LEARN@WU

The Teaching Environment of the Vienna University of Economics and BA (WU)

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Overview

- Organizational Issues and Background Information
- Acceptance and Usage Figures
- Learning and Training Environment
- Perspectives





WU: Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration

- University = "Business School"
- One of the largest Business Schools worldwide
 - □ about 22.000 students in total
 - □ about 4.000 freshmen each year
 - □ more than 2.000 different courses every semester





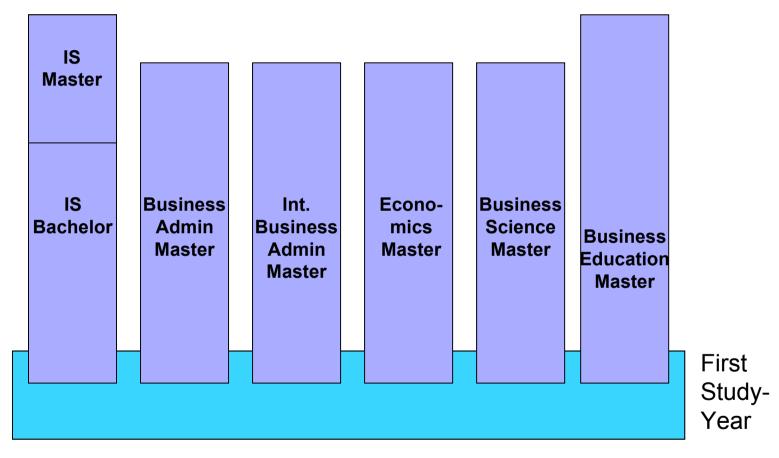
Ideas behind LEARN@WU

- Free and liberal University System:
 - □ No admission tests by law (consequence: high drop-out rates)
 - Must take everybody, but
 - ☐ Fixed University budget
- New Study Program: Development of six new degree programs sharing a large common body of knowledge in the first year
- Idea: Invest as little as possible in drop-outs
 - ☐ Mass courses (up to 600 students/class) in the first year
 - □ Small classes (up to 30 students/class) in the later courses
- E-Learning Approach:
 - □ Primarily support year 1, improve processes, transparency and quality
 - □ No Distance-Learning!





First Study Year at WU



 80% of the courses of the first year are for all degree programs identical, 20% specific





Approach to Handle High Load

Provide eLearning material for all beginner courses

- Developed about 20.000 learning resources and an interactive training environment for 350 beginner classes in 18 different areas
 - Public and Private Law
 - Business Admin, Marketing, Human Resources, ...
 - Mathematics, Statistics, Information Systems
 - Economics
 - Languages (English)

Increase Efficiency

- Emphasize self-organized learning through immediate learner feedback
 Integration with mark-reader to improve grading efficiency
- □ Switch to half-semesters (to improve throughput)
- Search for new knowledge delivery methods (blended learning, better usage of contact hours)

Improve Quality

- Streamlined contents of beginner courses through platform
- ☐ High transparency of learning materials (quality assurance, ...)
- □ Easier curriculum development (intra-course linkage, ...)
- □ Development from Teacher to Coach





LEARN@WU Project

Initial Key Facts:

- □ Start: autumn 2001, 2 years, budget: 3,4 Mio Euro
- □ Project leader:
 - Gustaf Neumann (Department Of Information Systems)
 - Wilfried Schneider (Department of Business Education)
- □ 36 full time content developer (2 per course)
- □ 2 people didactic support, 2 people technical support (incl. help desk)
- Content (not platform) project

Development:

- □ Deployment of first version in October 2002
- □ Move from project to infrastructure, eLearning became a strategic goal
- □ Currently 48 people employed, about 120 content developers
- □ Relaunch of platform based on DotLRN in April 2004





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E-Learning-Plattform der WU-Wien

MY-LEARN LEHRVERANSTALTUNGEN



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- Projektstruktur
- Technische Informationen

Der neue Look

- Teilprojektleiter
- Entwickler-Team
- Didaktik-Betreuung
- Rechtsberatung

Um Studienanfängern/innen die Absolvierung einer neu geschaffenen Studieneingangsphase zu erleichtern, wurde seitens der Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien eine elektronischen Plattform für Lehrmedien entwickelt, auf die gleichermaßen Lehrende, wie Studierende Zugang haben. Die Learn@WU-Plattform unterstützt die multimediale Bereitstellung von Lehrmaterialien und trägt damit zur Verbesserung und Komplettierung von Bildungsinhalten an der Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien bei.

Learn@WU-News

- Vortrag "Impacts of electronic commerce on supply chains"
- Abstimmung über die Verwendung der Studiengebühren
- Umfrage Data Mining und Privatsphäre in elektronischem Handel
- Vielen Dank!

Statistiken



Derzeit online:

845 Studierende

Berechtigte Benutzer: 17,456

Neue Benutzer (24h):

Unterstützte Kurse:

Lemmaterialien: 19,432

Neue Ressourcen (14 Tage):

Lemaktivität (15 Min): 471 Beispiele

Wirtschaft-Aktuell



Auch Das Noch: Teures Wasser Lesen Sie mehr

Eu-Vergleich: Teure Autos in Österreich Lesen Sie mehr





Current State

- About 20.000 learning resources developed
 - ☐ Mostly interactive
 - Different granularity
 - Most content developed by domain experts via MS Word

Broad Acceptance

- □ About 17.000 registered students
- □ Up to 3.6 Mio requests (hits) per day from registered users
- One of the most intensively used eLearning platforms world-wide
- □ Students solve up to 350.000 interactive exercises per day
- □ Average response time less 0.5 sec
- ☐ More than 40.000 exams through mark-reader
- "Without Learn@WU, the operations of our university would not have been possible" (Christoph Badelt, President of WU)

Plans: increase figures by a factor of 10



Example of a Learning Resource: Textbook (1300 Pages)

auto-linked with exercises





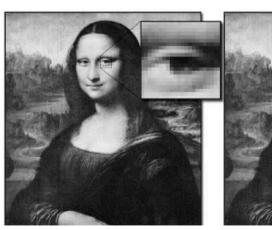
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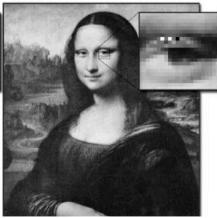
Die asymmetrische Kryptographie ist auch Grundlage für elektronische Unterschriften und elektronische Ausweise, die in der Folge noch näher behandelt werden.

Durch den hohen Rechenaufwand, der mit asymmetrischen Verfahren verbunden ist, eignen sich diese nicht zur Verschlüsselung längerer Nachrichten. Besser geeignet sind dafür so genannte *Hybridverfahren*, eine Kombination aus symmetrischen und asymmetrischen Verfahren. Bekanntestes Beispiel ist das im Internet als Shareware verbreitete *PGP (Abkürzung von engl.: pretty good privacy)*.

Neben der Verwendung von kryptographischen Verfahren gibt es noch eine Reihe weiterer Verfahren zur vertraulichen Übermittlung von Information. Ein Beispiel hierfür ist die so genannte Steganographie. Das Wort stammt aus dem Griechischen und kann in etwa mit "verdecktes Schreiben" übersetzt werden kann.

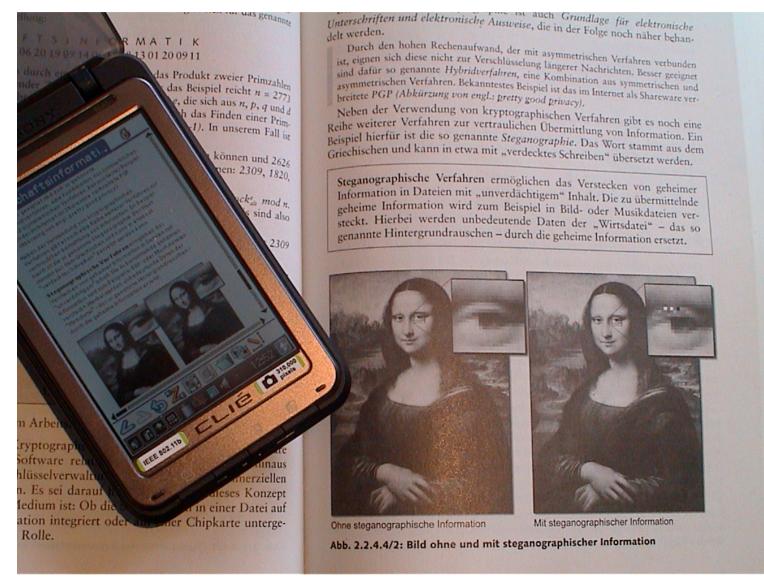
Steganographische Verfahren ermöglichen das Verstecken von geheimer Information in Dateien mit "unverdächtigem" Inhalt. Die zu übermittelnde geheimen Information wird zum Beispiel in Bildoder Musikdateien versteckt. Hierbei werden unbedeutende Daten der "Wirtsdatei" - das so genannte Hintergrundrauschen - durch die geheime Information ersetzt.







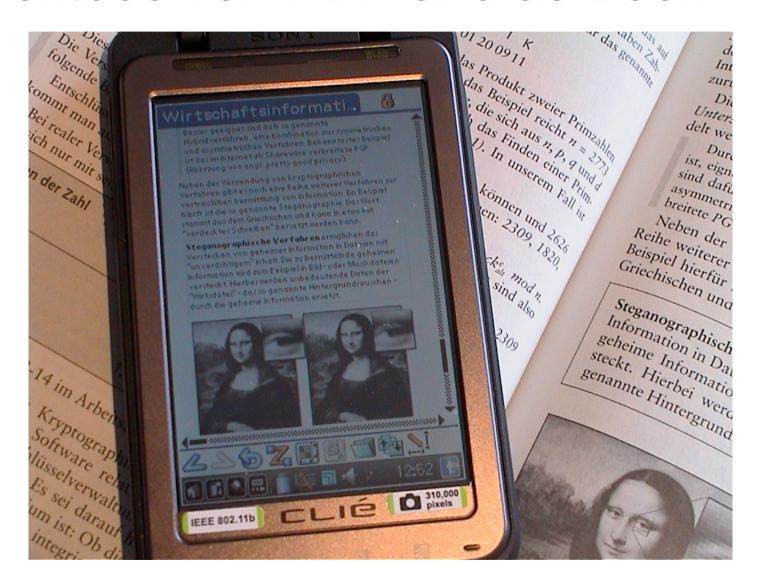
Textbook on PDA and as Book





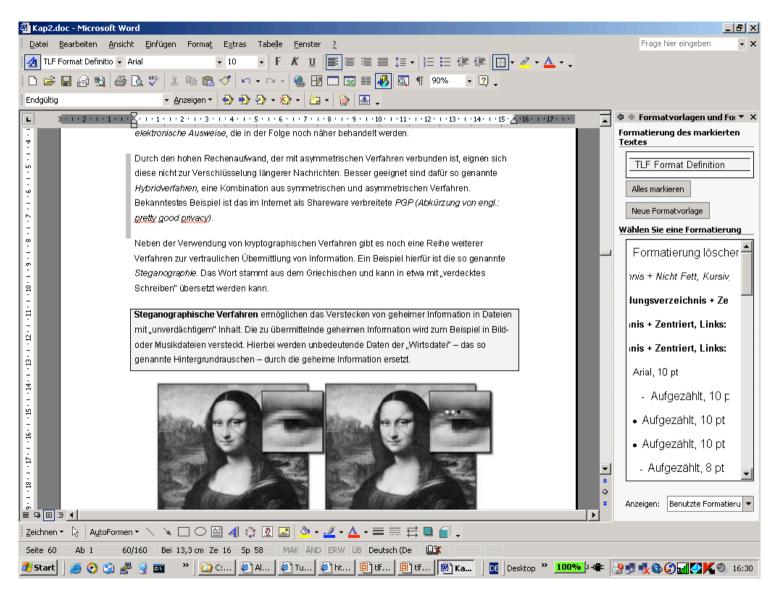


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Textbook as MS-Word Document



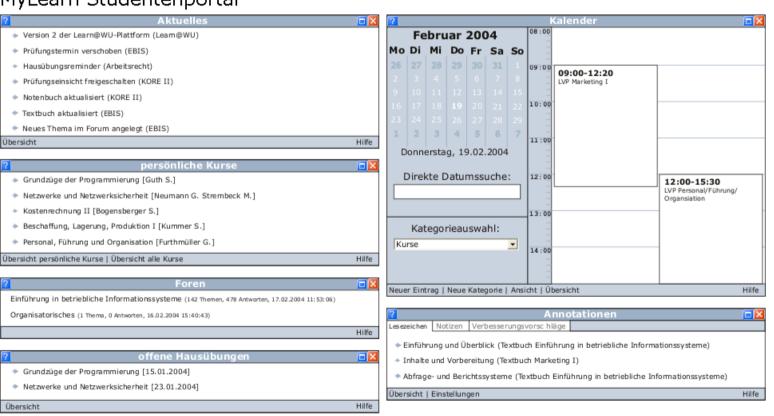


Personalized Portal



MyLearn Studentenportal

Georg Alberer (<u>log out</u>)







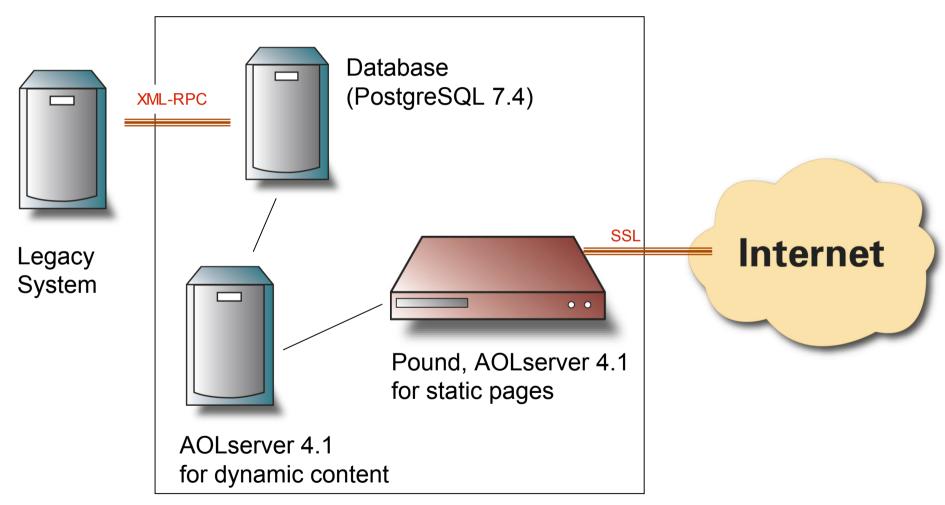
Perspectives

- University considers to act as a publisher of e-Learning content and as a e-Learning service provider
 - □ Revenue sharing between University and professors
 - □ Provide incentives for e-Learning provision to professors
 - □ Strong interest on high quality e-Learning content from schools and industry
- Develop a wider range of e-Learning modules
 - □ Current wish list, started to look more closely on
 - Plagiarism Prevention tools (integration with homework)
 - Problem based learning
 - E-Portfolios
 - Latent Semantic Indexing
- Move towards releasing the software as open source
 - □ OpenLTS (Open Learning and Training System)
 - ☐ Green light from University as long neutral in resources
 - Missing things:
 - Technical and non-technical documentation (currently only in German)
 - Internationalization (message keys) on older modules missing
 - Reorganize modules





Hardware Configuration



Dual Pentium 2.8 GHz, RH Linux





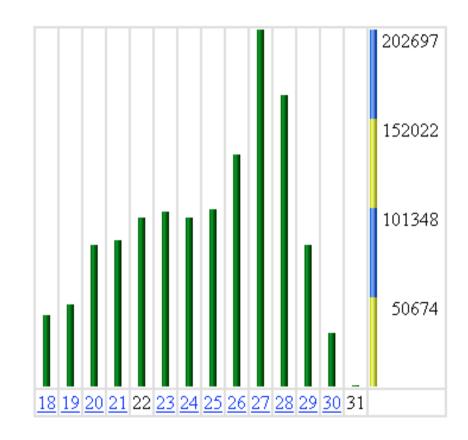
Asymmetric Usage Peaks

Start of courses:

High number of downloads (up to 26 GB/day)

Before exams:

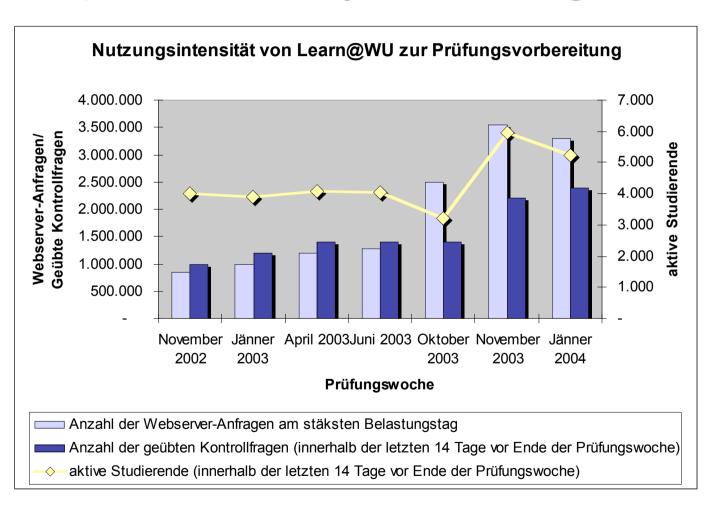
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Development of Usage of Learn@WU







Multiple Choice Exams over Learn@WU

