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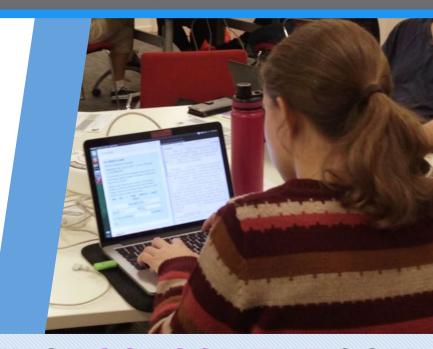
Thinking differently about assessment with digital technology

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A key motivation - The gap

Real world of work



World Economic Forum - How will digital change your working world. https://agenda.weforum.org/wp-content/uploads/rtr2m8vm1-628x330.jpg

Many assessments



Exams at Monash Caufield in 2015 (mathew.hilier[at]monash.edu) 70,000 student university.

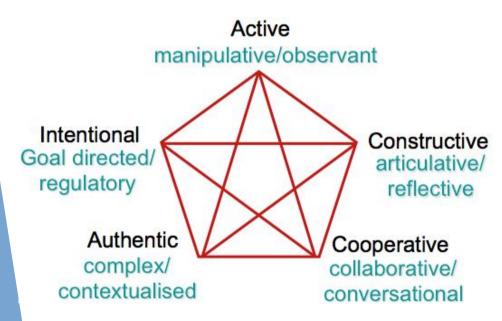
We are faced with a growing disconnect between the way *assessment* is conducted using pen on paper tests and students' everyday experiences of study, work and life ~ let alone their future!



Pedagogical aspirations

Meaningful

Meaningful learning is:



Authentic

Authentic learning involves:

- 1. Authentic context
- Authentic activities
- 3. Expert performance
- 4. Multiple roles and perspectives
- 5. Reflection
- 6. Collaboration
- 7. Articulation
- 8. Coaching and scaffolding
- 9. Integrated authentic assessment
- 10. Professional learning

(Herrington & Kervin, 2007)

(Jonassen et al, 2008)

A key idea: technology as an enabler

Redefinition

Technology allows for the creation of new tasks previously inconceivable

Modification

Technology allows for significant task redesign

Augmentation

Technology acts as a direct tool substitute with some functional improvement

Substitution

Technology acts as a direct tool substitute with no functional improvement

Transformation

The affordances (features and capabilities) of technologies is important. Technology must enable the transformation of assessment towards desired pedagogical aspirations - choose carefully!

SAMR Model

Substitution
Augmentation
Modification
Redefinition
(Puentedura, 2006)

Cart and Horse or Horse and Cart

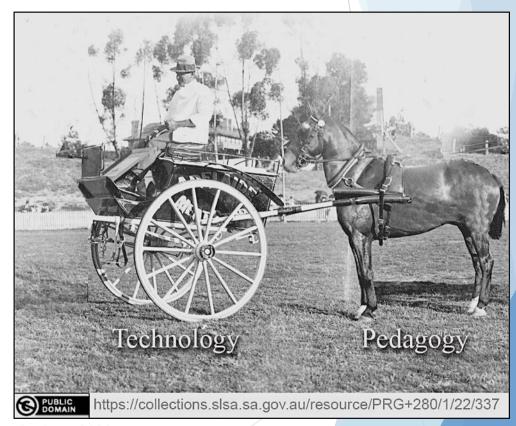
Consider your discipline content (CK)

Ask how you want to achieve learning (PK)

Look for the tools to help (TK)

Teachers need TPACK (technological, pedagogical and content knowledge).

Koehler & Mishra (2005)



Sankey (2020). https://michaelsankey.com/2020/05/22/putting-the-pedagogic-horse-in-front-of-the-technology-cart/

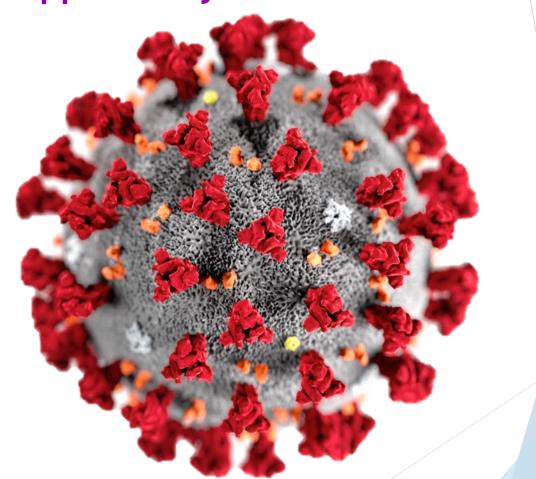
Which tool for what?

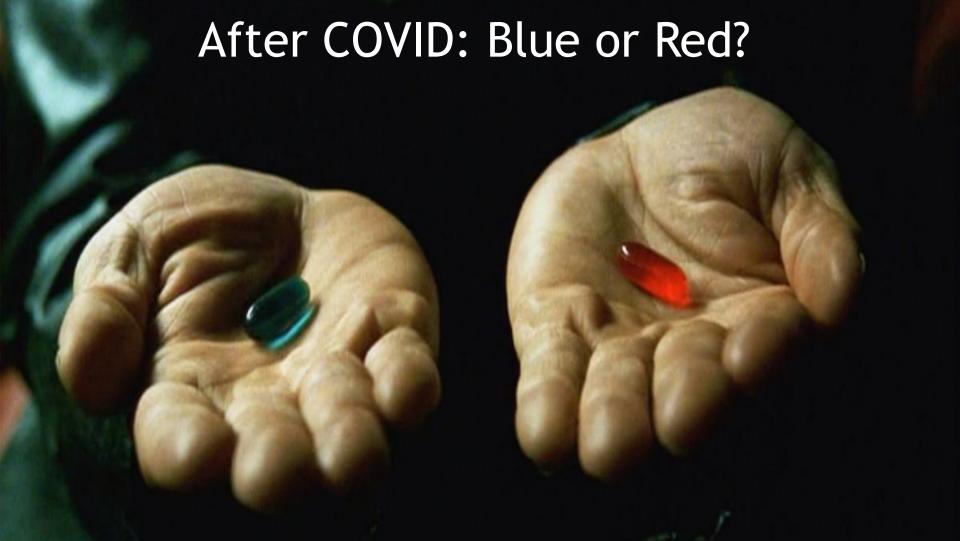
Be informed - tools and their affordances*.

Blog	Wiki	Forum	Portfolio
Individual work. Publishing of work. Reflective writing. Seeking external opinions and comments. Analytical writing and reflection. Discussion with experts and networking.	Collaborative work. Peer editing of a document e.g. report, essay, paper, textbook. Creating glossary of terms or collection of resources e.g. bibliography, reading list. Brainstorming for a project. Shared knowledge base on a topic.	Communicative work. Online asynchronous tutorials. Analytical writing and reflection. Exploration of views and opinions on a topic or idea. Student feedback. Help facility.	Individual work. Collation of learning evidence. Skills log. Showcase. Capstone.

https://teaching.unsw.edu.au/assessment-blog-wiki-or-forum-which-should-you-use * See Bower (2008).

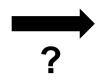
A crisis ... an opportunity.





The choice – migrate or transform?







Blue - safe	Red - brave
Migration*	Transformation*
Efficiency-first assessment.	Authentic-first assessment.
MCQs and text in closed environments	Complex constructed responses in open environments
Consumptive and passive	Productive and interactive
Digital paper - 1.1	Post-paper - 2.0, 3.0
Assessment of learning(?)	Assessment for/as learning

(perspective meets technology choice)

^{*}Allan (2020). Migration and transformation...

⁺ TA Webinar http://transformingassessment.com/events_6_may_2020.php

Good assessment: Three dimensions

Authenticity:

Enabling a *broad pedagogical landscape* for the **assessment of 21**st **Century capabilities**. Go beyond a 'paper' paradigm. Use 'tools of the trade' (word processor, spread sheet, database, math, stats, graphics, multimedia, software dev, simulations, CAD, discipline tools). Flexible for blended and online contexts. Data open for analytics -> integration.

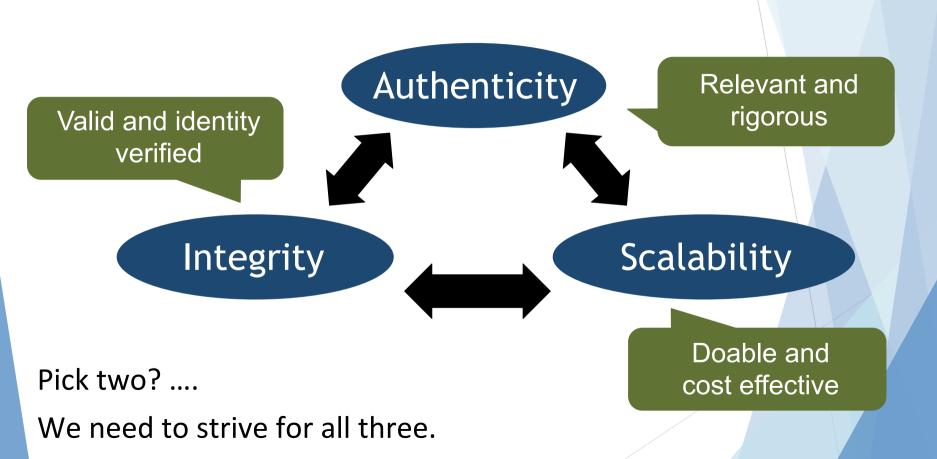
Scalability:

Practical, doable, cost effective. Mix constructed and process problems as well as some computer marked response types. Large scale equipment provision and access ≈ BYOD. Reliable ≠ networks!? = must be robust. Complexity = work! ~ Must use technologies appropriately and efficiently ~ design the logistics.

Integrity:

Valid assessments. Secured. Academic integrity: education, awareness, opportunity are factors. Identify verified, resource access known/expected. Design to the conditions. Activity and identity logging can help. Anti-cheating ≥ paper. Continuous improvement.

Good assessment: Three dimensions -Trade off?



Digital assessment in different contexts

Online or offline, on campus or at home...

Online (net)

- Space issues for institutions.
- Improved control (systems and spaces).
- Equipment: need computer labs to cater for 2000 at once or BYO laptops.
- Most secure: live IT monitoring/control, spaces are supervised.
- Needs reliable network (single point of failure).
- Space issues for institutions.
- Moderate improvements in control.
- Equipment: need computer labs to cater for 2000 at once or BYO laptops.
- More secure: IT control possible, spaces are supervised.
- Network reliability not an issue.

- No space issue for institutions.
- Less scope for control.
- Equipment: Students supply equipment.
- Less secure: IT monitoring, but wider spaces are unsupervised.
- Needs reliable network (equity implication).
- No space issue for institutions.
- Least control.
- Equipment: Students supply equipment.
- Not secure: no useful monitoring/essentially unsupervised (on trust basis).
- Network reliability not an issue.

Offline

On campus (controlled spaces)

Distance (at home)

Assessment Integrity v Authenticity: Exams

Integrity

High (Supervised)

Pen-on-paper exams / MCQs tend to be relatively artificial, based on recall of facts. Limited opportunity for richer, more complex forms of problem solving. No access to modern tools of the trade.

Ghost writing/out sourcing is limited due to invigilation.

Digital Exams can allow for complex problems, that require students to use 'e-tools of the trade' to construct solutions. It can include many characteristics of an assignment.

Ghost writing/out sourcing can be limited if invigilation and system monitoring is used.

Take home exam unsupervised, when written in the style of traditional exams can suffer from poor levels of authenticity.

Ghost writing/out sourcing is a threat.

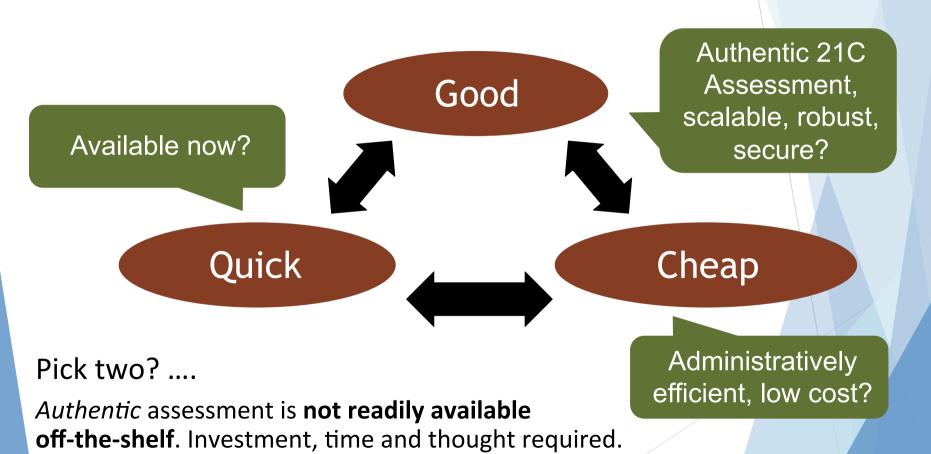
Unsupervised assignments and projects, highly complex, problems can be set where students construct a response using tools of the trade. Ghost writing/out sourcing is a threat.

Low (Unsupervised)

Authenticity -> Low

High

Implementing digital assessment



Audience Question:

What would authentic assessment ideally look like in your discipline area?

You may want to type comments into the Q&A box;-)

Interactive online oral assessment (Griffith uni)



- Scenarios: defence of work done, job interview, media interview, presentation to board, report to management, shareholders meeting, pitch to client, response to crisis, presentation of artefact, questions on content.
- Booking tool + online conferencing software (recorded for moderation/audit).
- Tutor teams used as interviewers/examiners.

CHARACTERISTICS Scaffolding Aligned to and Support based Program Outcomes and Equitable Focused Student Engagement Employability Academic Integrity **KEY OBJECTIVES**

Sotiriadou, Logan, Daly & Guest (2019).

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Virtual work integrated learning (U Western Australia)

Example: Engineering education -

Simulated scenario on self-management in the workplace

Students complete authentic engineering projects:

Using a virtual environment that simulates a work site,

Receive feedback from industry-based engineers and

Self and peer reflection.

Online access real or simulated sites or equipment, and/or practitioners.

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Assessing Discussion Forums (UNSW)

Teacher presence is key – re Salmon (2000) Five stages + Community of enquiry model (Garrison et al. 1999)

Example assessment activities:

Small group reports to the whole class

Reflect on discussion

Role play discussion

Student lead or moderate (see side bar)

Case studies and scenarios

Current events

Retrospective commentary on learning

Aim to build interaction.

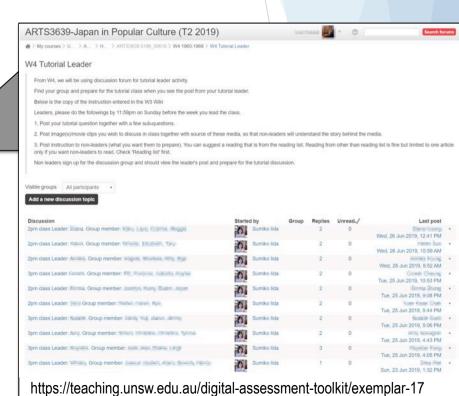
Focus on quality rather than quantity of posts.

Rubrics available - examples

https://teaching.unsw.edu.au/assessing-discussion-board

UNSW Digital Assessment Toolkit (more examples)

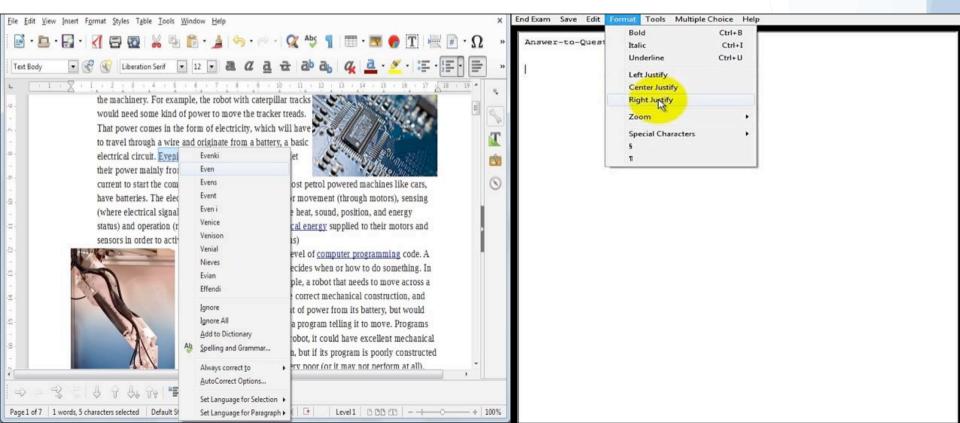
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Tools of the trade - Writing Tools

Authentic

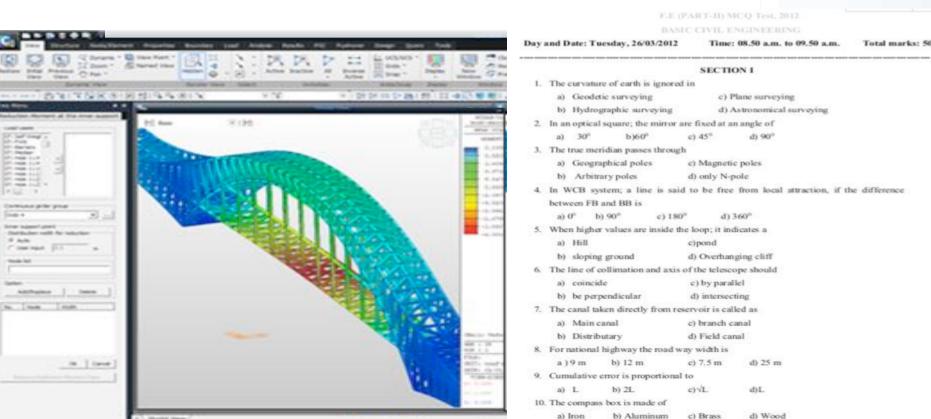
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Tools of the trade - Engineering Problem Solving

Authentic

Not

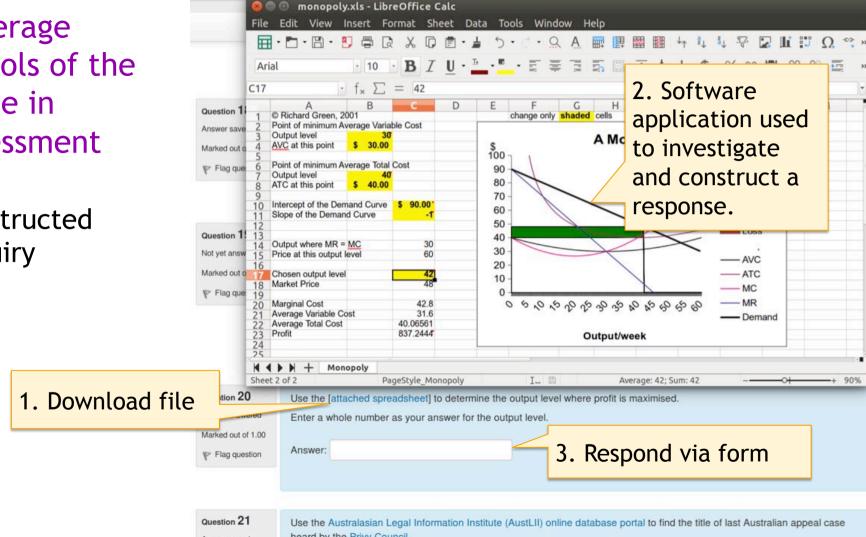


From paper-equivalent to post-paper



Leverage e-tools of the trade in assessment

Constructed enquiry



Leverage e-tools of the trade in assessment

1. Question prompt and direction to use software

Maximum size for new files: Unlimited

Question 26

Scratch will be required for this question.

Marked out of 1.00

To open this application, click on the circular icon on the top left of the screen, and then type 'scratch' into the search box that appears.

Using the default Scratch program, make the Cat sprite run in circles and 'meow' when it touches the sides.

When done, save the file to the answers drive using your name as the file name.

- 1. Provide a one or two sentence summary of the commands you used in your response in the text box below.
- 2. Then attach your scratch program file to this question.



Constructed response (file upload)

2. Use software application to construct a response.

3. Respond by file upload

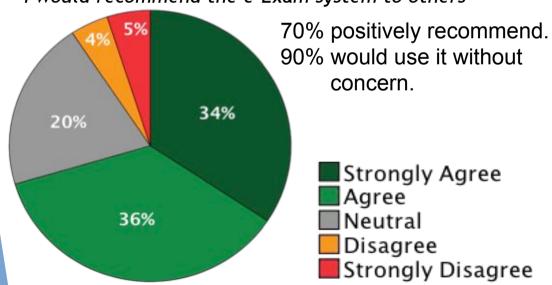
example.sb2

Student voice: BYOD e-Exam research overview

Exams	Typists	Pen	Weight	Minutes
Sum	1750	1309	~	4145
Mean	40	37	32%	106
Smallest	1	~	5%	15
Largest	166	~	50%	180

The big picture (typists):

"I would recommend the e-Exam system to others"



	Trial year			
Institution	2016	2017	2018	Total
CQU		2	1	3
ECU		2		2
Monash	3	9	6	14
MQU		1		1
UniSA		1	1	2
UNSW-ADFA		1	e e	1
UQ		2	2	4
UTAS	2	1	1	4
Total	4	16	11	31

The comments were received from 3000 participant pre and post exam surveys.

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UNSW Digital Assessment Toolkit (examples) https://teaching.unsw.edu.au/digital-assessment-toolkit

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For special invitees ~ See you on Wednesday for the online workshop!







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