



Module 6

Drafting your Courses and Concluding DOTS – What's Next?

1. Overview & Objectives

Estimated time to complete Module 6: ~8 hours

Video Overview of Module 6 [Duration: 1'10"]

Transcript

“We have now reached the sixth and concluding module of DOTS. During the online portion of the module, you will apply as much of what you’ve learned as possible to your sample online courses. Most previous assignments were designed to help you create course elements that you can now fine-tune and bring together. The resulting draft course will ideally serve as a template for your upcoming online courses, facilitating your future course-design efforts.

You will have the opportunity to present your draft course to our group, while at the same time practicing your *Wimba* presentation skills. Details on this synchronous online meeting are available within the module’s materials.

Our last face-to-face meeting will include an exploration of blogs and wikis as learning tools, a technology-skills catch-up, and an outline of the course development and review steps that follow conclusion of the DOTS workshop.

It has been a pleasure facilitating this course for you and I look forward to our final wrap-up meeting on Friday.”

Topics

- Incorporating concepts, practical ideas, and technologies introduced in DOTS to your courses
- Conducting synchronous online presentations (tentative)
- Identifying technology tools and skills that need follow-up
- Exploring the learning potential of blogs and wikis
- Preparing for the next phase of DOTS: course development and review

Objectives

- Draft your upcoming course using the materials, assignments, and annotated Quality Matters rubrics introduced in DOTS
 - Conduct a synchronous online presentation that outlines your course draft to the DOTS participants (tentative)
 - Identify online-teaching knowledge, skills, and technology tools on which you would like further assistance and/or training
 - Get acquainted with the functionality and learning uses of blogs and wikis
 - Become familiar with the course design, development, and review steps that follow the DOTS workshop series
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2. Assignments and Resources

Assignment 1

Work on your personal DOTS Blackboard course. Base your work on the results of all your previous assignments and on the resources presented throughout DOTS. The main purpose of this assignment is to give you an opportunity to implement as much as possible of your newly acquired knowledge and skills to a course template that will support and guide your future course-design efforts. You have been adding elements to this course for the last several weeks. Now you will work on fine-tuning, augmenting, and restructuring these elements. As this is a draft course, you are not expected to produce a finished product.

Resources

- Your personal DOTS Blackboard course
- The results of your previous assignments
- Select DOTS resources, as needed
- "Module 6" forum in the "Discussions" area on Blackboard

Timeline

- **Start:** Saturday, 5/30
- **End:** By the end of Module 6

Assignment 2 (tentative)

Use *Wimba* to present your work on your personal DOTS course to the rest of your group and to the facilitators. This is intended as an informal walkthrough of your course, aimed primarily at familiarizing you with the instructor end of the *Wimba Classroom* tool and secondarily at having you share with us some of your course-design ideas and comments.

We will be scheduling four one-hour-long sessions between Wednesday, 6/3, noon and Friday 6/5, 11:00 a.m. There will be three to four presentations per session. You only need to participate in one of the sessions.

UPDATE: The main objective of this exercise is for you to get some familiarity presenting in *Wimba*. However, the *Wimba* workshops to date may have been insufficient to prepare you for this exercise. Therefore, Module 6 will be devoted exclusively to working on your draft courses (Assignment 1) and to one-on-one face-to-face consultations with us, as needed.

Use the Module 6 forum, under "Discussions," or email us directly for assistance with your course drafting.

Resources

- Your personal DOTS Blackboard course
- "Module 6" forum in the "Discussions" area on Blackboard
- Assistance by the DOTS facilitators (as needed)

Timeline

- **Start/End:** See Assignment 1

General Additional Resources

Review and save for later these optional additional resources that address topics discussed throughout DOTS

[http://www.iddresources.org/dots1long/general/general_additional.html]

Module 6 Face-to-Face Meeting Agenda

Date: Friday, June 5

Time: 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Location: JTR417

Time	Topic	Presenter(s)
3:00-3:10PM	Reflections on the Online Portion of Module 6	Pantelis Vassilakis , Instructional Design Consultant, IDD and DOTS participants
3:15-4:45 PM	“Stepping into the New Era of Communication through Wikis and Blogs”	Jeanne Kim , Instructional Design Consultant, IDD Eric Iberri , IDD
4:45-5:15PM	Dinner / Discussion (inventory of technology needs)	
5:15-6:00 PM	Preparing for the Next Phase of DOTS: Course Development & Course Review	Sharon Guan , Director, IDD
