A Proposed Prototype on using Online Social Networks as Learning Platforms

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Abstract

The fields of Learning Management Systems (LMSs) is full of open source and commercial products including Blackboard, WEB CT, and Moodle. These systems are tutor-oriented, not designed to facilitate personalized learning support for an individual learner. Instructors and students, frustrated with current LMS, need a new, innovative, user-friendly alternative to encourage and empower students to take control of their education, and teachers to explore new styles of teaching, depending on their students’ needs. This paper introduces a prototype which shows how OSNs can be used as e-learning platform for a simple, dedicated, learner-oriented e-learning system to facilitate the learning process. This prototype is meant to stimulate the use of OSNs for educational purposes for less technically savvy students.

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