

A Global Framework for E-Learning

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Advances in information technology, coupled with changes in society, have had a tremendous impact on our present and future worldwide educational and training systems. Participants in the new educational and training paradigm require rich learning environments supported by well-designed resources. They want *increased flexibility* in learning—they want to have more say in what they learn, when they learn, and where and how they learn. In this constantly changing technology-savvy world, there will always be a tendency to look for newer versions of emerging technologies. This is not a bad thing! It does not mean that everything accomplished with previous versions of technologies is obsolete. Every bit of help we receive in improving learning environment with the use of emerging technologies adds to our knowledge base of learning with technology. New technologies come and go, but the contributions they make to support meaningful learning remain the key. In this presentation, *A Global Framework for E-Learning* will be introduced to discuss the utilization of e-learning methods and their implications for education and training from the perspectives of institutional, pedagogical, technological, ethical, interface design, evaluation, management, and resource support issues. The framework presents checklist to examine the capabilities of various attributes of Web 2.0 and Web 3.0 technologies conducive to learning.

