

e-Learning, current status and future, teaching Mathematics On-line

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1. TKK



Vision

Helsinki University of Technology is an internationally renowned university of technology, known for its high standards in research and teaching, its social impact and ability to change with the times.

Helsinki University of Technology is a pioneer in facilitating cooperation with leading universities and innovative enterprises.

The researchers, teachers, and students who seek to work or study at Helsinki University of Technology rank among the best in their countries.



Values

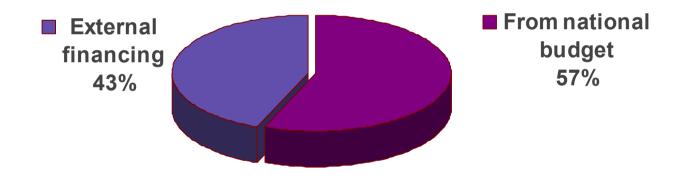
Helsinki University of Technology

- fosters freedom of research, art and teaching
- values creativity and critical thinking
- requires an honest, responsible and ethically sustainable approach in all its activities
- respects individuality and the special characteristics of all cultures
- provides challenges in work and co-operation
- promotes the well-being of staff and students



Resources 2005

Financing total 205 003 000 EUR



3258 FTE Staff



Results 2005

1 253	Number of degrees
1 017	Master's degrees (female 26.6%, foreigners 6.9%)
86	Licentiate degrees
150	Doctor's degrees (female 30.7%, foreigners 9.3%)
15 166	Number of students
12 381	Undergraduates (female 19.9%, foreigners 3.7%)
10 880 1 501	M.Sc B.Sc
2 785	Graduates (female 27.6%, foreigners 10.5%)
93	Statistical full-time students at the open
	university
13 328	Adult students HH/25 9 08 Rijeka



2. e-learning in Nordic countries



E-learning Nordic 2006

- First inter-Nordic study concentrating on the impact of ICT in primary education
- Carried out in Finland, Sweden, Norway and Denmark
- 8000+ people have participated in 224 Nordic schools
- ICT has positive impact on learning
- ICT is not fully utilized



Impact of ICT on pupil performance

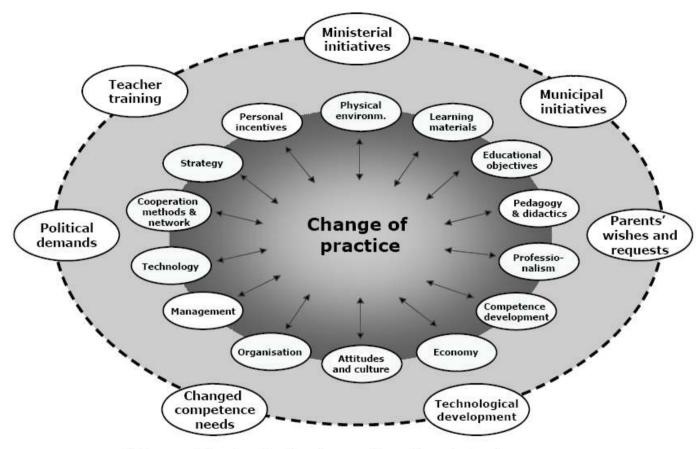
- Strongest on subject –related matters
- Learning basic things like reading and writing
- Tool to support differentiation
- Avoiding exclusion is still an issue
- Computers are used more at home than at school



Impact of ICT on teaching and learning processes

- Pupils would like to use computers more
- New technologies like digital cameras, mobile phones and chat have entered the schools
- New technologies support teachers in differentiating their teaching
- Possibilities are expected to be great, not much is realized





Drivers and barriers for the change of practice at schools



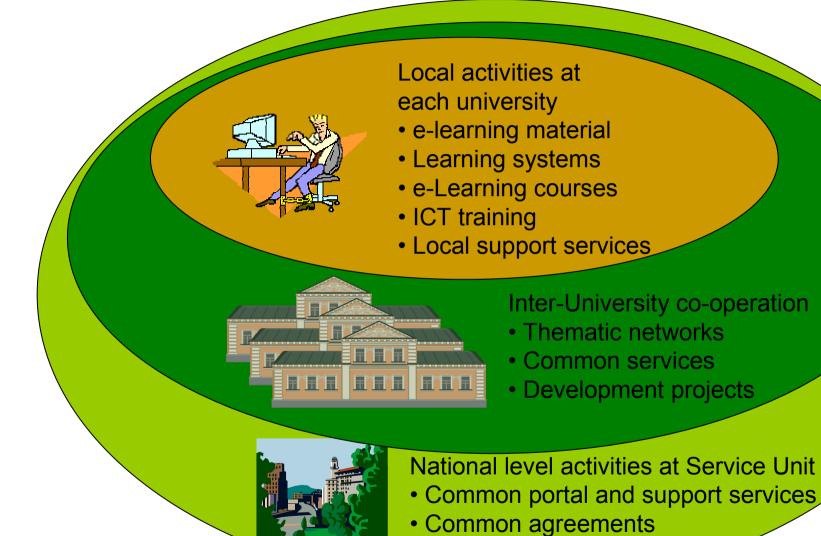
3. e-learning in Finnish Universities



ICT's in Finnish University Education

- The Finnish University System
 - 21 State Universities
- Autonomy of Universities
- Finnish Virtual University
 - eLearning hype
 - good and bad experiences
- Towards Portals and MLE's

Finnish Virtual University activities



International co-operation



ICT's in TKK's Education

- Early adoption in pilot courses
- Student database in 90's
- Web-based course registration system in 90's
- Finnish Virtual University initiative 1999
- Common Learning (Optima) platform in 2004
- eTKK- project in 2005



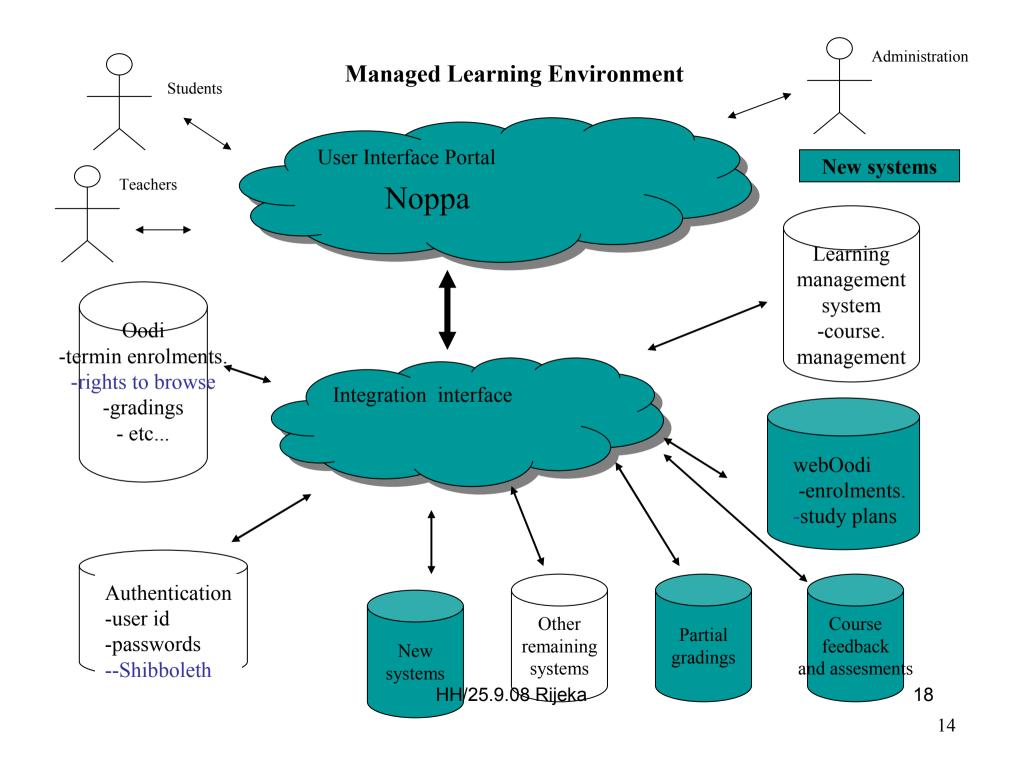
Contents of eTKK

- eTKK consists of five projects
 - Content Management System for web publishing
 - Noppa-portal & Managed Learning Environment
 - Project management system for researchers and administration
 - eAGE: electronically Administrated Generic Environment
 - Publishing platform for university wide quality system



Reasoning behind eTKK

- To survive in the global and local competition
 - We need more effective processes
 - We need to ICT systems to support these processes
 - These ICT systems must be usable and designed user centeredly
- ICT will NOT solve the challenges by itself but it's necessary tool in today's digitalizing environment
 - Remember that ICT is only one part of organizations socio-technical environment





Integrating systems to support user's processes

- Noppa-portal
 - Personalized front page for students and teachers + course home pages
 - Focus is on supporting the daily processes
- Oodi
 - Main student and course register
 - Study planning
 - Course enrollments
- Optima
 - e-learning
 - Groupware
- Single Sign-On with Shibboleth



NOPPA-PORTAL









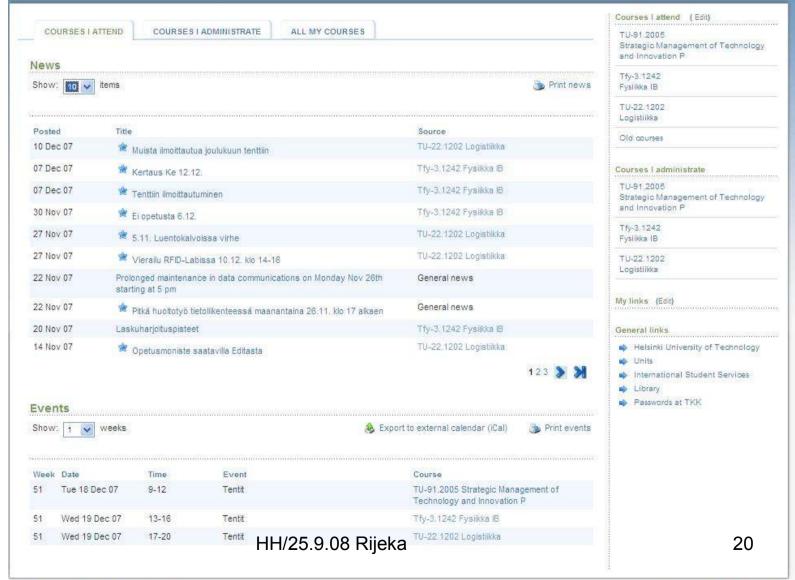














Standardized course pages (1)

- All courses should have the following pages in Noppa
 - Course brochure
 - Course news
 - Timetable
 - Course results
 - Exercises and course material



Standardized course pages (2)

- To help teachers create the content
 - there are custom made templates and easyto-use tools
 - the tools are designed to support different kinds of processes
 - i.e. there might be two ways to do the same thing
 - Both ways lead to the same result



Present situation

- Usage of central learning platform is increasing rapidly (8500 user accounts)
- MLE- portal is in production use from 1.1.2008
- Lots of integration needs
- Single sign-On and Web services as solution



4. Teaching mathematics On-line



Background factors

- Massification of teaching
- Starting level of new students is getting lower
- Teaching of undergraduate level mathematics is mostly similar everywhere
- Need for new technologies
- Lack of international standards
- Experimeltal projects

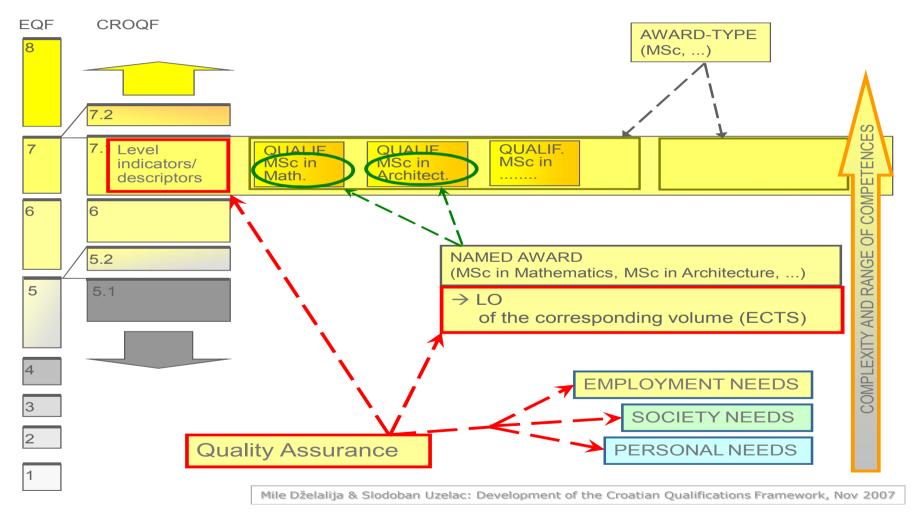


New teaching tools at TKK

- Learning outcomes come into picture
- Co-operation with Bavarian Virtual
 University and Finnish Virtual University
- Standardized course material available on the web
- Animations, automatically personalized and corrected assignments
- Open source licencing



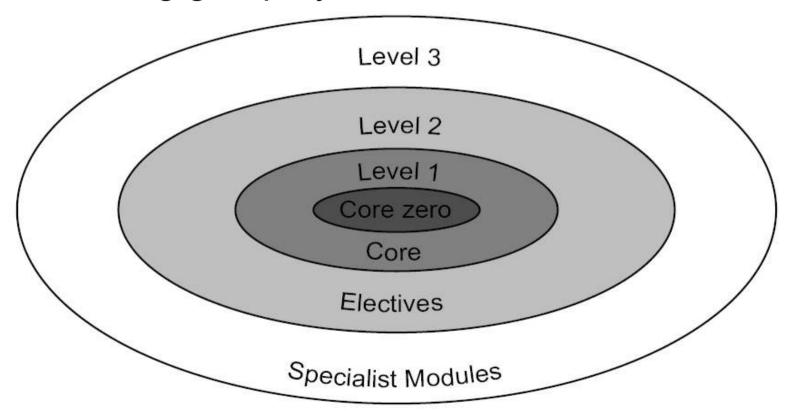
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Mathematics for the European Engineer

EQF applied to Engineering Mathematics A working group by SEFI 2002





Example of Learning Outcomes

Knowledge

Definitions:

Limit of a function p.61
Continuity p.61
Fixed -point iteration p.68
Arc length p. 69
Rectifiable curve p.69
Trigonometric functions p. 71
Derivative p.73
Maximum and Minimum values p.77
The natural logarithm p.65
Hyberbolic functions p.84

Comprehension

Proofs:

Continuity of combined continuing functions p.62
Mean -Value Theorem p. 65
Existence of Minimum and Maximum p. 67

Definitions:

Formal definition of limit p.63

Examples:

Rectifiable functions p. 70 Trigonometric functions p.71 Differentiable functions p.73 Exponentials and Logarithms p. 80-83 Hyberbolic functions p.84

Application

Theorems:

Limits of a) function multiplied by constant

- b) sums of functions
- c) multiplication of functions
- d) division of functions p.62

Convergence of Fixed-point iteration p.68 Chain rule of Derivative p.85

Derivative of inverse function p.87

Rules and formulas:

Sum rule of trigonometric functions: p.72 Properties of Derivative p.74-79

- -Multiplication by scalar
- -Derivative of product function
- -Derivative of Polynomial
- -Derivative of Quotient
- -Derivative of Trigonometric functions Exponentials and Logarithms p.80-83



Mathematics course in Noppa

https://noppa.tkk.fi/noppa/kurssi/mat-1.1610/etusivu

https://optima.tkk.fi



5. Challenges of the Future

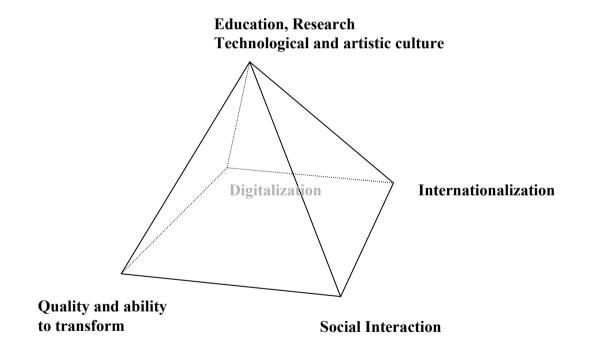


Roadmap to the future

- New strategic thinking
- University in Global environment
- University as an institute of Information society
- From formal hierarchies to open networks
- Global competition and co-operation of Universities
- University as a regional player

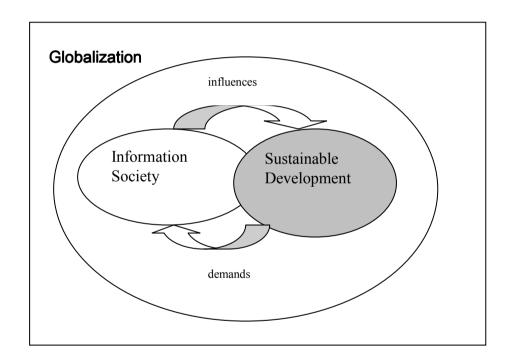


Mission and strategic areas of TKK





Globalization, Information Society and Sustainable development



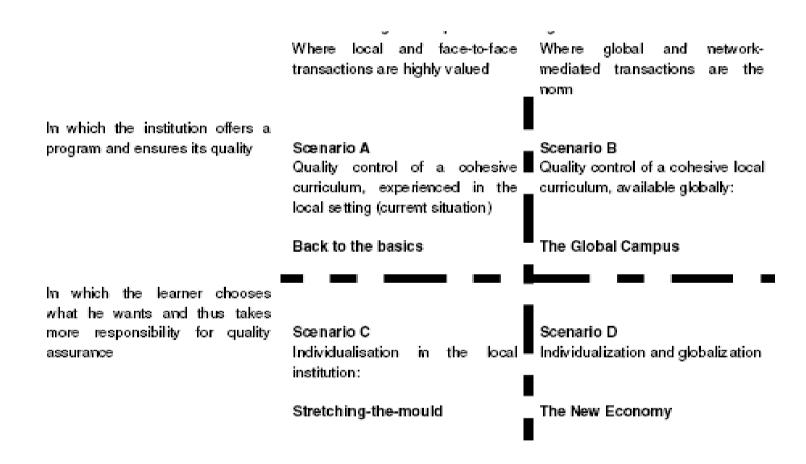


University as an Institution of Information Society

- ICT considered as social communication system instead of technology
- focus on systemic level from individualistic teacher-learner centric approach
- ICT will be an essential part of new education system
- e in e-learning should be read "enhanced"
- source: Dr. Jyrki Pulkkinen/Dissertation 2003

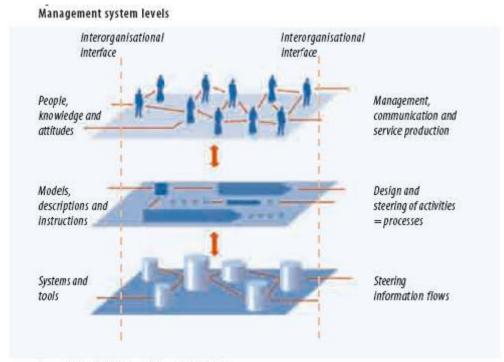


Alternative Scenarios





Management systems levels



Source: Markku Markkula, Lars Miikki and Heikki Hallantie.



Summary: Paradigm Shift & the Impacts of e-Learning

Enormous human potential exists.
Networking and knowledge management are the cornerstones for the desired development.

Computers and multimedia are changing the whole educational system from teaching to active learning.

Where to Focus

Besides technological innovations, we need social innovations.

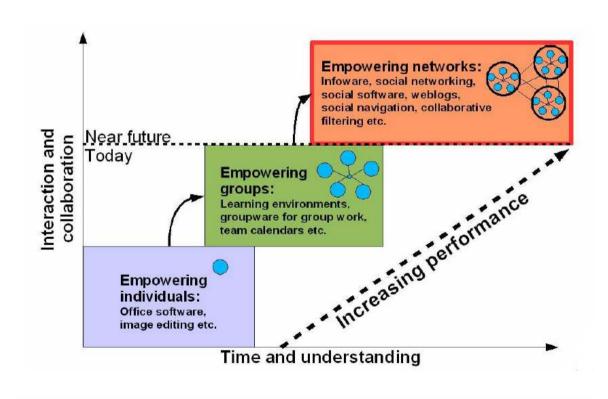
The desired future can be achieved only by focusing on knowledge creation competencies and by creating new value networks.

Markku Markkula

The desired future can be invented by creating and implementing an effective knowledge and process management based on systems thinking.



Development of Methods & Implementation – Hot in eLearning: Individuals Collaborating through Social Web





About Otaniemi

- leading technology hub in the Nordic countries
- community of over 31,000 people includes 15,000 students of TKK
- 16,000 technology professionals, of which 6,000 are employed by research organizations and 10,000 by technology companies



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