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The Open Learning Initiative

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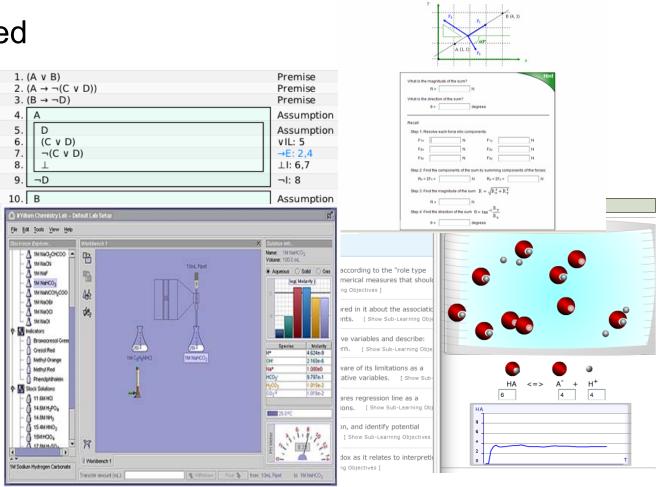
College Leaders Meet With Obama to Discuss Costs and Productivity

What is Carnegie Mellon's Open Learning

Initiative?

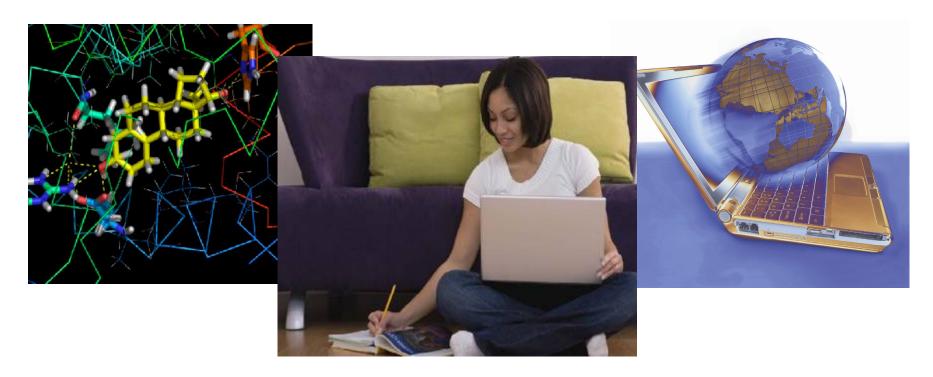
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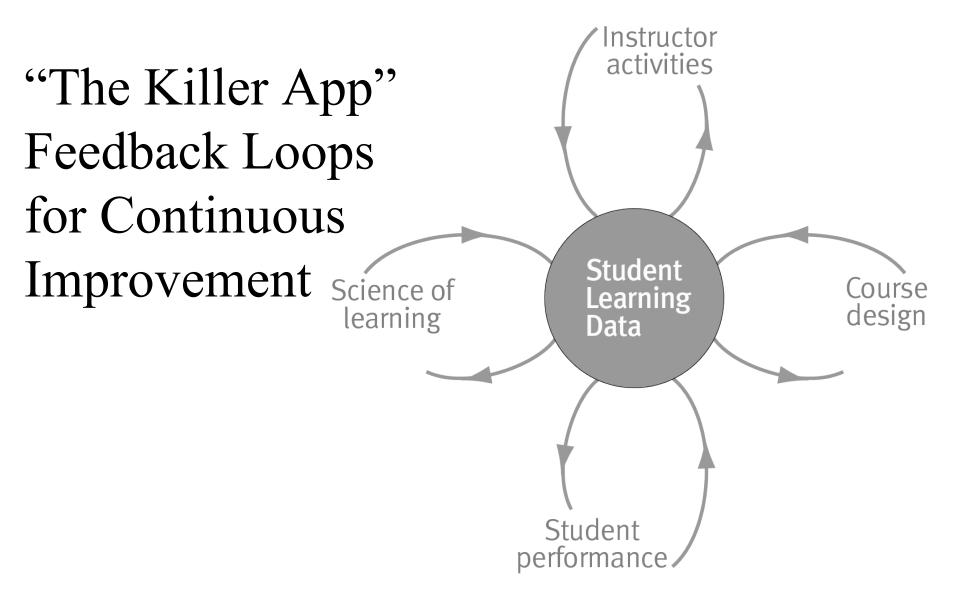
open online
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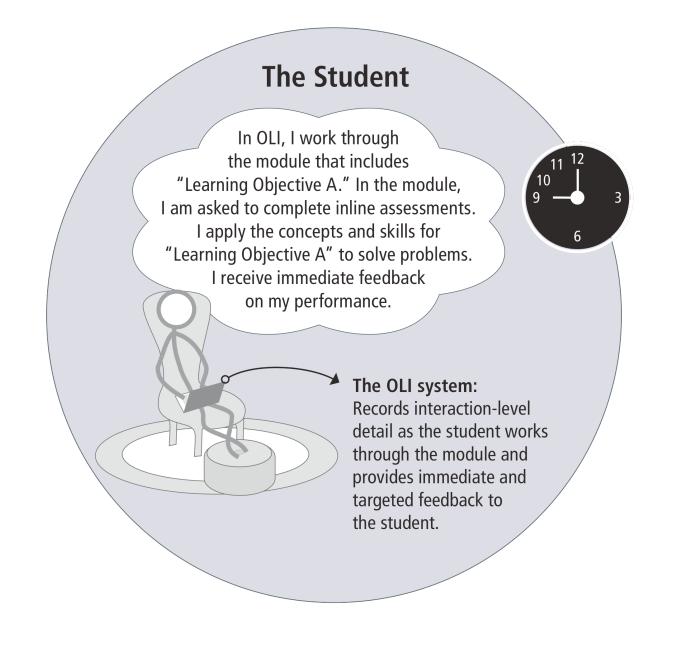


Force F2 has a magnitude of 2N; its line of action is parallel to a 3-4-5 triangle.

What Are the Affordances of the Technology?







Examining Distributions

0 ESTIMATED **Learning Objectives** LEARNING LEVEL Summarize and describe the distribution of a categorical variable in context. [» Show Details...] Generate and interpret several different graphical displays of the distribution of a quantitative variable (histogram, stemplot, boxplot). [» Show Details...] Summarize and describe the distribution of a quantitative variable in context: a) describe the overall pattern, b) describe striking deviations from the pattern. [» Show Details...] Relate measures of center and spread to the shape of the distribution, and choose the appropriate measures in different contexts. [» Show Details...] Compare and contrast distributions (of quantitative data) from two or more groups, and produce a brief summary, interpreting your findings in context. [» Show Details...] Apply the standard deviation rule to the special case of distributions having the "normal" shape. [» Show Details...]

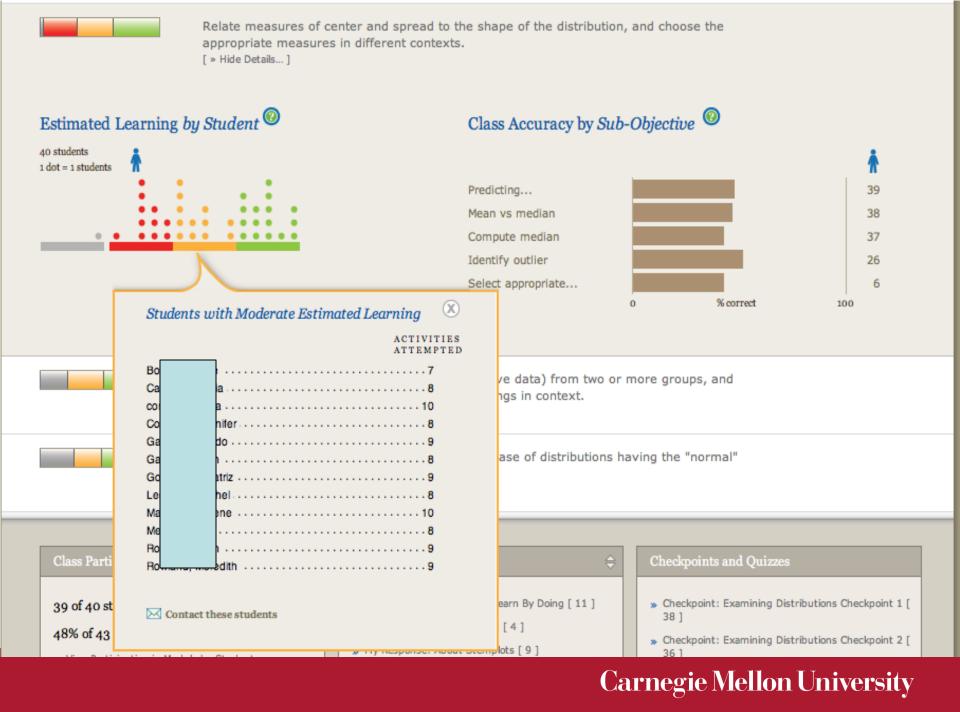




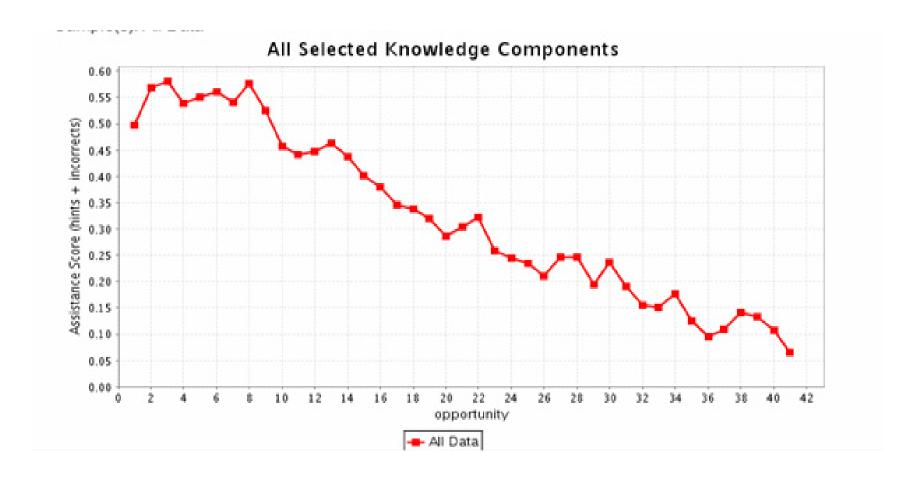
» Checkpoint: Examining Distributions Checkpoint 1 [

Checkpoints and Quizzes

» Checkpoint: Examining Distributions Checkpoint 2 [36]



Learning Curve Analysis

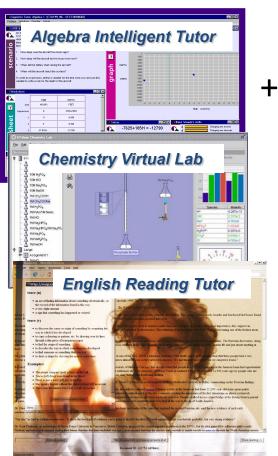


DataShop: Pittsburgh Science of Learning Center

LearnLab: Transforming Education Research

Ed tech

+ wide use = "Basic research at scale"





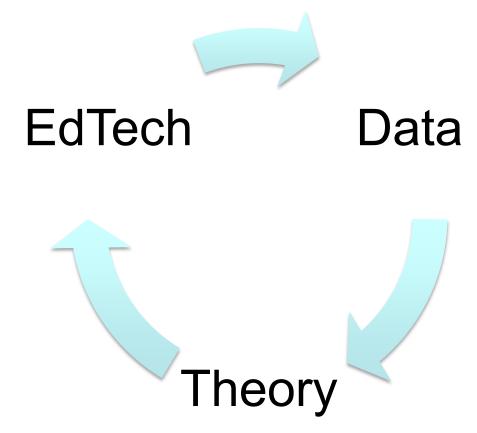


NSF Science of Learning Center

- 10 years, ~\$50 million
- Tech enhanced courses, assessment, & research
- School cooperation for data collection

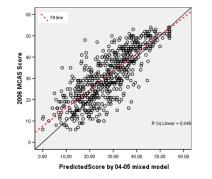


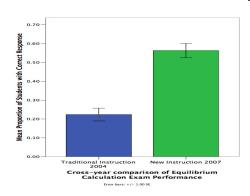
Strategy for Educational Improvement



Better Science & Technology ...

Improves Assessment





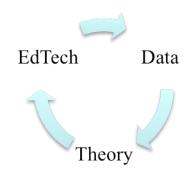
Increases Outcomes &

Accelerates Learning

> 100 hours ~3% learning gain



< 50 hours ~18% learning gain



Produces Virtuous Cycle for Education Improvement

"Improvement in Post Secondary Education will require converting teaching from a 'solo sport' to a community based research activity."

—Herbert Simon

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