motivation: Finding synchronicity of birthday of Einstein (1879-1955), Picasso (1881-1973) and Stravinsky (1882-1971) who are initiator of strange physics, paintings and music.

5. Museum of Art and Modern History

(3/3)

- Jun Takamoto developed above idea and introduced second axis in addition with altitude/ year axis.
- Second axis shows;
 - **“Renaissance and Classicism”** vs. **“Mannerism and Baroque”** (by Heinrich Wölfflin and Gustav René Hocke)
 - **“Geometric, planar, static and less-diversified Art”** vs. **“Non-geometric, Stereoscopic, dynamic and diversified Art ”**
 - **“Agricultural culture”** vs. **“Hunting culture”**
 - **“Logical Art”** vs. **“Emotional Art”**
 - **“Symbolic/ deformed (Feature extraction)”** vs. **“Photo realistic”**
 - **“Sophisticated expression”** vs. **“Excessive expression”**

6. Strategy of cross-disciplinary collaboration (platform for open science)

Each discipline side;

- Release data and achievements in **common language** (including visualization).
- Structuralize achievements based on each community's discipline

Data portal side;

- Develop data portal as a collaboration platform which data are structuralized and documented in common language.
- Provide the platform for developing **new-discipline** through cross-disciplinary collaboration

Thank you!