

Mobile Learning

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Abstract

In this paper we present a new project in which teachers use mobile learning to support their face to face training.

Not all students have access to a pc or the internet on a regular basis but mobile phones are (almost) always at hand. Therefore teachers at CVO Antwerpen-Zuid, a regional centre for adult education with 5000 students, send text messages which the students not only receive as an e-mail but also on their mobile phones. They make use of the learning platform of the Centre, namely Dokeos, which was already used by the management and the secretary to notify students with a text message on their mobile phones in case of absence of a teacher. In this new project the content of the messages is different: they relate to knowledge (a definition, a word,...), reminders or an assignment. The teachers send a couple messages a week, limited in characters.

The students get the opportunity to reply to the messages, which will be useful for the evaluation of the experiment. Technical aspects and costs will also be taken into consideration. When the outcomes are predominately positive, mobile learning can be used at a larger scale at the Centre.