



Introduction

John Larkin is an educator and instructional designer presently living in Australia. He is a personable and effective teacher with the capability to rapidly adapt to the needs of his audience. He has a rich experience in the development and application of educational technologies in primary, secondary, tertiary and corporate educational fields.

International experience

During his time in Singapore he worked for companies such as ICUS eLearning, Knowledge Village Singapore and The Learning People. He has conducted workshops focused upon information technology in education in many Singaporean schools. John completed his time in Singapore as Senior Assistant Director at the Centre for Educational Development at Nanyang Technological University. It was during this time in Singapore that John worked on the design and development of eLearning projects for companies including Nokia, Singapore Airlines and JP Morgan Bank.

Educational technology

John had the good fortune to work as a Project Officer and Instructional Designer with EmLab, formerly the Interactive Multimedia Learning Laboratory (IMMLL), at the University of Wollongong, NSW. John worked upon a number of multimedia projects focused upon web based delivery of educational courses, educational web presence and the in-servicing of teachers and academics in the fields of information technology in education during his full time association with the IMMLL.

Web development

Web design and development projects undertaken by John in addition to the aforementioned eLearning projects include the web sites for the Faculty of Education at the University of Wollongong, the University of Wollongong Library, the University of Wollongong home page (collaboration), the Illawarra Technology Corporation and the IMMLL (EmLab).

Lecturer and tutor

Whilst working with the IMMLL John was also employed as a part time lecturer/tutor with the Faculty of Education, UOW, providing instruction in interactive multimedia in education. He also conducted workshops for teachers, academics and professionals in the fields of interactive multimedia, curriculum integration, the Internet and web page construction both in Australia and overseas. In recent years John has also taught, on a part time basis, at the National Institute of Education within the Specialist eLearning Instructional Design Programme. This instruction was conducted utilising both traditional and online modes.

Teaching qualifications and experience

John completed a Master of Education degree with an emphasis upon the design, implementation and evaluation of interactive multimedia in education. He also has a background in secondary school education with 13 years teaching experience. He has taught History, Commerce, Asian Social Studies, Geography, Business Studies, Religion and Computing Studies.

Achievements

During his career John has had the good fortune to receive several awards for multimedia projects that he has created in the past. He was awarded, with two other postgraduate students, the Interactive Multimedia 'Gold Disc' award at the University of Wollongong for a historical "whodunit" multimedia exercise entitled "What Happened To Sam?". He also received the Apple Sydney Morning Herald Technology Teacher of the Year award for his historical and moving multimedia package "Prisoner of War". John was also awarded "Best Student Project 1996" by ASCILITE for his multimedia title "HyperKite".

Today

John conducts regular professional development workshops for academics and teachers, in Australia and Singapore, in the areas of information technology, eLearning course design and curriculum integration. He is also presently teaching at St Joseph's Catholic High School in Albion Park, New South Wales, Australia.

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