

## Exploring Attitudes to Virtual Learning Environments

Please put an 'x' against your response.

'A Virtual Learning Environment is a collection of integrated tools enabling the management of online learning, providing a delivery mechanism, student tracking, assessment and access to resources'. These integrated tools may be one product (e.g. BlackBoard, WebCT) or an integrated set of individual, perhaps open-source, tools. (From JISC infoNet)

1. Did you receive the information that you expect through virtual learning environments?

Yes No Not Sure

2. Do you feel that virtual learning environments make you self responsible for your own studies?

Yes No Not Sure

3. Do you think that virtual learning environments allow for sufficient peer interaction?

Yes No Not Sure

4. Do you think that virtual learning environments allow for sufficient learner-tutor interaction?

Yes No Not Sure

5. Do you think that virtual learning environments allow for sufficient content interaction (static information like readings etc)?

Yes No Not Sure

6. Do you think that virtual learning environments allow for sufficient task interaction (activities in blogs, wikis, discussion boards, formative tests etc)?

Yes No Not Sure

7. Do you feel intimacy and immediacy (collaborative feeling of involvement and connection) within virtual learning environments?

Yes No Not Sure

8. Please circle your choice from the following lists.

- a. Virtual Assessments have the potential to promote facts memorising (promote surface learning and short term memory)

James Lamb 16/2/12 20:42

**Comment:** "Why am I being asked to complete this questionnaire. What's the purpose? If I know how my answers are going to be used and I think it's worthwhile, I'll be more likely to complete it."

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**Comment:** "I'm confused by the mixture of tenses." "I don't think I had any expectations before using a VLE so I can't answer this question."

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**Comment:** "Does this mean autonomous learner?"

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**Comment:** "How do you interact with a reading. I read things, I don't interact with them. Is that what this means?"

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**Comment:** "What's task interaction?"

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**Comment:** "My answer would vary between these different tools. Need separate questions."

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**Comment:** "What does this mean?"

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**Comment:** "Is this a 'which statement do I most agree with' question? Opening instruction isn't very clear although it made sense after I'd read through the whole question."

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**Comment:** "I use a VLE but not for assessment. You need to include a question asking whether I use a VLE for assessment or an 'Not applicable' response."

- b. Virtual Assessments have the potential to promote concepts understanding (promote deep learning and long term memory)
- c. Both a and b
- d. Not Sure

9. Please circle your age.

18-25      25 and above      Do not wish to answer

10. Are you a student or a professional? Please circle.

Student      Professional

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**Comment:** "I'm a professional at the moment although have simultaneously been a student and a professional so could have circled both. Do you need a 'both' category."

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION