

"Fostering an Online Learning Community for the Development of Student Digital Portfolios"

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Preamble

This presentation is a product of my research and study for an MA in Educational Technology Leadership through the George Washington University, Washington DC. In my position at the International School Dhaka as Educational Technology Coordinator for the Secondary School I have been able to implement a unit of work that uses technology as a tool to develop a pedagogically different approach to delivering curriculum, constructing knowledge and contributing as a member of a class while working on an individual project.

Presentation Focus:

- Student Digital Portfolio development
- Online learning community
- Technologies for interaction and publication: weblogs and blogging

Grade 9 students at the International School Dhaka have created digital portfolios using a weblog as a publishing medium and as a process journal for their project development. They have also collaborated in an online learning community to interact beyond the face-to-face teaching environment and complete certain required tasks.

The use of an asynchronous learning network provides anytime, anywhere learning and, in conjunction with developed courses aims at moving the student from an isolated learner to a member of a learning community.

Digital portfolio curriculum and online learning community

- Portal http://lindsayonline.net/Portfolio/student_portfolio.htm
This provides a jumping point into the curriculum weblog and to other vital parts of the project, including resources and access to student blogs and portfolio showcase
- Digital Portfolio Weblog <http://www.schoolblogs.com/isdweblog/>
This is where the unit of work is delivered and provides a discussion forum for interactive collaboration while the students are completing assignments and preparing their digital portfolios
- International School Dhaka Weblogs
<http://www.isdweblogs.org>
ISD weblogs have developed in response to the need for an online publishing medium for staff and students. As well as grade 9 digital portfolios other curricular and extra curricular areas are now represented.