



METALS

Masters of Educational Technology
& Applied Learning Science

Learn. Create. Innovate.

Virtual Open House

October 14 @ 10 AM EDT
Applications Due December 9th
<http://metals.hcii.cmu.edu>



Welcome!

- Ken Koedinger, Director
- Michael Bett, Managing Director
- Jo Bodnar, Program Administrator



Extended Welcome from Our Learning Science Faculty



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Why Carnegie Mellon

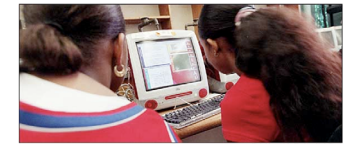
- Where Learning Science began
- Alan Newell and Herb Simon
 - Turing Prize Winners
- Created Logic Theorist - first thinking machine
- Created the fields of
 - AI
 - Cognitive Psychology
 - Learning Science
- EDM – Educational Data Mining



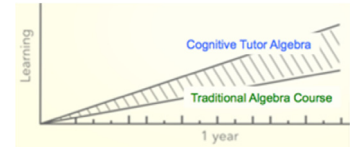
CMU Learning Science is Making a Difference

- Real-world impact of Cognitive Tutors
 - 600K students/year
 - *Doubles achievement!*
 - 2011 sale for ~\$95M
- OLI college courses
 - 30+ open online courses
 - *2x faster & better*

Software Tutors Offer Help and Customized Hints



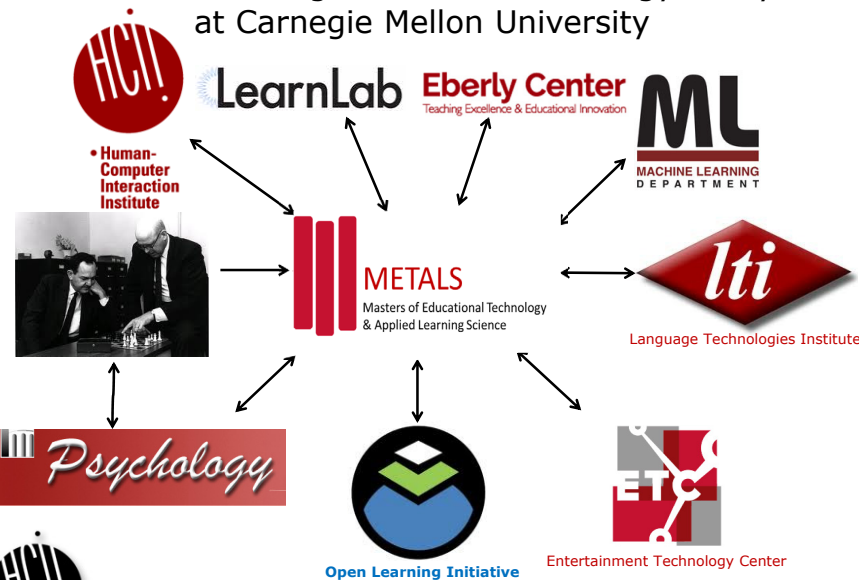
MATH COACH: Rebekah Brown, left, and Isabella Antonetti, students at Middle School 102 in the Bronx, use Cognitive Tutor software to reinforce math skills. The software is designed to give students individualized instruction when personal attention is scarce.



Pane et al. (2013). Effectiveness of Cognitive Tutor Algebra I at Scale. RAND.



Learning Science & Technology Ecosystem at Carnegie Mellon University



Many Spinoffs and Local Startups

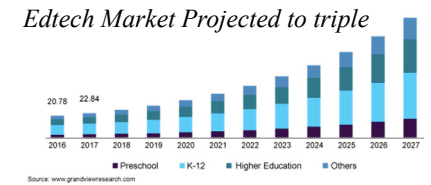


Many Corporate Partners

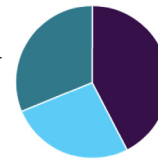


Learning & Training Continues to Boom!!

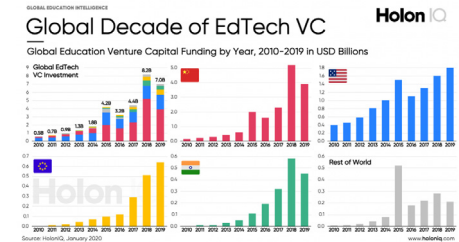
- *New ideas*
- *New technologies*
- *New companies*
- *New careers*



Spending by area



Hardware
Software
Content



Source: www.grandviewresearch.com

The Edcation Market is Huge!

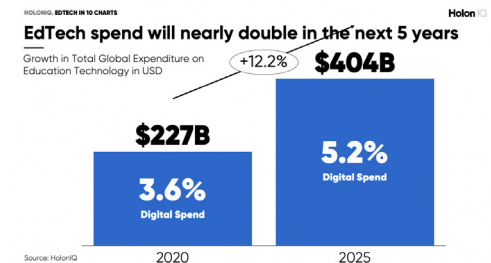
- 1.5 Billion K12 Students**
- 151 Million Post-Secondary Students**
- Education World market: \$6 Trillion*
- EdTech World Market \$227 Billion projected to grow to \$404B by 2025*
- Venture Capital: \$8.2 Billion*

*<https://www.holoniq.com/edtech/10-charts-that-explain-the-global-education-technology-market/>

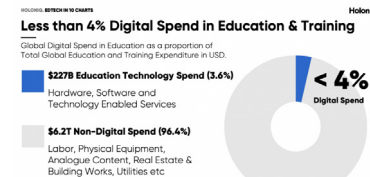
**<http://data.uis.unesco.org/#> (2015 data)

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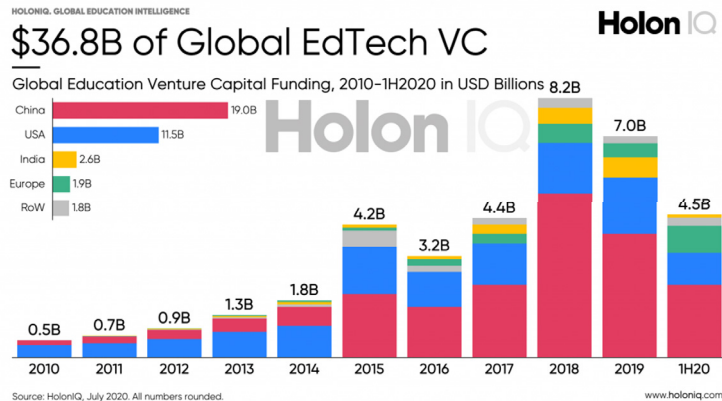
HoloniQ Education is a Digitisation Outsider



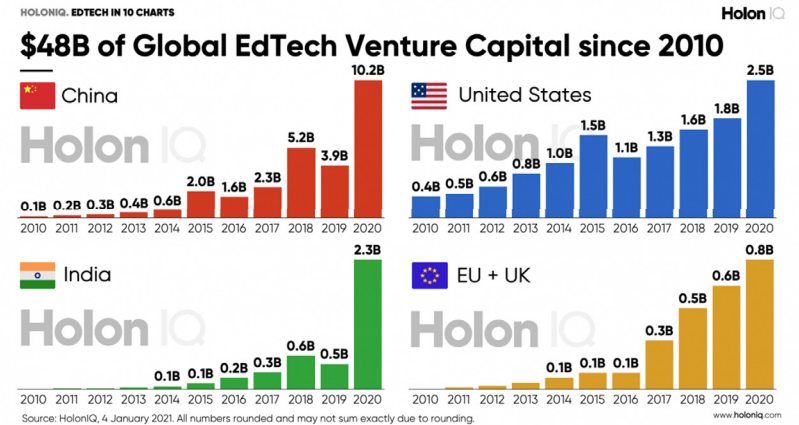
- *Incredible Opportunities*

Source: HoloniQ, January 2021

EdTech Investment Remains High



Venture Capital Growth



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Carnegie Mellon is Unique

- Our Values...
 - Innovative
 - Inspiring
 - Influential
 - Quality
 - Interdisciplinary
 - Business
 - Relevant
 - Impactful
- Our Methods... cutting edge, grounded in theory, drawn from industry
- Our Research... collaborative
- Our Projects... practical and experiential



Major Focus: Capstone Project

- Apply & integrate METALS skills on a two semester-long project
- Be a member of an interdisciplinary teams (4-6 people)
- For an external client
- Learn to interview (CTA), research, write reports & give presentations
- Produce a high fidelity prototype



Learn to Create Evidence-Based Innovations in Learning

Gather Field Data



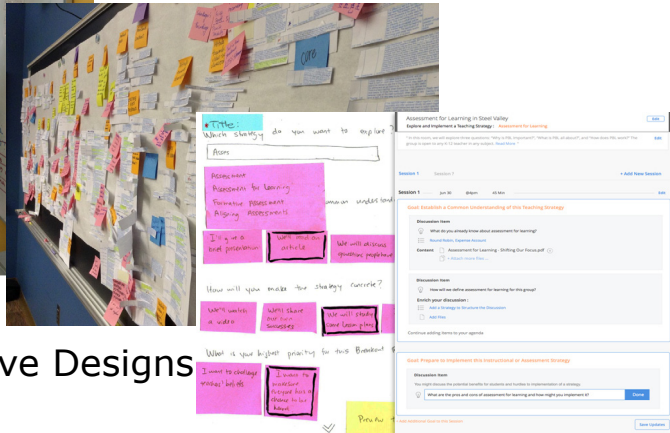
Review Literature



Understand Needs



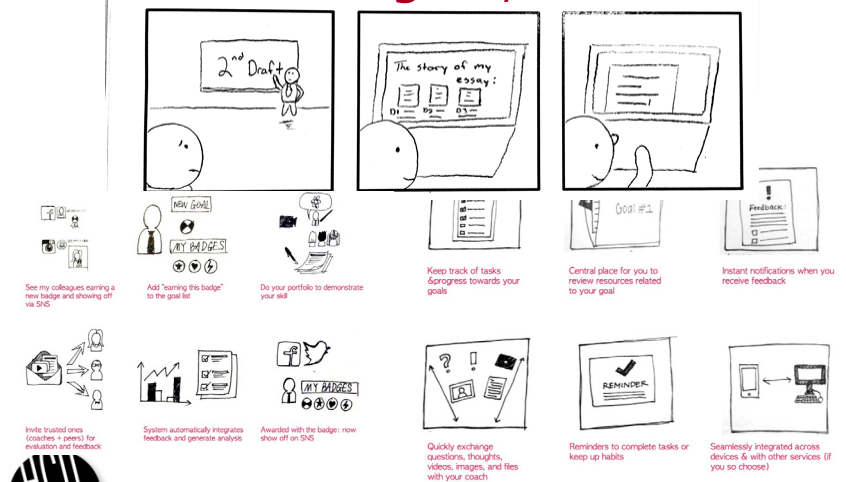
Understand Research



Create Effective Designs



...And design some more. Then do it all over again, but better!



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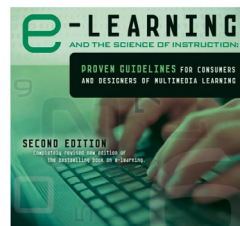
METALS Core Courses

- **E-Learning Design Principles & Methods**
- **Educational Goals, Instruction and Assessment**
- **Interaction Design Overview**
- **Tools for Online Learning**
- **Capstone Project**

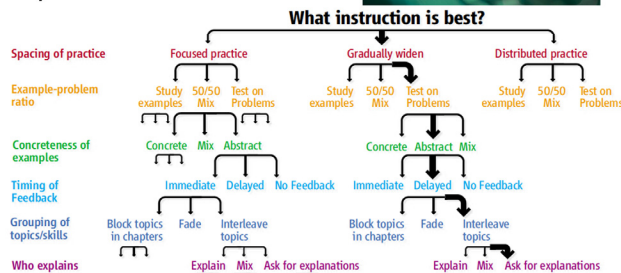


E-Learning Design Principles & Methods

- Gain a *broad understanding* of the field and literature.
- Know when to apply *evidence & theory*
- Learn how to adapt *methods* to specific needs

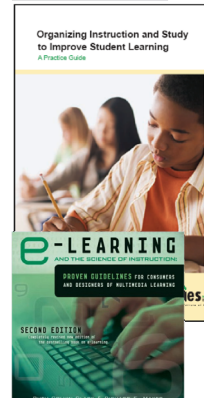
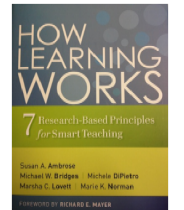


Ken Koedinger
TA: Mimi McLaughlin



Understand the best form of instruction

- More assistance vs. more challenge
 - Basics vs. understanding
 - Education wars in reading, math, science...
- Researchers like binary oppositions too. We just produce a lot more of them!
 - Massed vs. **distributed** (Pashler)
 - Study vs. **test** (Roediger)
 - **Examples** vs. problem solving (Sweller ...)
 - **Direct instruction** vs. discovery learning (Klahr)
 - Re-explain vs. **ask for explanation** (Chi, Renkl)
 - **Immediate** vs. **delayed** (Anderson vs. Bjork)
 - **Concrete** vs. **abstract** (Pavio vs. Kaminski)
 - ...



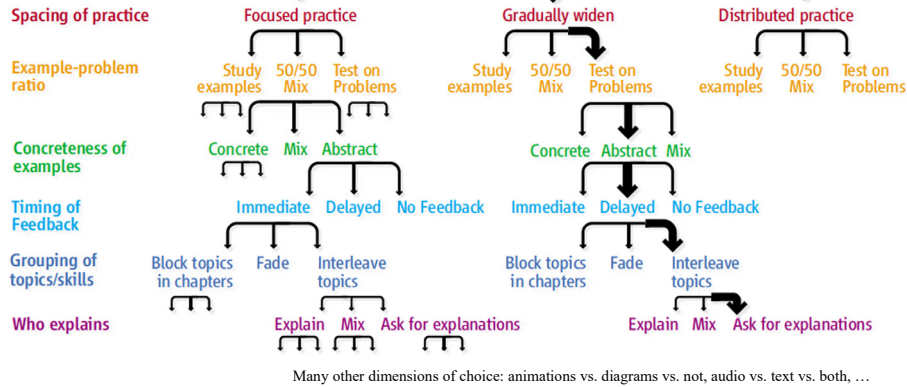
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Instructional Complexity
How many instructional options are there?

More help, *passive* ← → More challenge, *active*

What instruction is best?

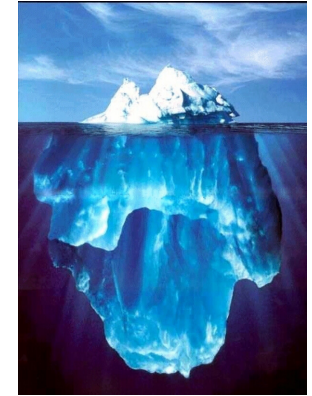


> 3¹⁵*2 = 205 trillion options!

Koedinger, Booth, Klahr (2013). Instructional Complexity and the Science to Constrain It. *Science*.

What instructional choices are best for a particular course?

- Choices depend on a deep understanding of the content
 - A “cognitive model”
- But - do course designers know what they know?



Creating Cognitive Models is not Obvious

Which is hardest for algebra students?

Story Problem

As a waiter, Ted gets \$6 per hour. One night he made \$66 in tips and earned a total of \$81.90. How many hours did Ted work?

Word Problem

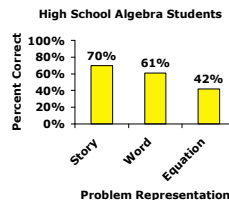
Starting with some number, if I multiply it by 6 and then add 66, I get 81.90. What number did I start with?

Equation

$$x * 6 + 66 = 81.90$$

Math educators say:
story or word is hardest

Equations are hardest for students...



Expert blind spot!

Experts do not know what they know: They are incorrectly think equations are easy for students

Educational Goals, Instruction, and Assessment

Students will learn to use scientifically-based principles & practical strategies for:

- developing learner models & educational goals based on analysis of the knowledge, skills, and dispositions required for understanding and mastery
- aligning the instructional program and its valid assessment with learners and goals
- considering additional aspects of learning environments that may impact implementation and evaluation

Reading, and Seminar Discussion



Figuring Out How this All Works...



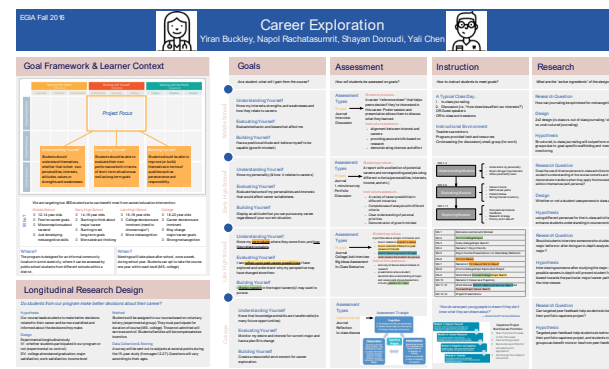
Course Project

Actually
Apply
Course
Big Ideas

1. Context & Initial Resources
2. Anticipated Learner Profile
3. Learning Goal Specification
4. Assessment Design
5. Instructional Design
6. Research Design



Final Presentation & Poster



Career
Exploration

EGIA Fall 2016





Poster Session



Tools For Online Learning

- This course is expected to give you
 - an overview of current educational technology.
 - hands on experience with educational technology used in online learning
- Hands on projects every couple of weeks
- Final project build out a complete course module



Topics Include

- Overview of Educational Technology
- Learning Management Systems
- Accessibility
- Adaptive Learning
- Conversational Agents
- Data-Driven Design and Development
- Online Courseware



Example Elective Courses

Technology

Personalized Online Learning
 Design of Educational Games
 Applied Machine Learning
 Computational Models of Discourse Analysis
 Design & Engineering of Intelligent Information Systems
 Role of Technology in Learning in the 21st Century
 The Big Data Pipeline
 Mobile Service Innovation

Learning Science

Cognitive Development
 Human Expertise
 Applications of Cognitive Science
 Research Methods for the Learning Sciences
 Role of Technology in Learning in the 21st Century
 Scientific Research in Education
 Learning Analytics and Educational Data Science

Design

Human Factors
 Stats: Experimental Design for Behavioral and Social Sciences
 Design of Educational Games
 Service Design Social Perspectives in HCI
 Computer Science Perspectives In HCI
 Research Methods in Human Centered Design
 Learning Media Design
 Learner Experience Design



General Electives Continued

- Crowd Programming
 - Entrepreneurship
 - Designing for Service
 - Web Accessibility
 - Gadgets, Sensors and Activity Recognition in HCI
 - Machine Learning Text Mining
 - Advanced Web Design
 - Designing Human Centered Software
 - Social Perspectives in HCI
 - Language and Statistics
 - Decision Making Under Uncertainty
- >100 others in other part of the university, if approved
 - Business, CFA, H&SS, CS, Robotics, Entertainment Technologies



We want students who are:

- Passionate about using technology to develop better learning outcomes
- With a wide variety of backgrounds including:
 - computer science
 - design
 - psychology
 - education



On the Philosophy...

- METALS education provides students
 - Skills to engineer & implement innovative & effective educational solutions
 - Real-world project-based experience
 - Team management
- You will learn about all of software development, psychology, & design
 - You will not become an expert in all in 1 year
 - You will learn to communicate with specialists in other areas



What You Will Be Able to Do After METALS? Part 1

- Design, develop, & implement *innovative, effective, & desirable* educational solutions
- *Innovative*
 - Use state-of-the-art technologies
 - AI, machine learning, language technologies, intelligent tutoring systems, mixed reality, ...
- *Effective*
 - Apply cognitive & social psychology principles to instructional design, analysis, & redesign
 - Design & evaluate using cognitive task analysis, data mining, statistics, experimentation



What You Will Be Able to Do After METALS? Part 2

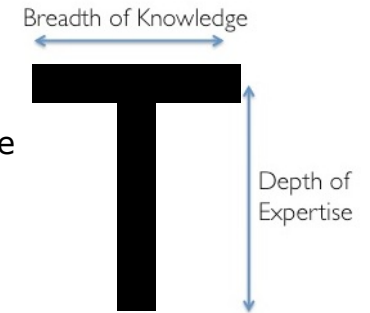
- *Desirable*
 - Design skills to enhance learning *and* enjoyment
- *Innovative*: Analytic, psychometric & educational data mining skills
- *Putting it together*: Develop continual improvement programs that employ experiments & analytics to reliably identify best practices & opportunities for change



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Gain Breadth & Expertise

- You may already possess expertise in some of these areas, but not in all.
- METALS will
 - Deepen your prior expertise
 - Broaden your knowledge in new areas



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Finances

- 2021-2022
 - 3 Semesters (4 semester option available)
 - \$23,855 per semester
 - ~\$27,000 for living expenses
 - \$100,000 commitment (for 3 semester option)
- 2022-2023 Tuition Not Set
- Currently offering small merit-based tuition assistance (\$1000 - \$5000/semester)
 - Not guaranteed
 - If you are skilled & passionate, let us know!
- Scholarships – see METALS FAQ page
 - BiPOC and BLM scholarships (GEM) information



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 - <https://applygrad.cs.cmu.edu/apply/index.php?domain=1>
- Applications Due December 9th
- Applications Must Demonstrate
 - Your interest in EdTech and/or Learning Science
 - Past relevant experience/training
 - Plans after you graduate
- GRE optional but strongly encouraged/preferred
 - Expected 165 Quantitative, 160 Verbal
 - But we look at the entire application...
- English Proficiency is required!
 - TOEFL
 - 25 or better in 3 out of 4 sections and
 - 23 or better in speaking
 - DuoLingo English Test is an option
 - IELTS



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Questions?

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