

# Learn2Analyse: an Industry and Academia Knowledge Alliance on Educational Data Analytics

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# **The Changing Landscape of Higher Education & Professional Development**

# The Changing Landscape of Higher Education

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Higher Education Institutions around the world are challenged with *incremental* or *disruptive transformations* to the way that individuals, groups and organizations “*learn*” and the way to “*assess*” learning in 21st Century

**Objectives:** From acquiring new “*knowledge*” to develop new and relevant “*competences*” and build individual “*identities*”

**Methods:** From “*classroom*” based teaching to “*context-aware*” personalized learning

**Assessment:** From “*life-long*” degrees and certifications to “*on-demand*” and “*in-context*” accreditation of qualifications

# **The Role of Digital Technologies**

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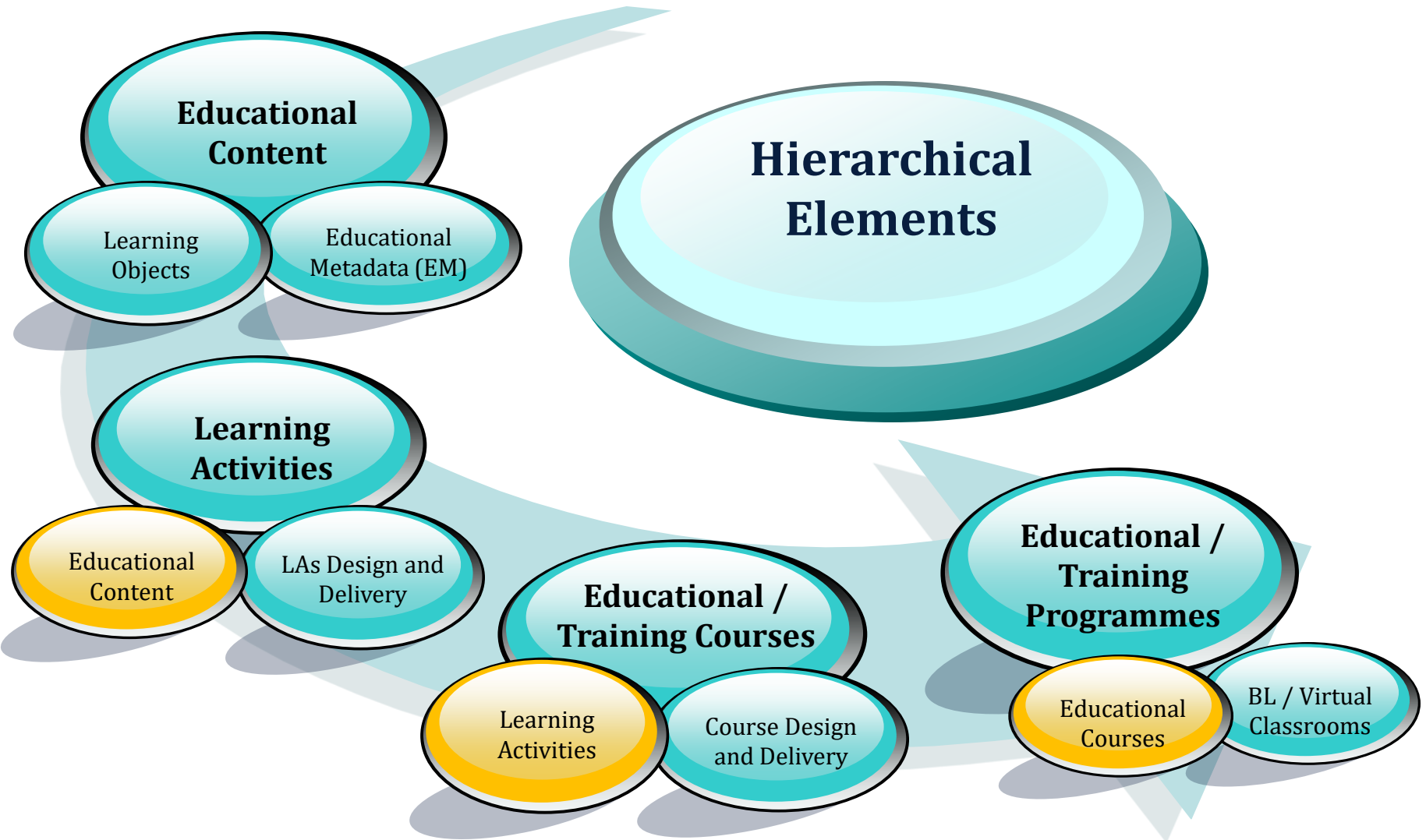
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- **enabler** for incremental or disruptive **transformations**
- **supports** higher education institutions complexity **leadership**
- **allows** for **innovative** experiences, processes, products, services, that would not be possible without the use of digital technologies

*through exploiting data-driven approaches based on evidence and data collected from the otherwise “black boxes”*

**Methods and Tools**  
for  
**Open Access**  
to  
**Educational Resources and**  
**Practices**

# A Hierarchical Framework for Open Access to Learning and Education



As teachers, **how much** do we  
know about our ***students?***

- do they *understand?*

- are they *bored?*

- are they *distracted?*



we know *quite a lot*

**when**

we *interact* with them *daily*

in the *classroom* or in the *lab*.

And yet:

we would like to be able to

**discover more** and

**personalise** our teaching for

**each** one of our students

But then what happens when

**Teaching and Learning** moves

- From the **Physical Classroom** to the

**Online Virtual Space** (the Web)

- From the **Small Groups** of Students

to the **Massive Audiences** of a

MOOC

How much do we know about  
our **Online Students** in a  
**Massive Online Open**  
**Course?**

# Educational Organisations and Teachers

are challenged to

**Personalise** Teaching and Learning:

- *Learning Experiences*
- *Guidance & Feedback*
- *Recognition of Achievements*

for **each** Individual Student.

This is already **hard to achieve**  
in Physical Classrooms  
with a limited number of Students,  
in an **effective way**  
(“*differentiate instruction*”)

It seems

**impossible**

to do

**Online** and **At Large Scale**

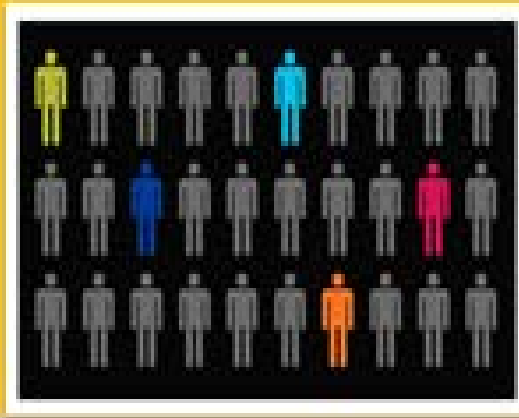
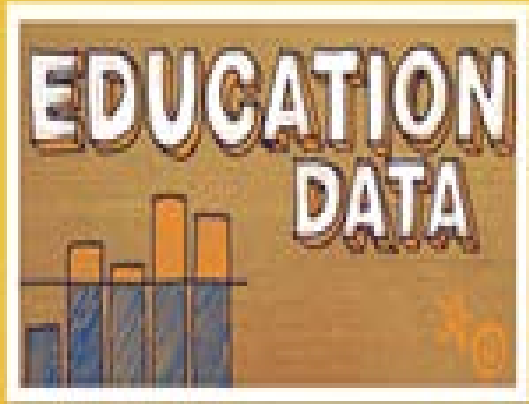
**Or Is It Not?**



Can

**Digital Technologies**

help?



# Data-driven Decision Making

the systematic collection, analysis, examination, and interpretation of **data** to report, evaluate and improve the **processes** and **outcomes** at various level of education, teaching & learning, assessment to inform **practice** and **policy** in educational settings



DATA



KNOWLEDGE



ACTION

# Educational Data

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Collected and organised to represent all aspects of teaching and learning, including

**Profiling** and **Interaction** Data

**Students, Teachers, Learning Environment**

derived from

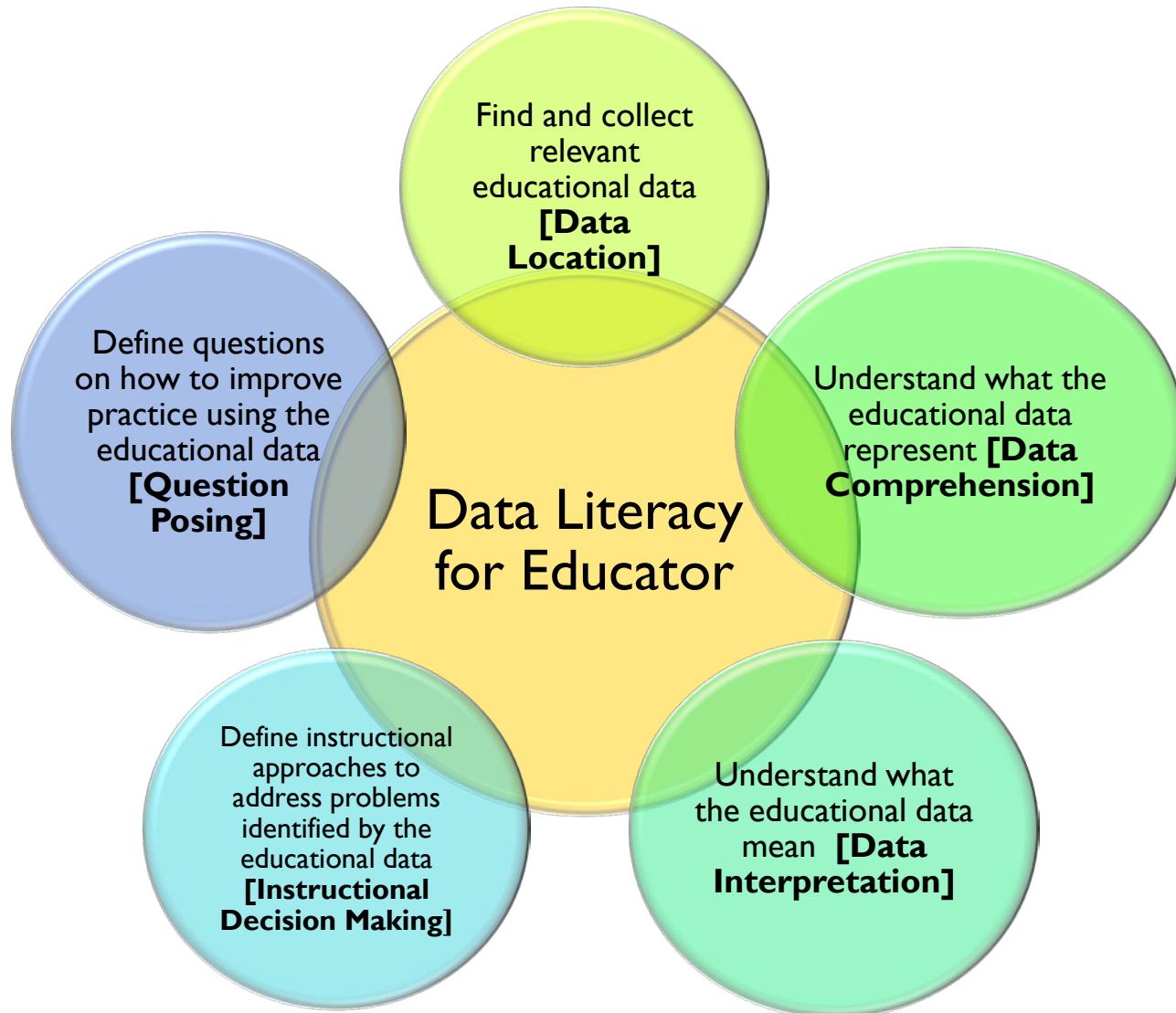
qualitative and quantitative methods

# Data Literacy for Educators (1/2)

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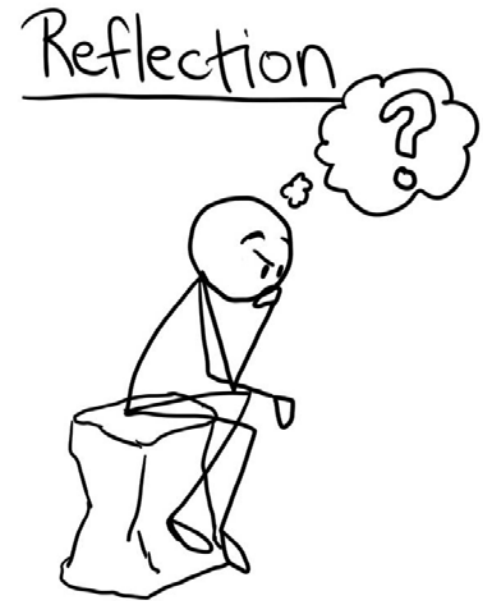
- the ability to understand and use data effectively to inform decisions
- a competence set to locate, collect, analyze/understand, interpret, and act upon Educational Data from different sources so as to support improvement of the teaching, learning and assessment process

# Data Literacy for Educators (2/2)



# Reflective Practice

“[A process that] involves *thinking about* and *critically analyzing* one's actions with the goal of *improving* one's *professional practice*”



# Types of Reflective practice

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## Reflection-In-Action

Takes place while the practice is executed and the practitioner reacts **on-the-fly**

## Reflection-On-Action

Takes a more **systematic** approach in which practitioners intentionally **review, analyse** and **evaluate** their practice after it has been performed, documenting the process and results

**Teaching and Learning Analytics** mainly support  
Reflection

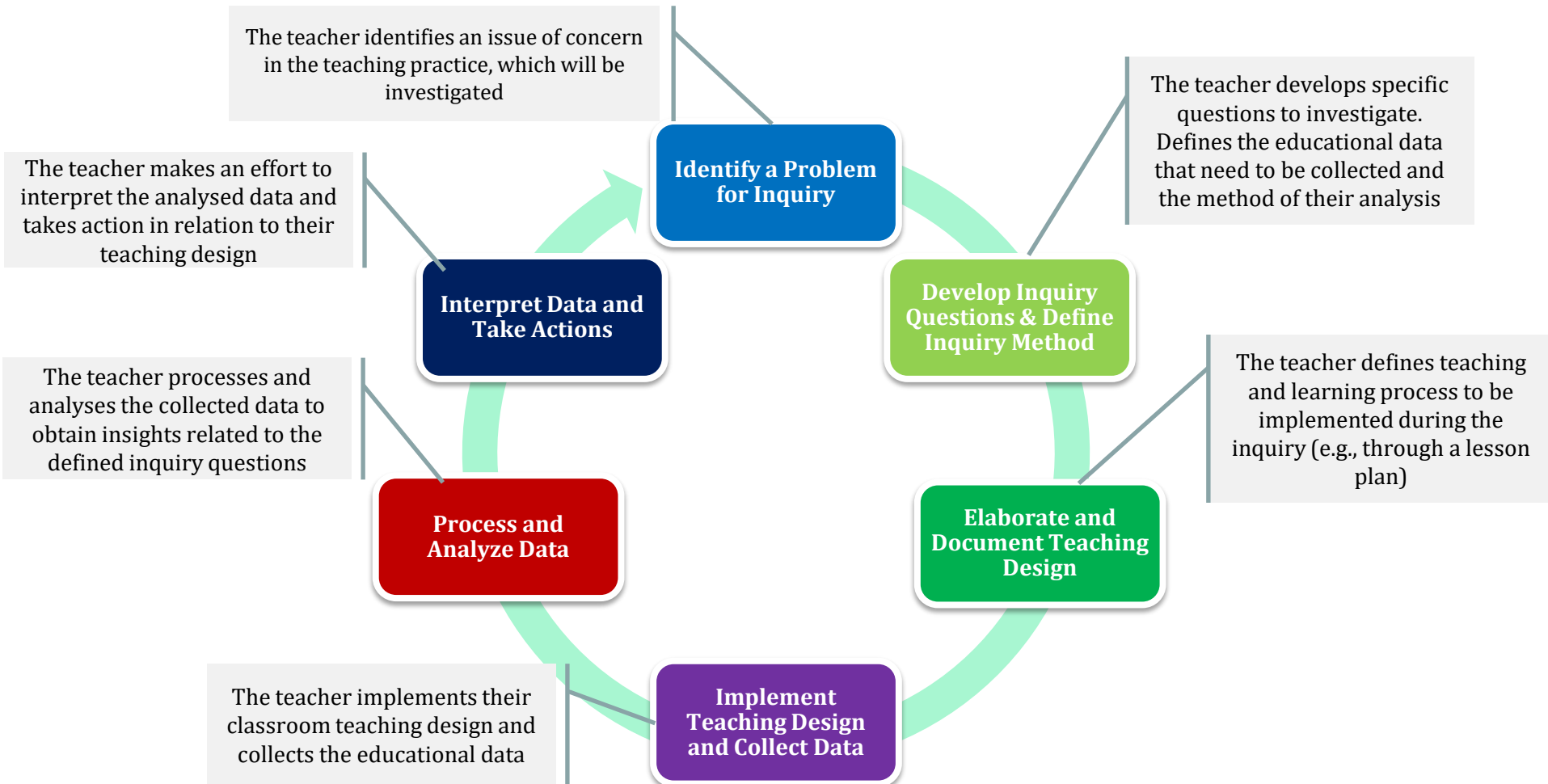


# Teacher Inquiry (1/2)

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- “[a process] that is conducted by teachers, individually or collaboratively, with the primary aim of understanding teaching and learning in context”
- The main goal of teacher inquiry is to improve the learning conditions for students

# Teacher Inquiry (2/2)



# Educational Data Analytics Technologies

## Teaching Analytics

methods and digital tools to visualize, analyze, and/or assess **teaching practice**

## Learning Analytics

methods and digital tools to collect, analyze and report student-related educational data towards monitoring the **learning process**

## Teaching & Learning Analytics

to support the process of **reflective practice**: facilitating teachers to reflect on their teaching design using evidence from the actual delivery to their students

# Teaching Analytics: Analyse Teaching Design

## for self-reflection and improvement

- Visualize the **elements** of a lesson plan
- Visualize the alignment of a lesson plan to **educational objectives / standards**
- Validates whether a lesson plan has potential **inconsistencies** in its design

## through sharing with peers or mentors to receive feedback

- Support the process of **sharing** a lesson plan with **peers or mentors**, allowing them to provide **feedback** through comments and annotations

## through co-designing and co-reflecting with peers

- Allow **peers** to **jointly analyze and annotate** a common teaching design in order to allow for co-reflection

# Learning Analytics

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- Collection of learner data during the delivery of a teaching design (e.g., a lesson plan) to **build/update individual student profiles**.
- **Types of learner data** typically are “*Dynamic Student Data*”:
  - **Engagement in learning activities**. For example, the progress each learner is making in completing certain learning activities.
  - **Performance in assessment activities**. For example, formative or summative assessment scores.
  - **Interaction with Digital Educational Resources and Tools**, for example which educational resources each learner is viewing/using.
  - **Emotional data**, for example stress, boredom, anxiety.

# Educational Data Analytics

## Descriptive Analytics

**“what has already happened”**: they are related to existing *data summarization*, namely the visualization of ***past data***

## Predictive Analytics

**“what will happen”**: they are related to processing existing data for *pattern elicitation*, so as to make estimations of ***future trends***

## Prescriptive Analytics

**“what should we do”**: they are related to generating decision-support ***recommendations for actions*** to be taken, based on the analysis of existing data

# Teaching and Learning Analytics

Teacher Inquiry Cycle Steps	How TLA can contribute
<b>Identify a Problem to Inquiry</b>	<p><b>Teaching Analytics</b> can be used to capture and analyse the teaching design and help the teacher to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• pinpoint the specific elements of their teaching design that relate to the problem they have identified;</li> <li>• elaborate on their inquiry question by defining explicitly the teaching design elements they will monitor and investigate in their inquiry.</li> </ul>
<b>Develop Inquiry Questions and Define Inquiry Method</b>	
<b>Elaborate and Document Teaching Design</b>	
<b>Implement Teaching Design and Collect Data</b>	<p><b>Learning Analytics</b> can be used to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• collect the learner data that the teacher has defined to answer their question.</li> <li>• analyse and report on the collected data in order to facilitate interpretation.</li> </ul>
<b>Process and Analyse Data</b>	
<b>Interpret Data and Take Actions</b>	<p>The combined use of <b>Teaching and Learning Analytics</b> can be used to map the analysed data to the initial teaching design, answer the inquiry question and generate insights for teaching design revisions.</p>

**Learn2Analyze:**  
An Academia-Industry Knowledge  
Alliance for enhancing  
Online Training Professionals'  
(Instructional Designers and e-  
Trainers)  
Competences in  
Educational Data Analytics



European Commission

**ERASMUS+** Key Action 2

***“Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices - Knowledge Alliances”***

Academia – Industry  
End User Communities

# Learn2Analyze Knowledge Alliance



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*Teaching and  
Learning Analytics*

**Higher  
Education  
Institutions**  
*Curricula for  
Instructional  
Designers / eTrainers*

**eLearning  
Industry**  
*Professional  
Development Programs  
for Instructional Designers  
/ e-Trainers*

**Market**  
*Workplace  
Professional Training*

# Learn2Analyze: The Business Case

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Existing

- **professional competence frameworks**
- **professional development** programs

For

- **instructional designers**, who design and develop online courses
- **e-trainers** , who support the delivery of these online courses.

Almost ignore

- the dimension of **Educational Data Literacy**

Missing out

- the potential of using emerging **Educational Data Analytics** methods and tools in effective online **professional training**

# Learn2Analyze: Project Outcomes

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- **Enhance** existing **competence frameworks** for **instructional designers** and **e-trainers** of online courses with new **Educational Data Literacy** competences for using emerging **Educational Data Analytics** methods and tools.
- **Develop** and **evaluate** a series of professional development **Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)** for cultivating these competences with emphasis to combining theory and practice in the form of authentic work-oriented tasks.

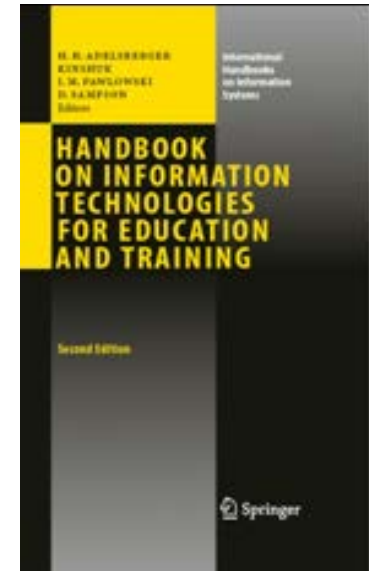
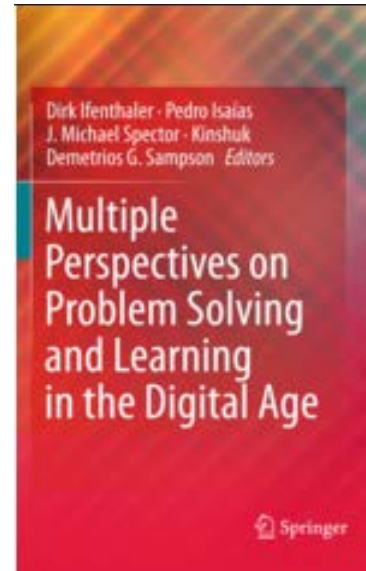
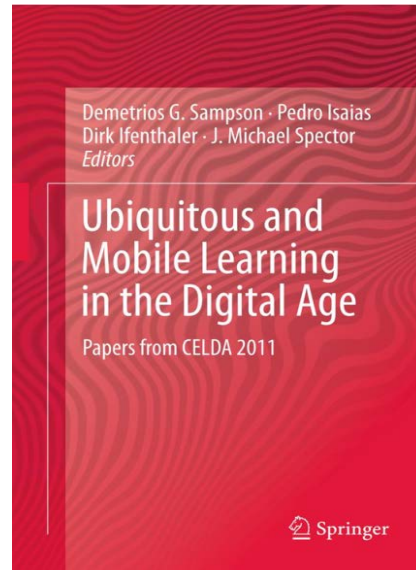
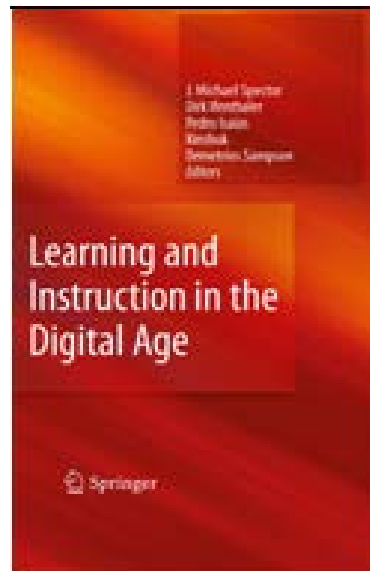
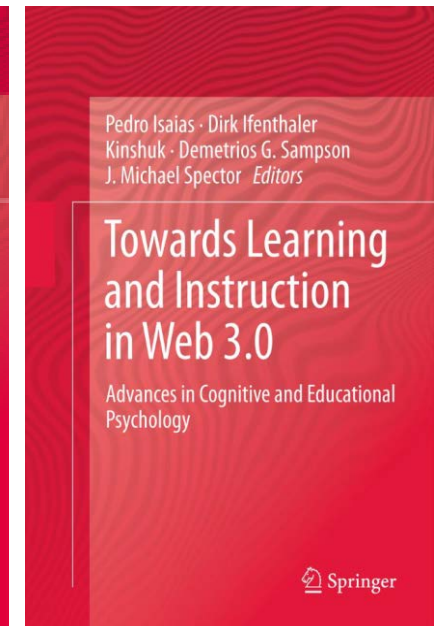
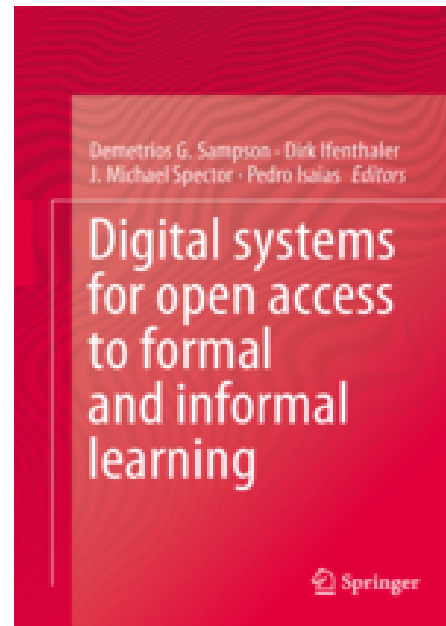
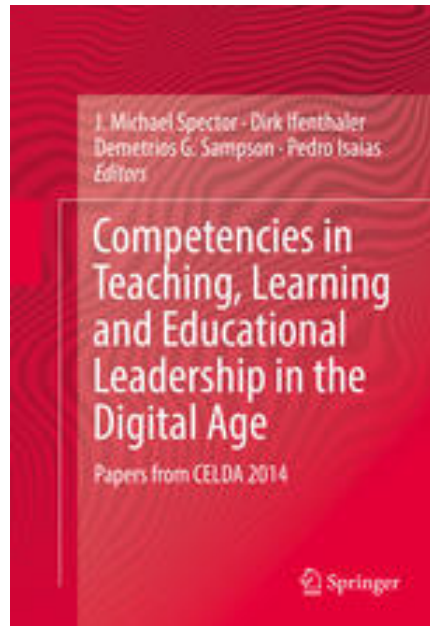
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**edX MOOC, Curtin University**

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