



Advancements in Intelligent Support for Collaborative Learning From Well-Thought-Out Group Formation to Effective Peer Interactions

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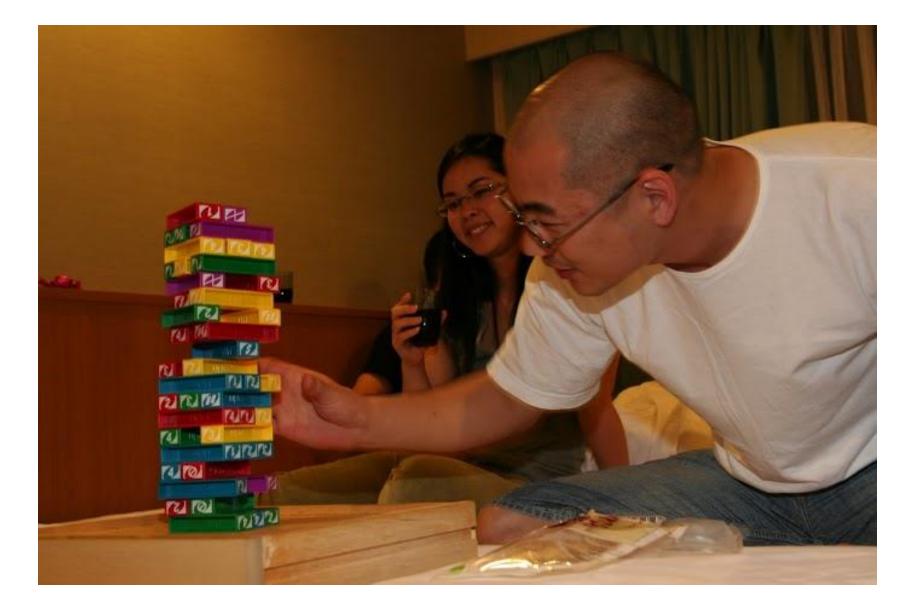
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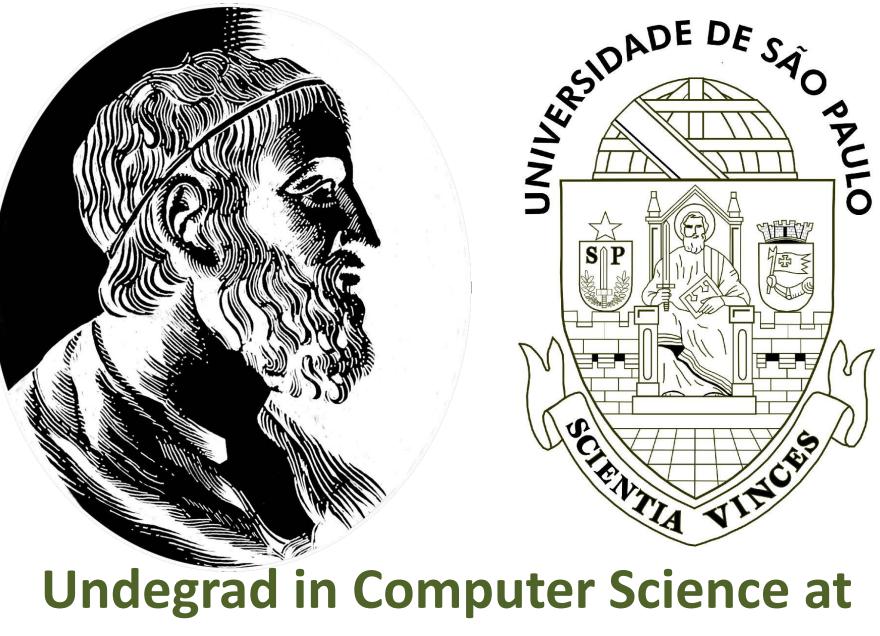
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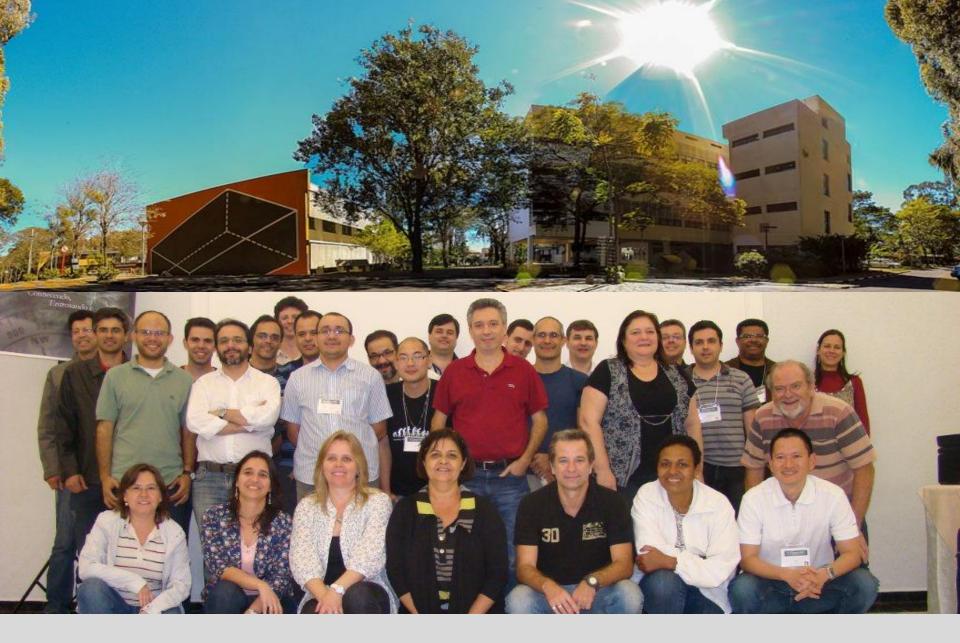
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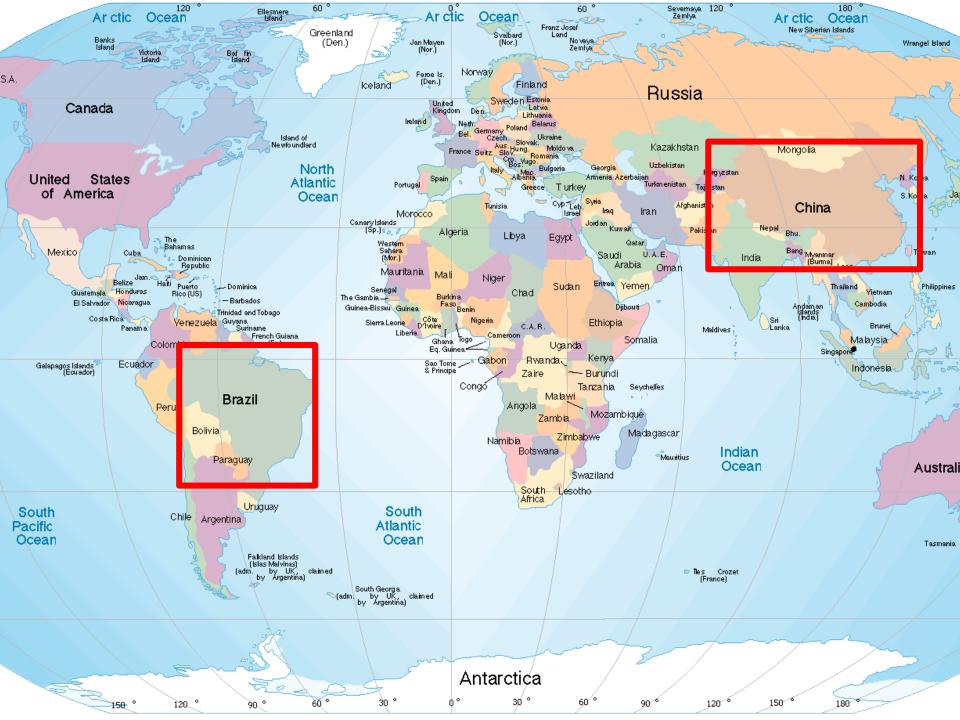
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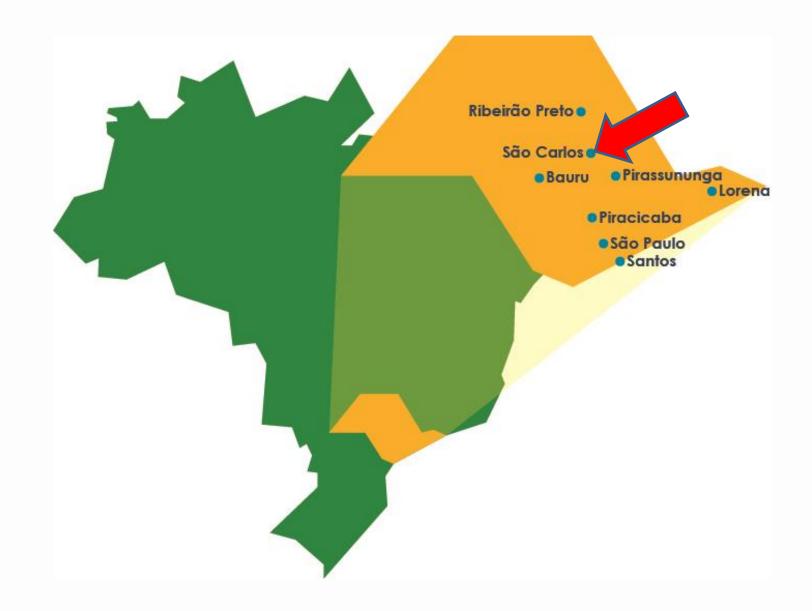




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Master's **14,149**

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students



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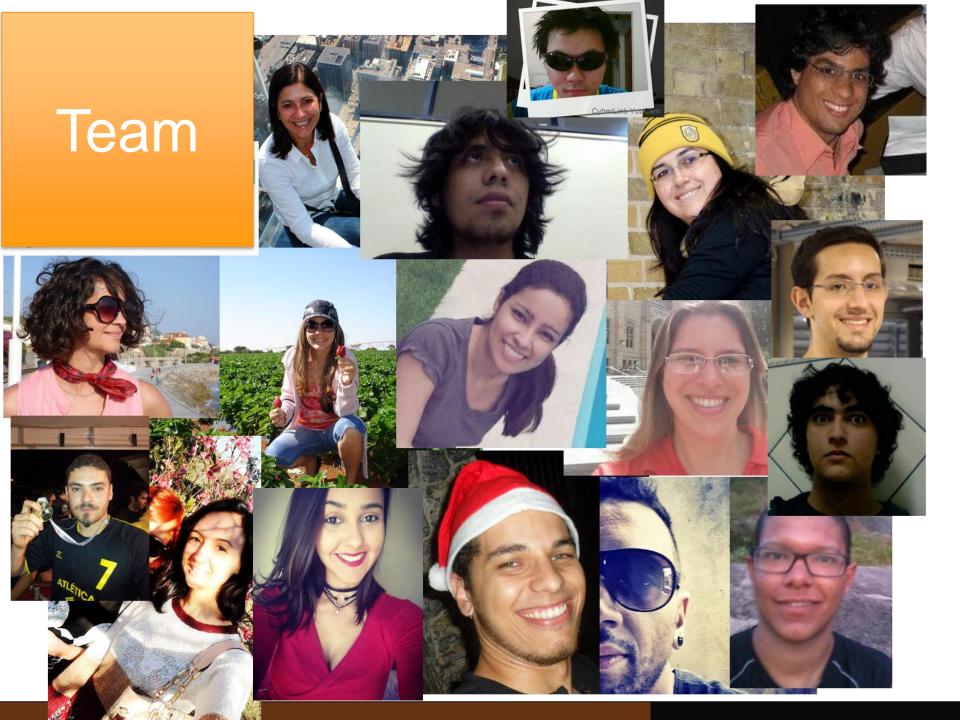
















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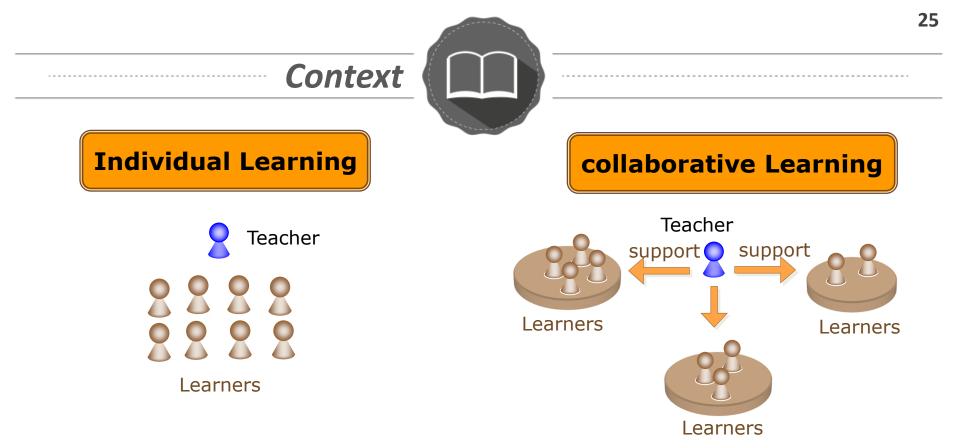
Takeaway Message:

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Context



The field of Computer-Supported Collaborative Learning - **CSCL** dedicates to study about how **technology** can be used to **support collaborative learning** and its processes (Stahl et al., 2006)



- students work individually toward an academic goal;
- more structured;

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- Teacher plays an active role during the learning process;
- Individual assessment;

- students work in groups toward a common academic goal;
- less structured;
- Teacher plays a supportive role during the learning process;
- Individual and group assessment;

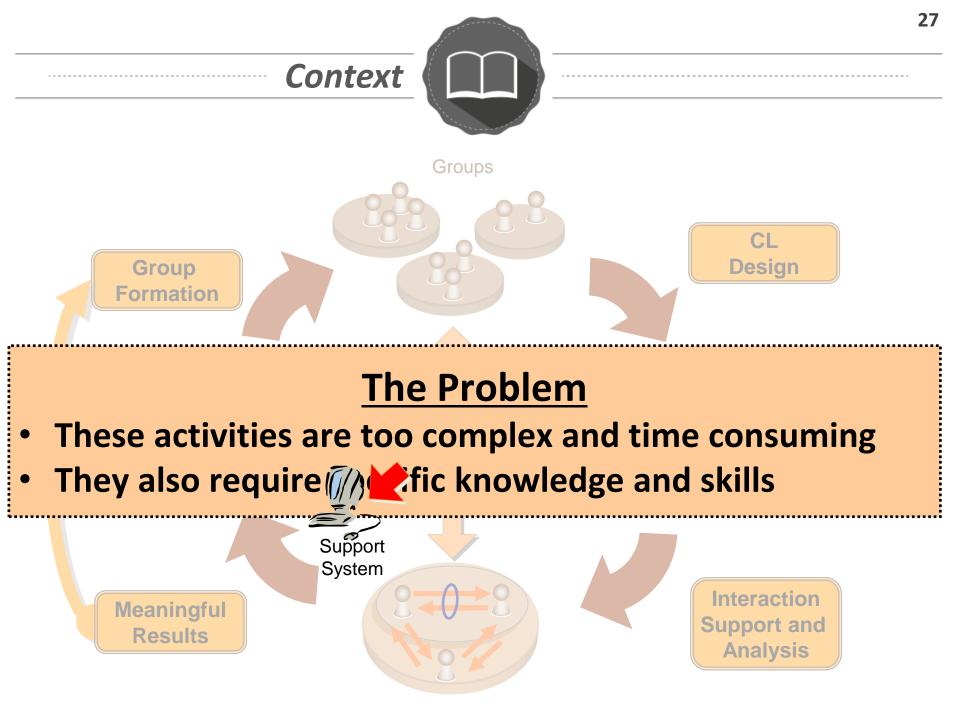
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Despite of the potential benefits of Collaborative Learning, **this approach is only beneficial when there is an adequate design and orchestration of its scenarios** (Hernández-Leo et al., 2011; Dillenbourg, 2013; Pietro et al., 2018)



How to increase the chances of successful collaborative learning (CL)

How to provide intelligent support to design and carry out collaboration

Challenges

Knowledge to design effective collaboration is distributed across several learning theories and best practices

Isotani, S; Mizoguchi, et al. (2009) An ontology engineering approach to the realization of theory-driven group formation. International Journal of Computer-Supported Collaborative Learning, v. 4, p. 445-478.

They do not share the same terminology, assumptions and expectations and can be even contradictory!

Hayashi et al (2011) An Ontological Model to Blend Didactic Instruction and Collaborative Learning. Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol 6969. Springer, Berlin, Heidelberg, 1-13.

In fact, Only 35% of the the current CL technology rely on pedagogical knowledge

Borgest et al. (2018) Group Formation: The State of the art. Communications in Computer and Information Science. Springer, 174-191.



Can we organize this pedagogical knowledge and build an infrastructure to use it adequately?



Approaches to Represent Pedagogical Knowledge

- Script-based
- Pattern-based
- Ontology-based

Script-based Solution

 Set of components to describe an collaborative learning activity

-Focus on components

- Way of communicating CL expertise
- -Human-interpretable notations
- Scripts are hard-coded in computational tools

Name	MURDER Script	Universanté Script	ArgueGraph Script	Social Script
Participants	An even number of participants	Participants from at least two nations with at least as many participants per nation as there are case descriptions	An even number of at least four participants (works best with 20–30 participants) and a tutor	An amount of participants that must be divisible by three
Activities ^a	 a) relaxing, focusing; b) reading, monitoring comprehension; c) summarizing, explaining; d) monitoring, giving feedback; e) elaborating; f) reviewing, reflecting 	 a) analyzing and elaborating the case; b) summarizing and explaining; c) analyzing, comparing and relating new information to personal prior knowledge; d) giving feedback and critiquing; e) problem solving 	 a) justifying opinions and constructing arguments; b) comparing, evaluating, and elaborating; c) negotiating and constructing arguments; d) explaining and justifying opinions; e) summarizing and making connections 	 a) applying theoretical concepts to cases and constructing arguments; b) critiquing (initially scaffolded with prompts for eliciting clarification, identifying conflicting views and constructing counter-arguments)
Roles	A summarizer and a listener	None	None	An analyst and two critics
Resources	Learning material with a small number of text passages	Case descriptions from at least two themes, with at least two case descriptions per theme.	One questionnaire for each participant and another copy for each small group. One argument sheet per questionnaire item.	Three case descriptions
Groups	Pairs	Theme groups, case groups and national groups	Class group and pairs	Case groups

Table 2 Components of collaboration script examples

Kobbe et al. (2007) Specifying computer-supported collaboration script. Int. Journal of Computer Supported Collaborative Learning (2007) 2(3), 211-224.

Problems with previous approach

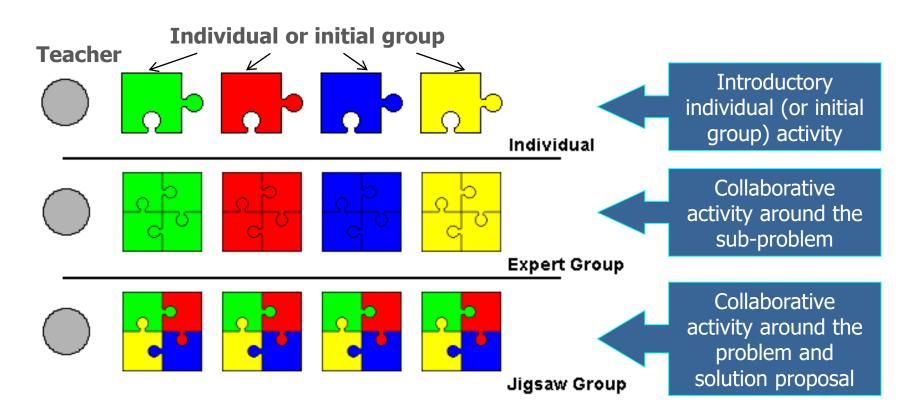
- 1. Human-interpretable notations
- 2. Too complex & ambiguous
- 3. There is not a common vocabulary to describe them
- 4. Different point of views, levels of aggregation, perspective and emphasis
- 5. Scripts are hard-coded in computational tools

Problem

Pattern-based Solution

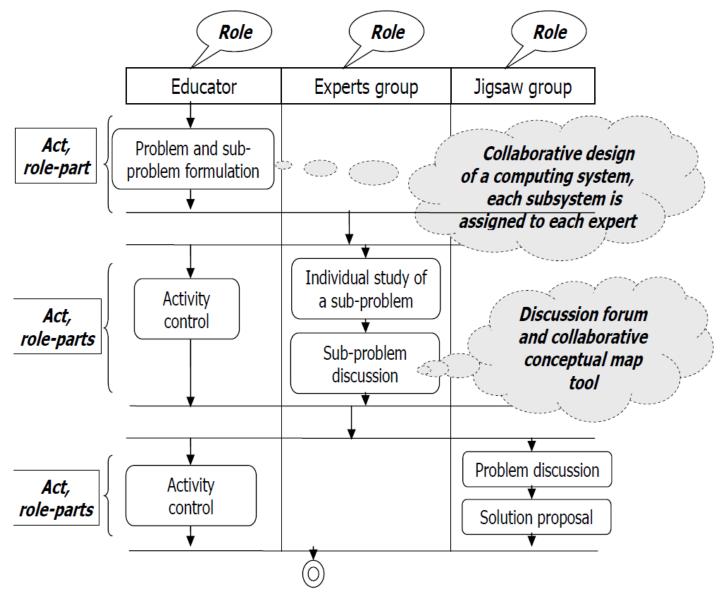
- Description of classroom best practices
- Focus on the flow of the collaborative activities for promoting desired educational objectives
- -Way of communicating CL expertise
- -Computer-interpretable notations (IMS-LD)

Example

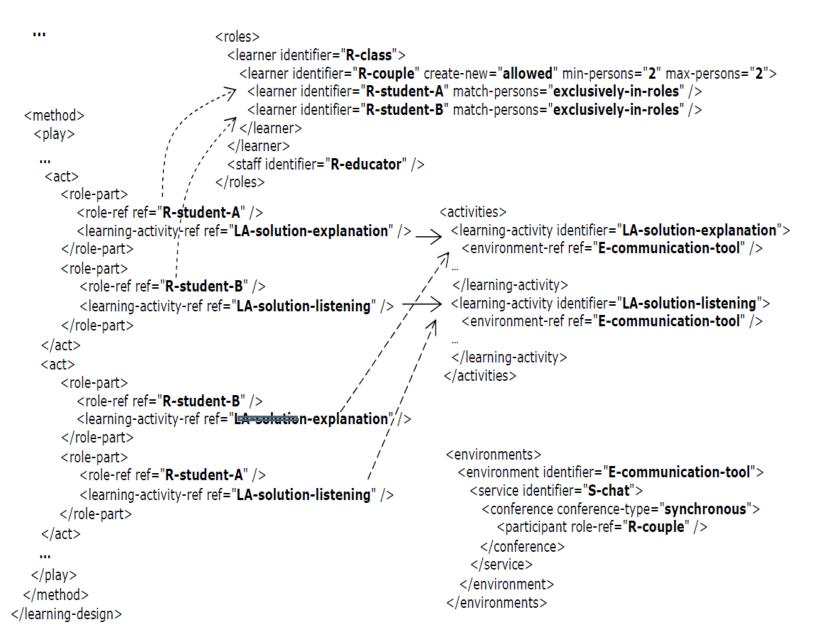


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Jigsaw flow using IMS-LD



IMS-LD Description



Computer-based support to orchestrate collaboration

Flow group Activity phases	Stop Sync groups	CARRY PALLO
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device ID	Wearable devices & SOS Lamp	Expert groups engaged in the activity following orchestration indications from devices

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Problems with previous approach

- 1. Limited framework to describe pedagogical approaches
- 2. IMS-LD is designed for individual learning
- 3. There is not a common vocabulary or formal way to describe collaboration flows
- 4. Computers cannot reasoning over IMS-LD
- 5. No support for intelligent authoring, group formation or interaction analysis

Ontology-based Solution

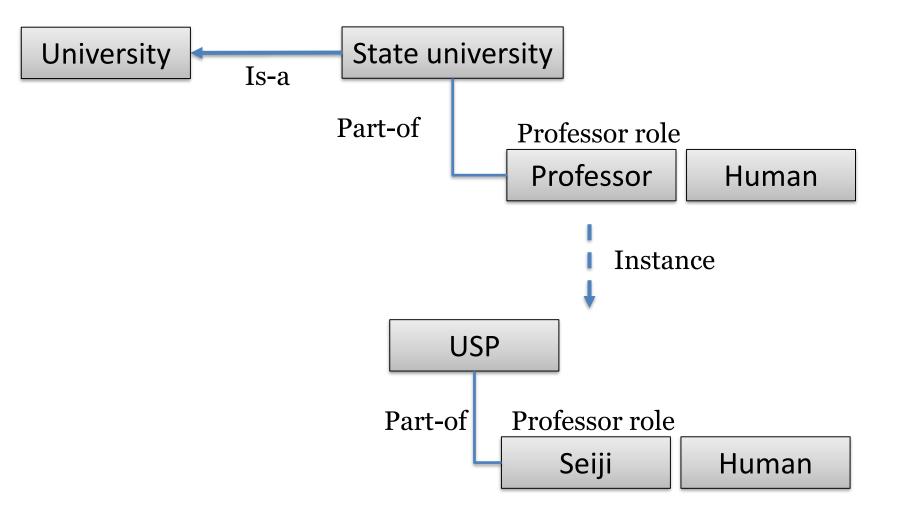
- Formal infrastructure to represent pedagogical knowledge
- Focus on representation and generalization
- Way of communicating CL expertise
- Computer-understandable notations (OWL, RDF-S)
- Knowledge base is shareable accross humans and machines

What is an Ontology?

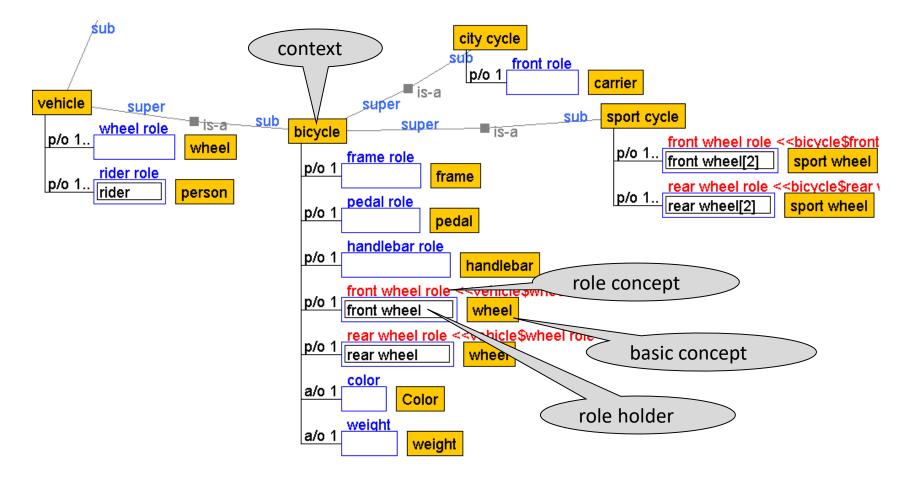
 A formal explicit specification of objects and relations in the target world used to share a common understanding within a community and to build models/frameworks about target objects (Mizoguchi, 2003;2004)

Mizoguchi, R. (2003; 2004) Tutorial on Ontological Engineering – Part 1, 2 and 3. Next Genration Computing.

Example of Ontology representation



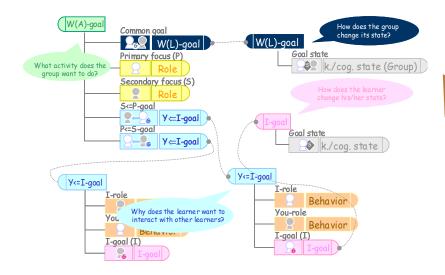
Example of Ontology representation: Ontology of Bicycle



Example of Ontology representation: Ontology of Bicycle in OWL

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My Contribution



Use ontological engineering to describe formally meaningful information contained in theories



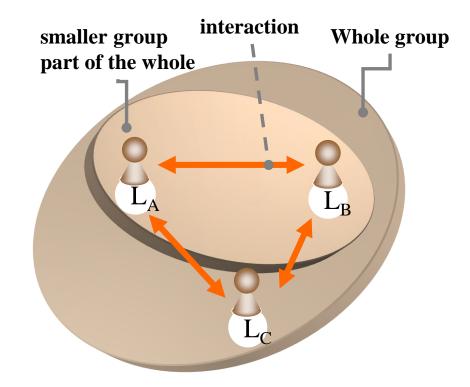
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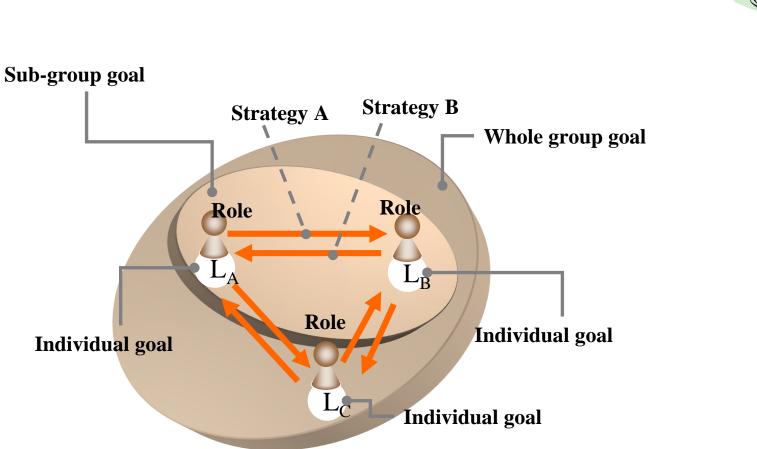
Ontological structure Use ontologies to support the development of ontology-aware systems (Control of the system) (Control of

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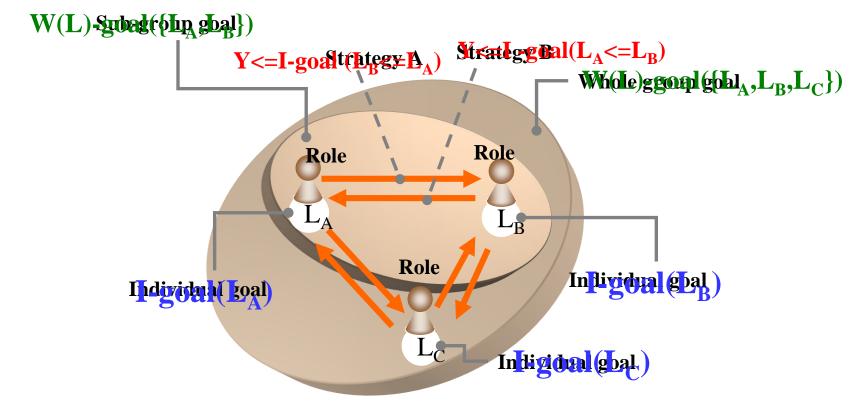
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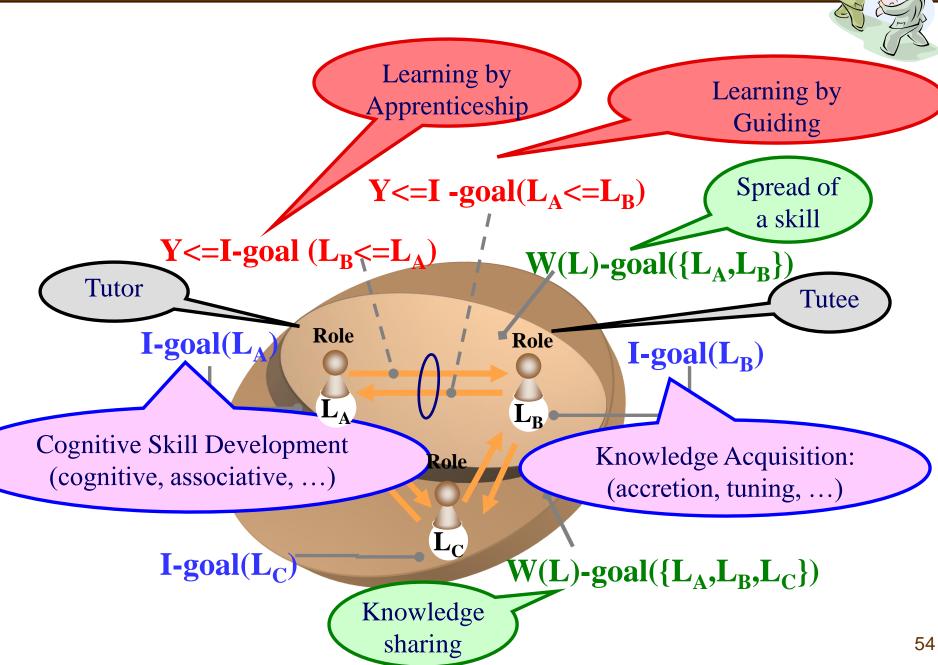




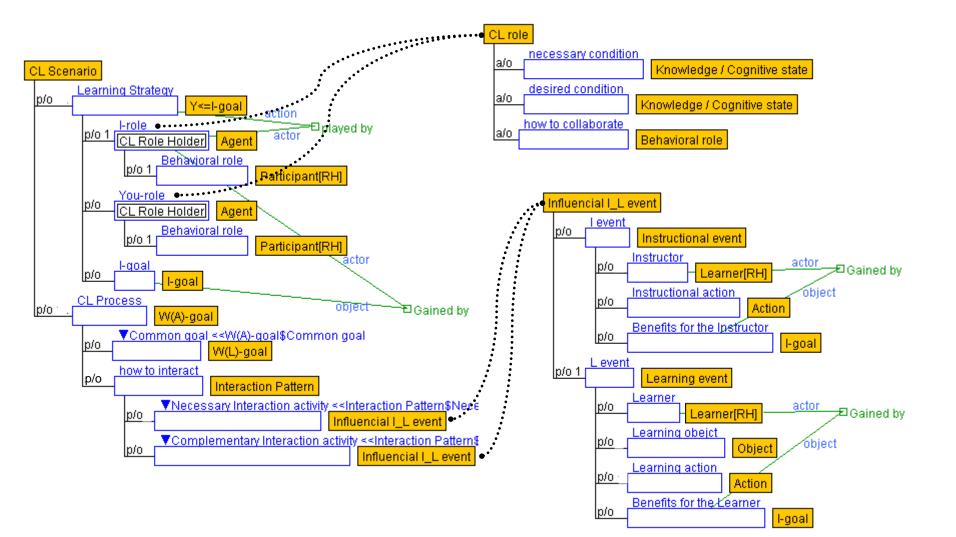




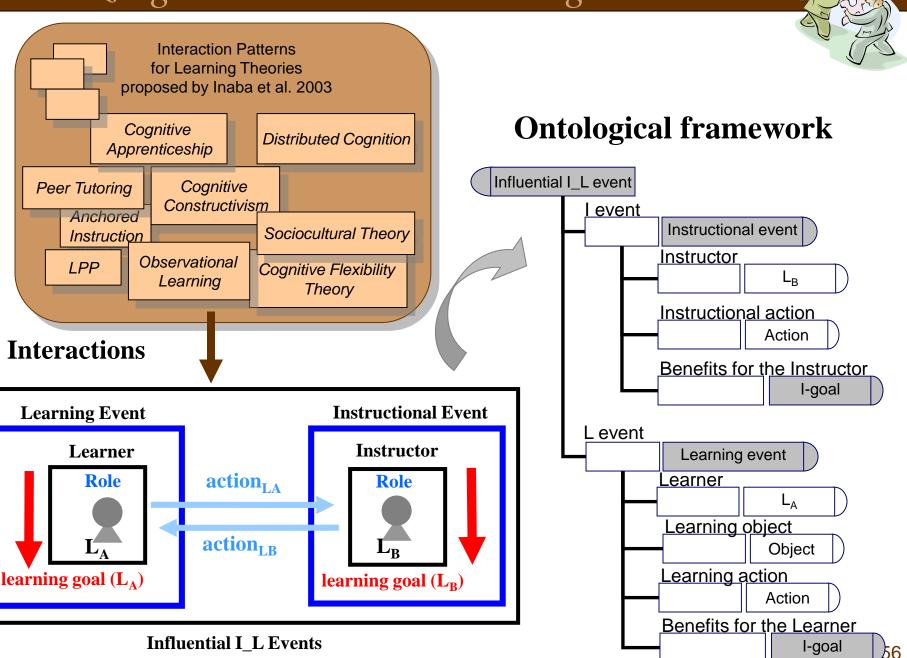
✓ Learning Strategies
 ✓ Learning Goals
 ✓ Group Goals
 ✓ Roles



Formalizing Collaborative Learning: Ontology

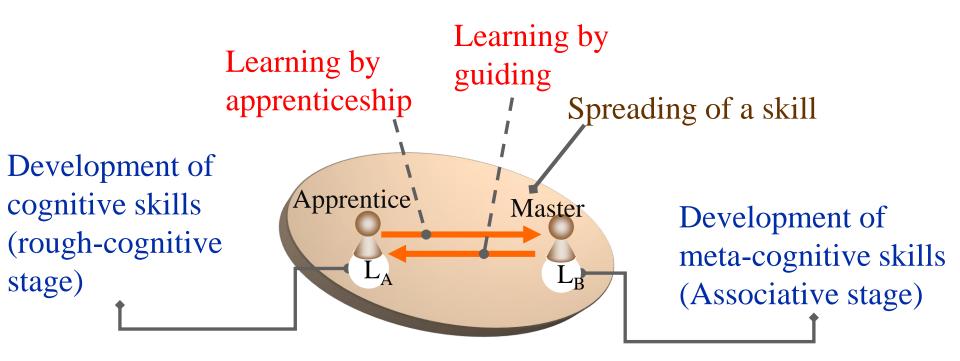


Formalizing Collaborative Learning: Instances

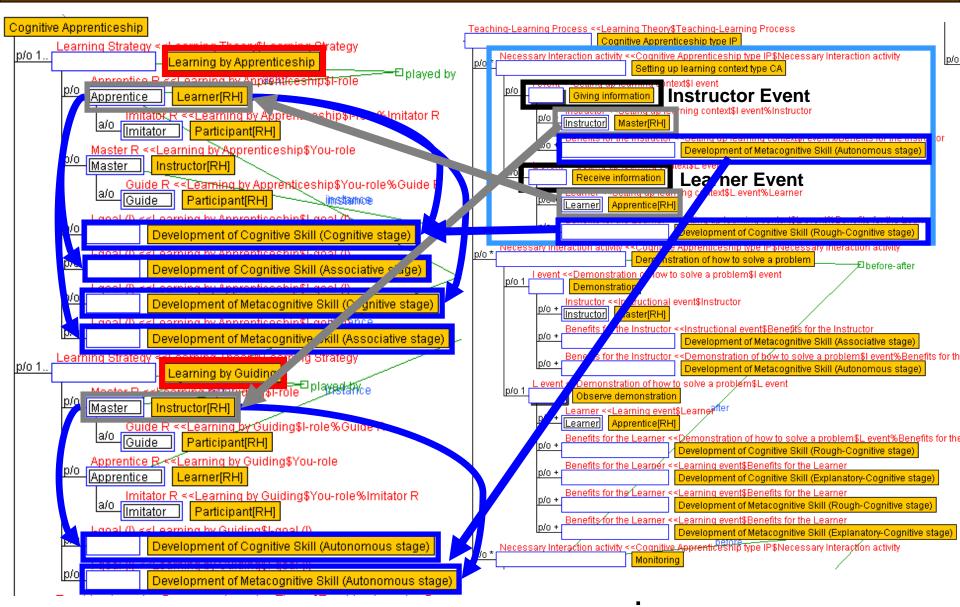


Formalizing Collaborative Learning: Example

Cognitive Apprenticeship Theory



Formalizing Collaborative Learning: Example



This ontology-based approach solves several problems to formalize and apply pedagogical knowledge^{1,2,3}

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3. Isotani et al (2009). An ontology engineering approach to the realization of theory-driven group formation. International Journal of Computer-Supported Collaborative Learning, v. 4, p. 445-478. Collaborative Learning Ontology

OK. But let's be realistic ... Almost nobody can understand this ontology



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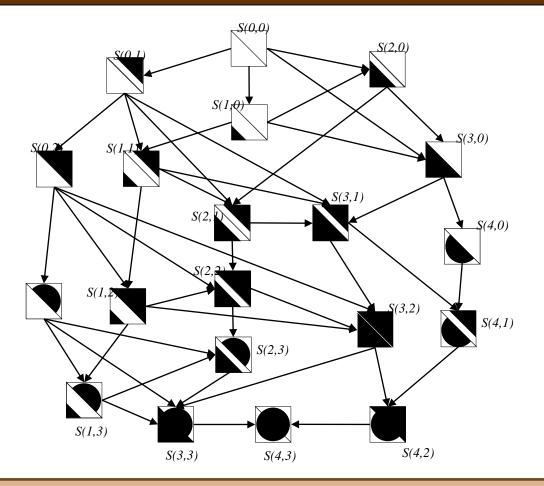
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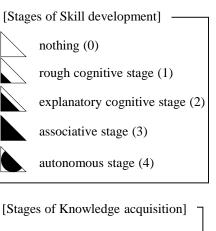
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[Rumelhart D.E. and Norman, D.A., 1978]

[Anderson, J. 1982]

Learner's Growth Model (LGM)



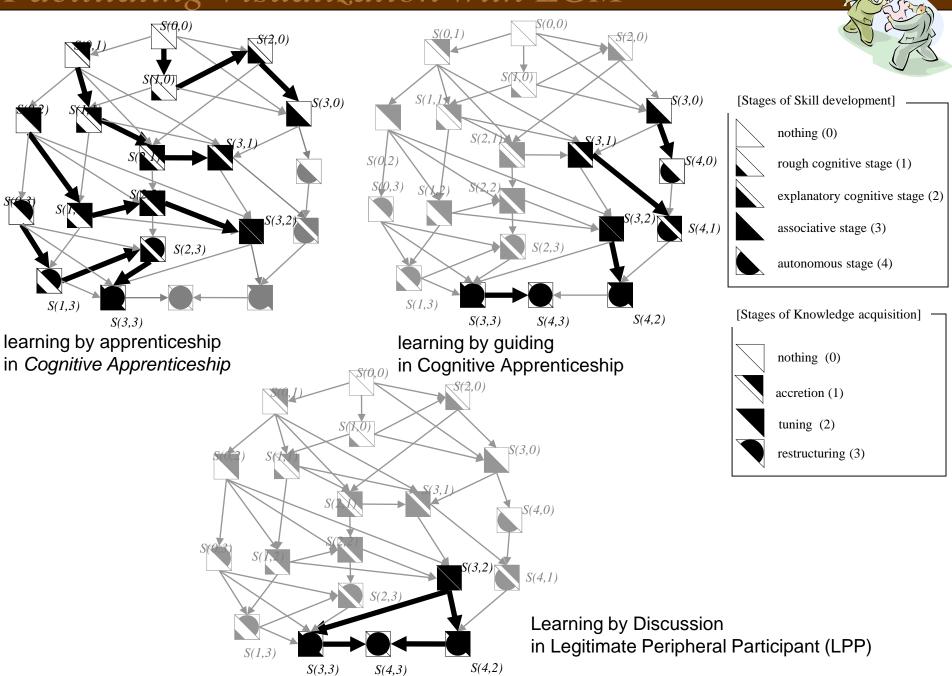


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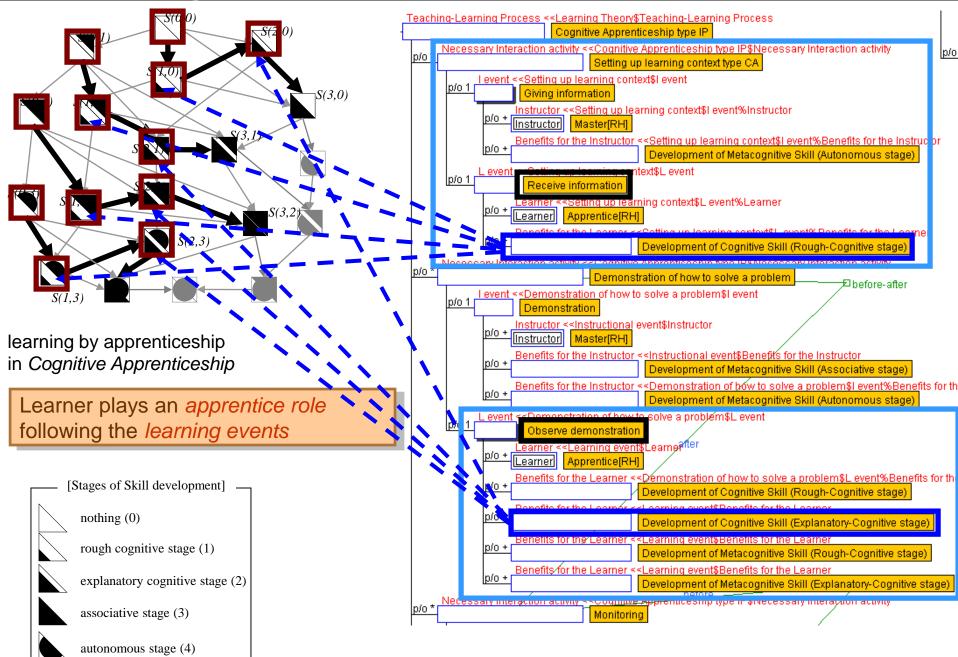
LGM is a graph that represents all possible transitions in learner's development

A learning theory shows some possible transitions in the LGM graph

Facilitating Visualization with LGM

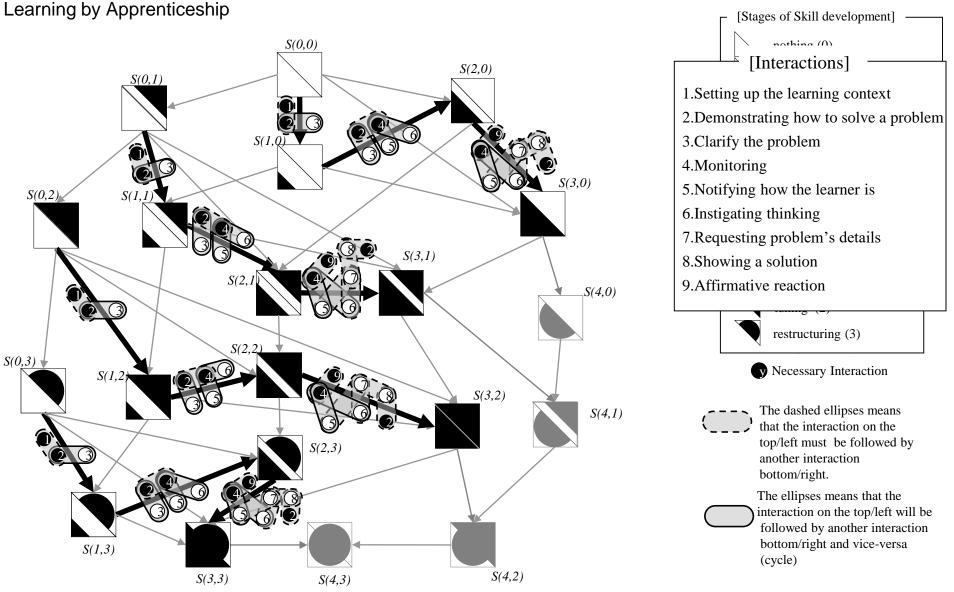


Facilitating Visualization with LGM



GMIP: Growth model improved by Interaction Patterns

Cognitive Apprenticeship

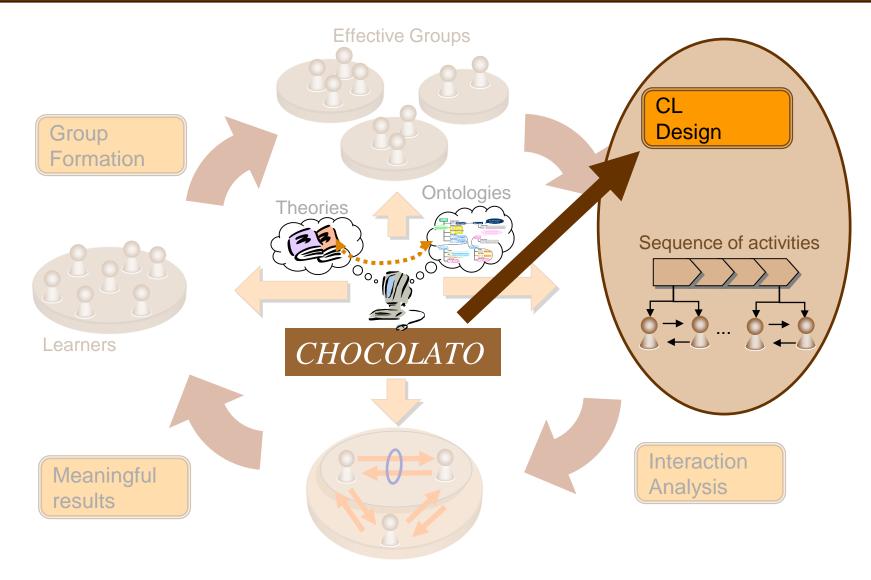


GMIP: Growth model improved by Interaction Patterns

The model offers a solution to create theory-aware tools that help to design CL activities^{1,2}

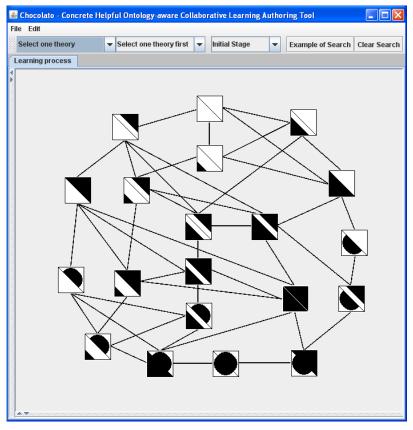
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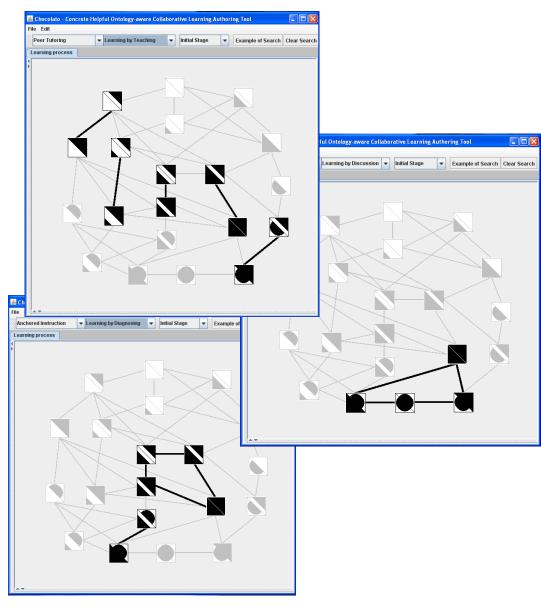
CHOCOLATO: Concrete and Helpful Ontology-aware Collaborative Learning Authoring Tool



Path of different theories

MARI Main Adaptive Representation Interface



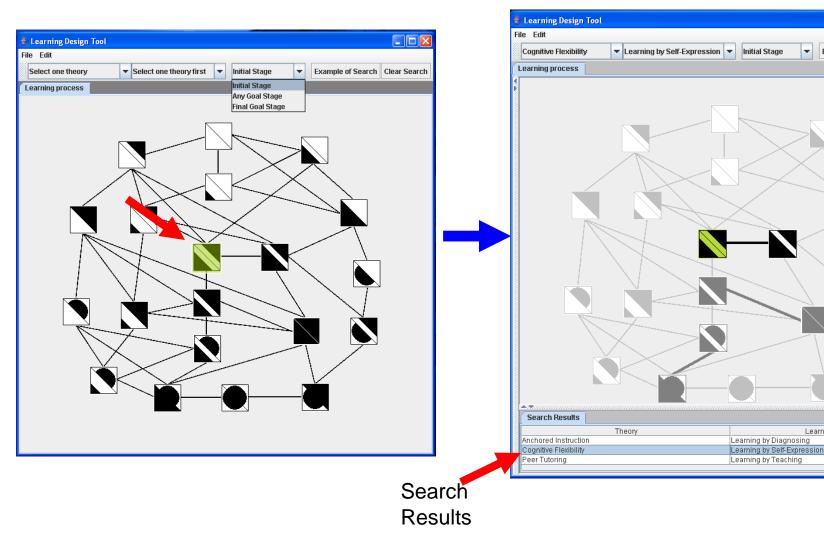


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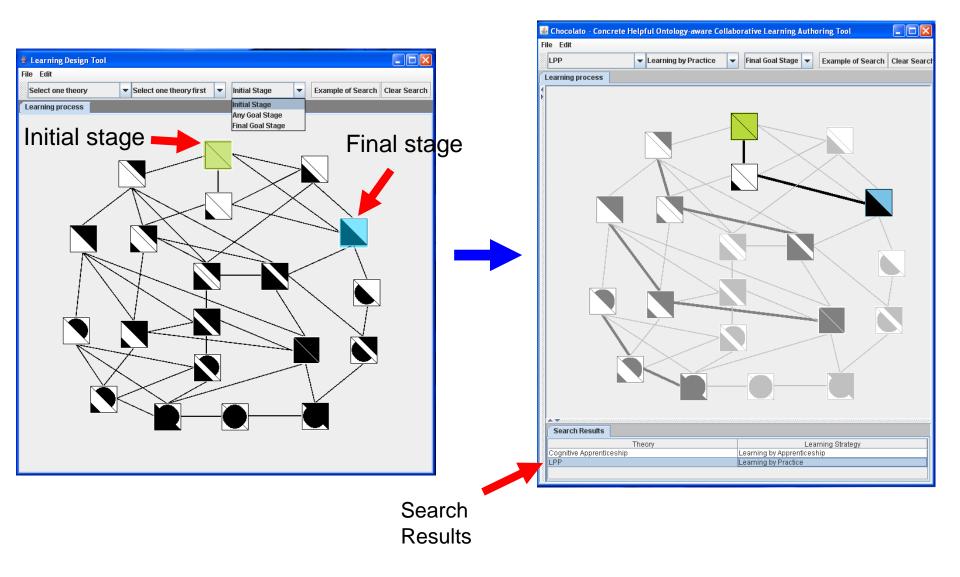
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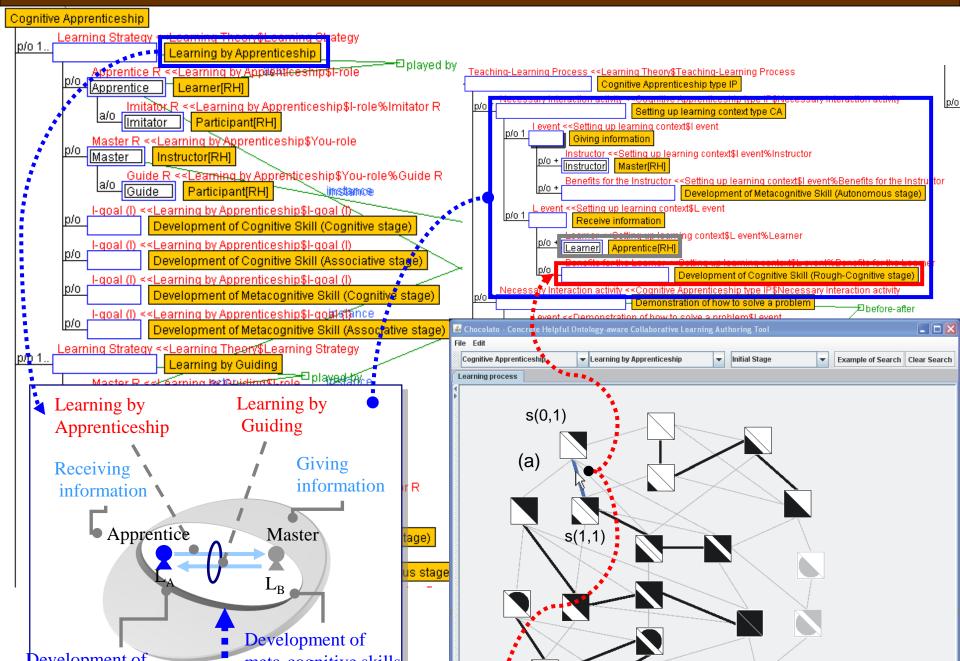
Learning Strategy

Search for theories

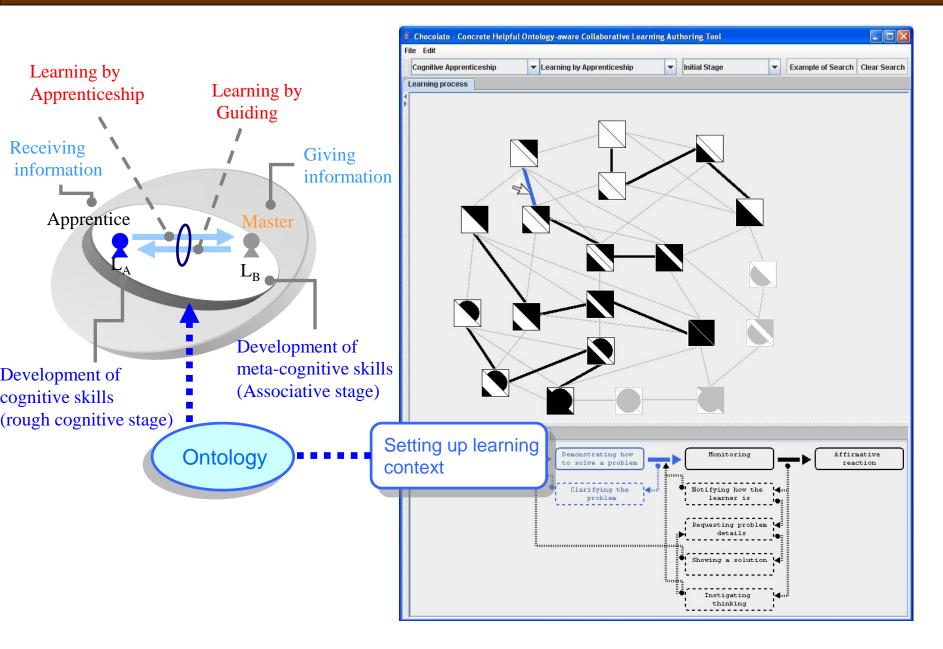


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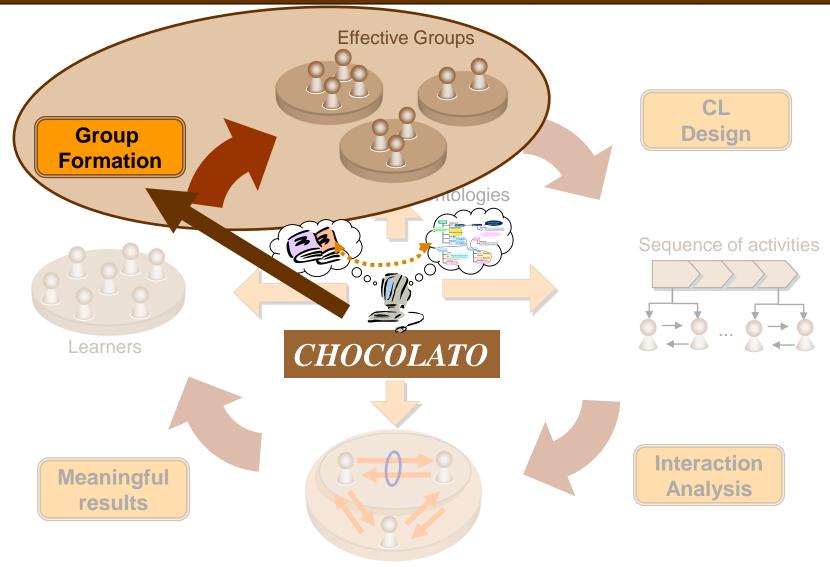
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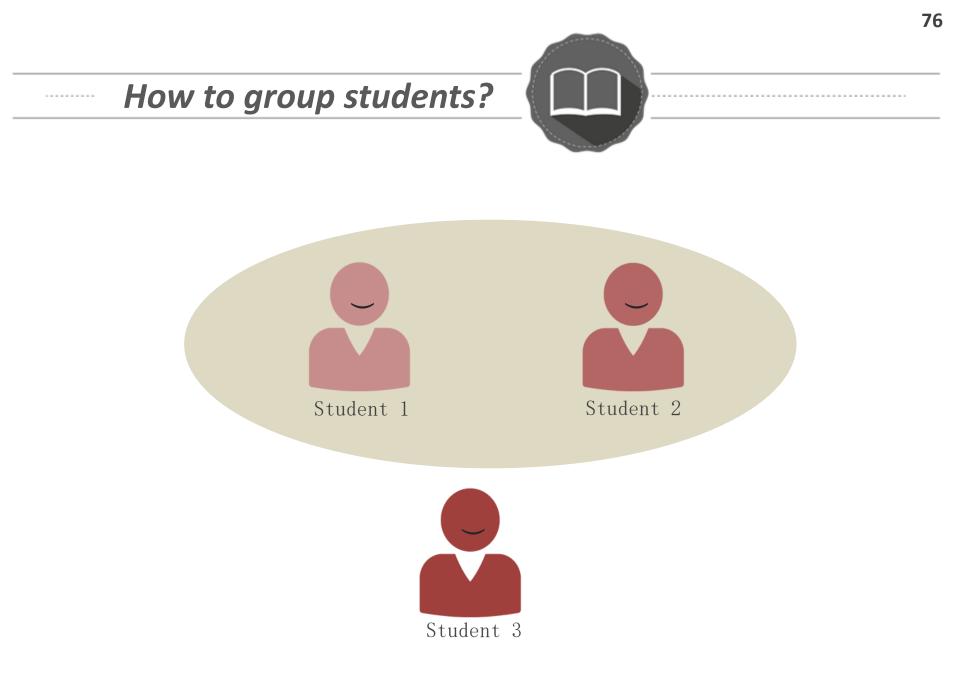


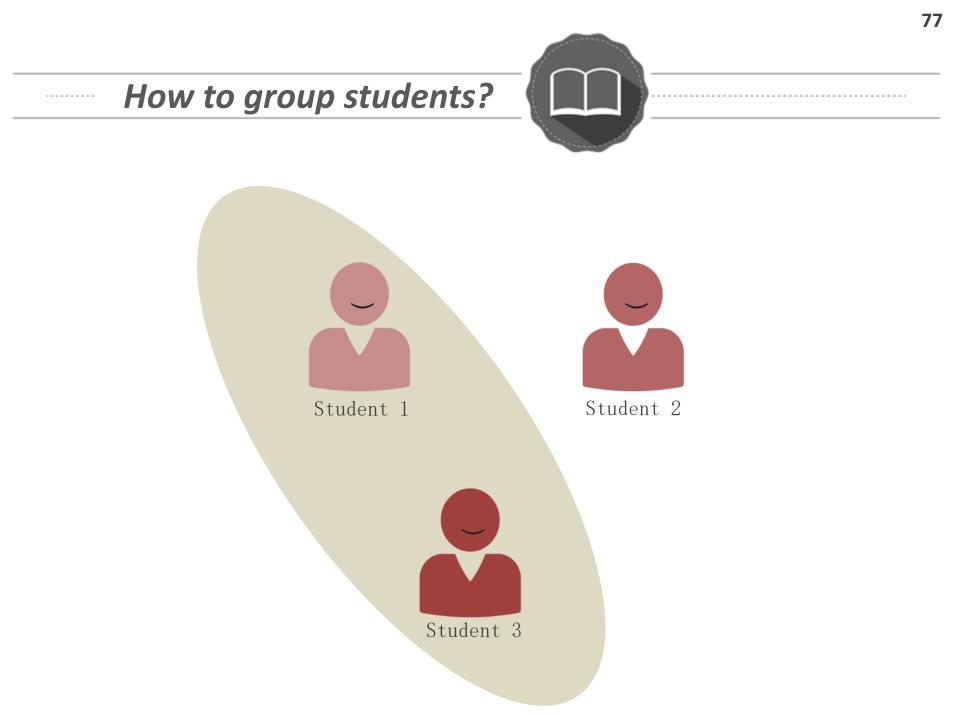
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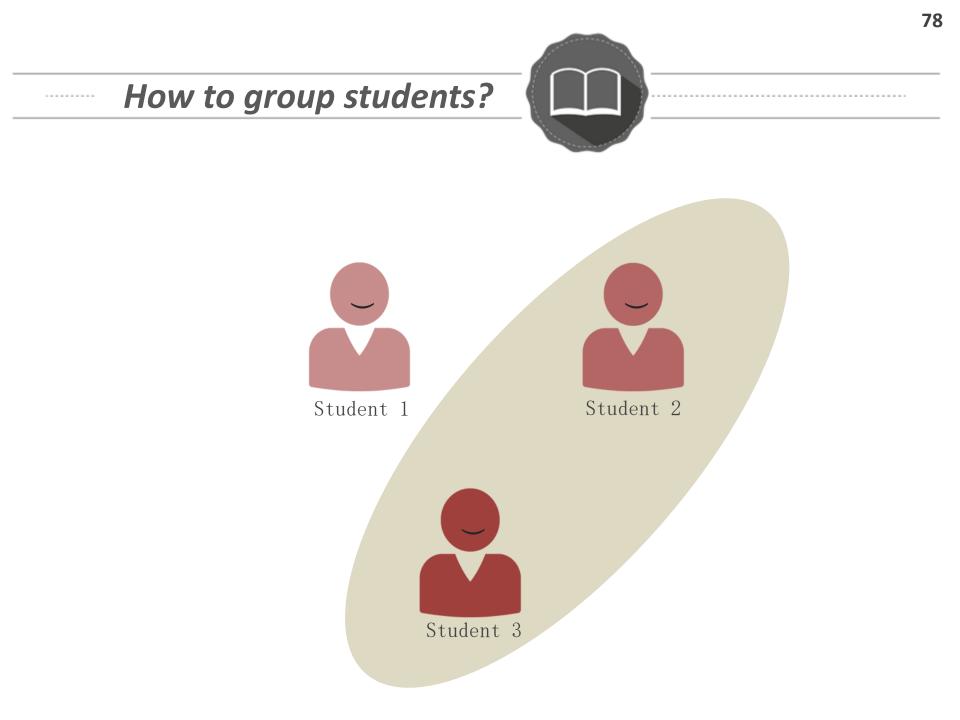
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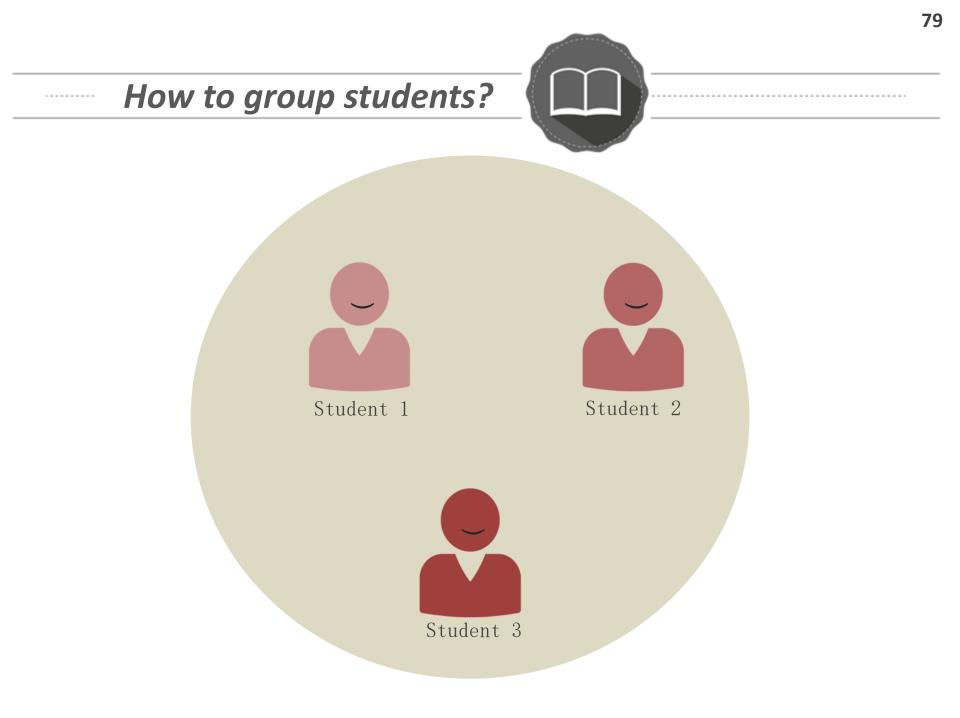
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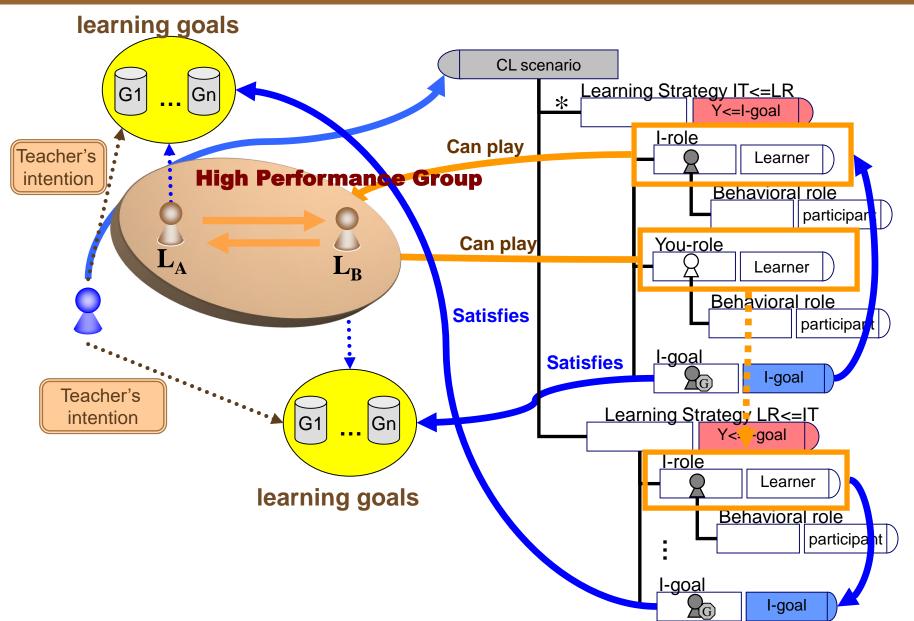






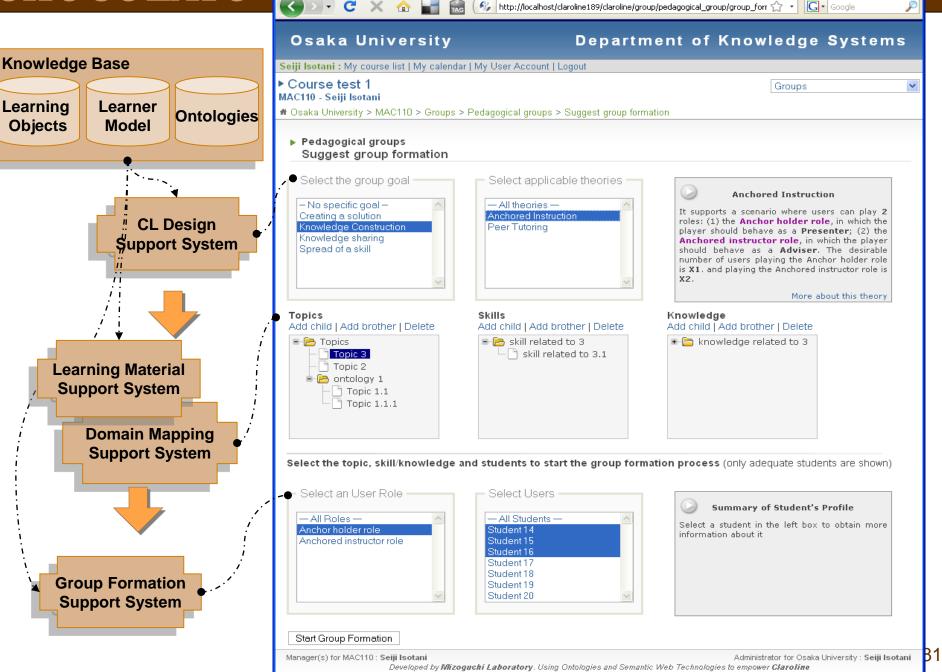
Theory-Driven Group Formation

Identify which collaborative learning scenarios can help learners to achieve their goals



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Tools

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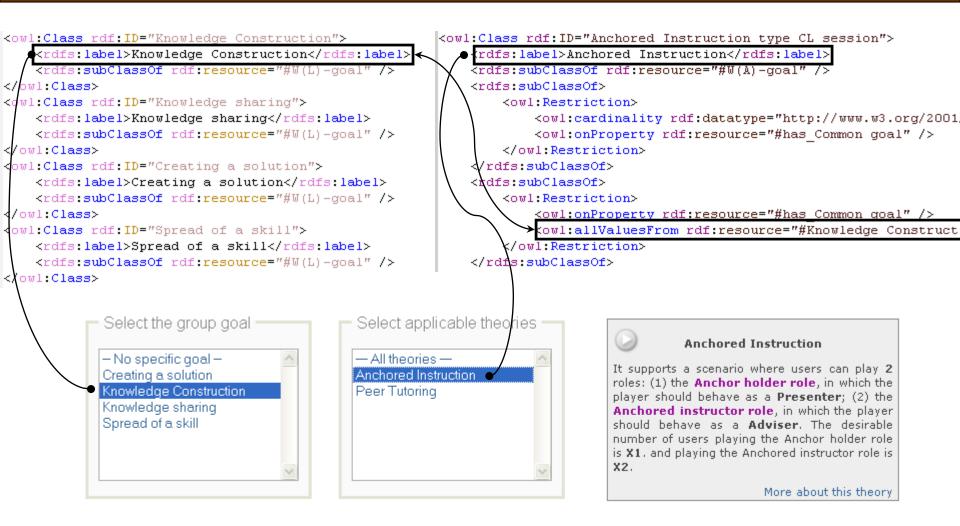
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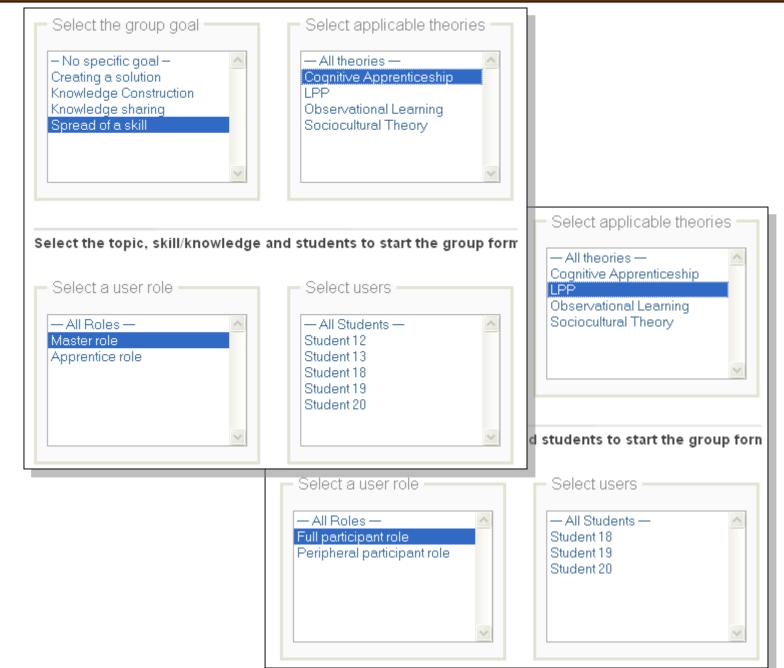
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Development

RDF/OWL Parser (ARC2), PHP, Claroline (LMS).

CHOCOLATO



CHOCOLATO

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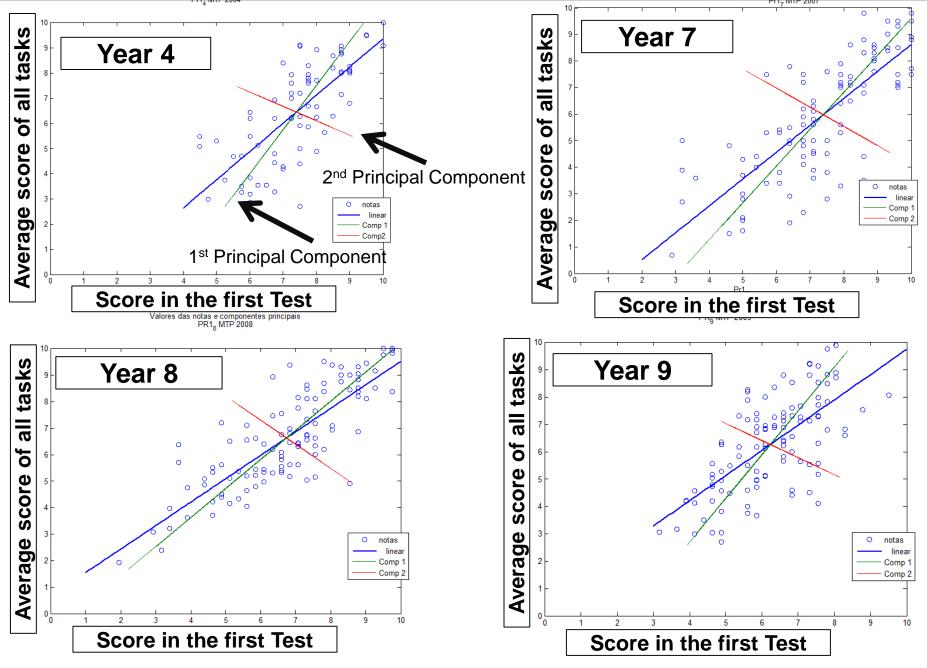
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Collaborative Learning Ontology



Isotani et al (2013) A Semantic Web-based authoring tool to facilitate the planning of collaborative learning scenarios compliant with learning theories. Computers and Education, v. 63, p. 267-284.

In vivo studies: PCA



Future Directions

Collaborative Learning Ontology

Does it really work at scale? (self-controlled learning environment)





Startup



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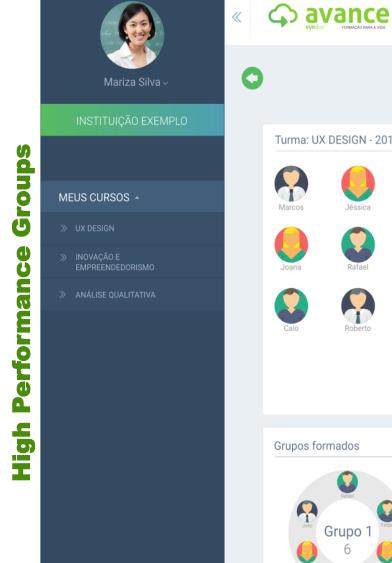


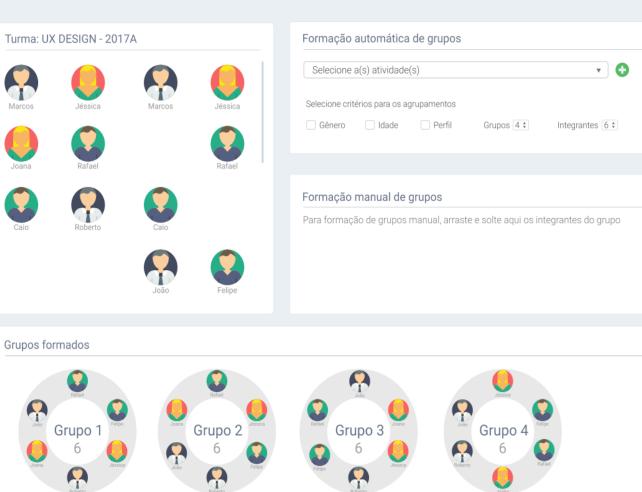
Formação manual de grupos

TRABALHO EM GRUPO

Para formação de grupos manual, arraste e solte aqui os integrantes do grupo

Grupos formados





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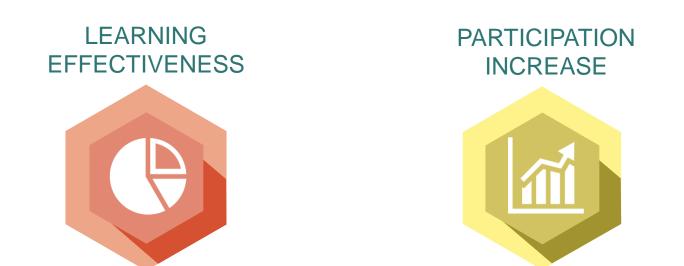


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- Paiva, R.; Bittencourt, I. I.; Jaques, P.; ISOTANI, S. What do students do on-line? Modeling students' interactions to improve their learning experience. Computers in Human Behavior, v. 64, p. 769-781, 2016.





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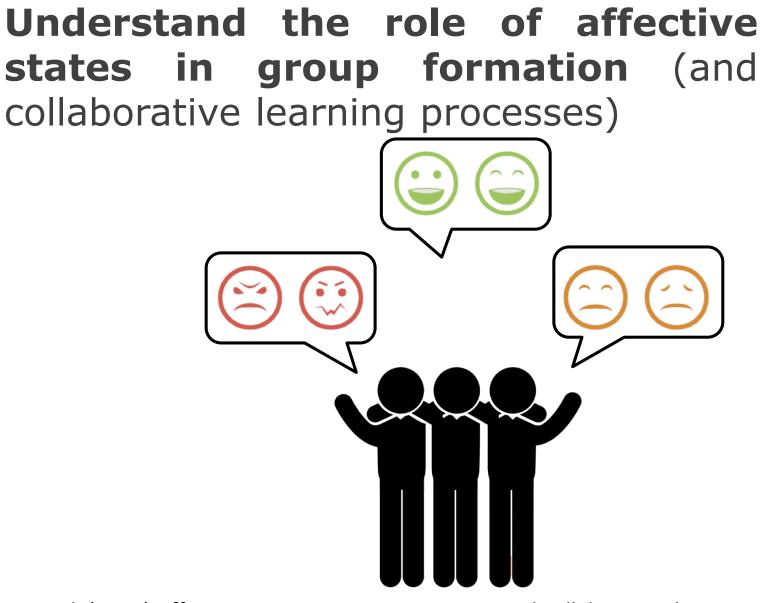
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Takeaway Message:

- 1. Take a **real world problem** that is hard to solve
- 2. Organize the knowledge from different sources
- 3. Build an **ontology**
- **4. Hide the ontology** behind a model that people can understand
- 5. Apply the model and the ontology to **solve the problem**

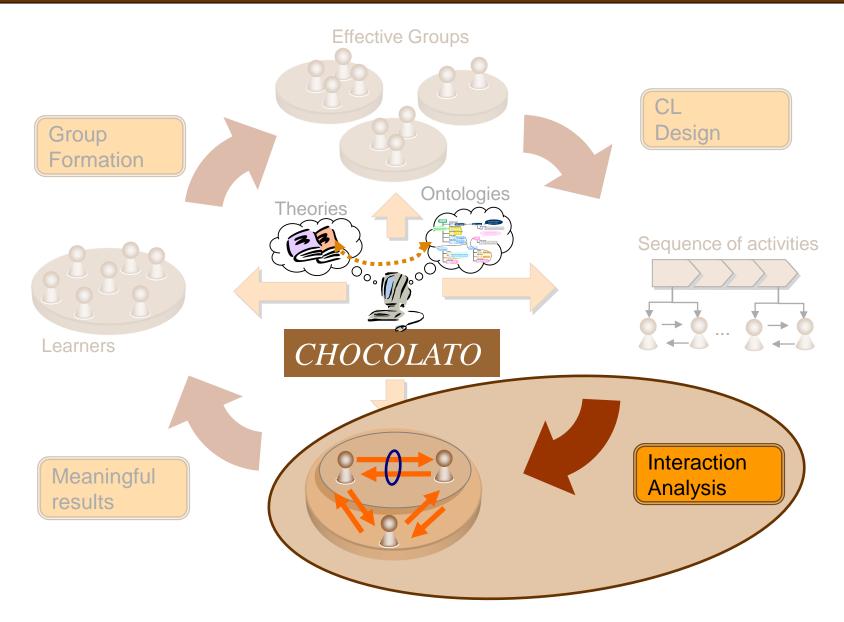


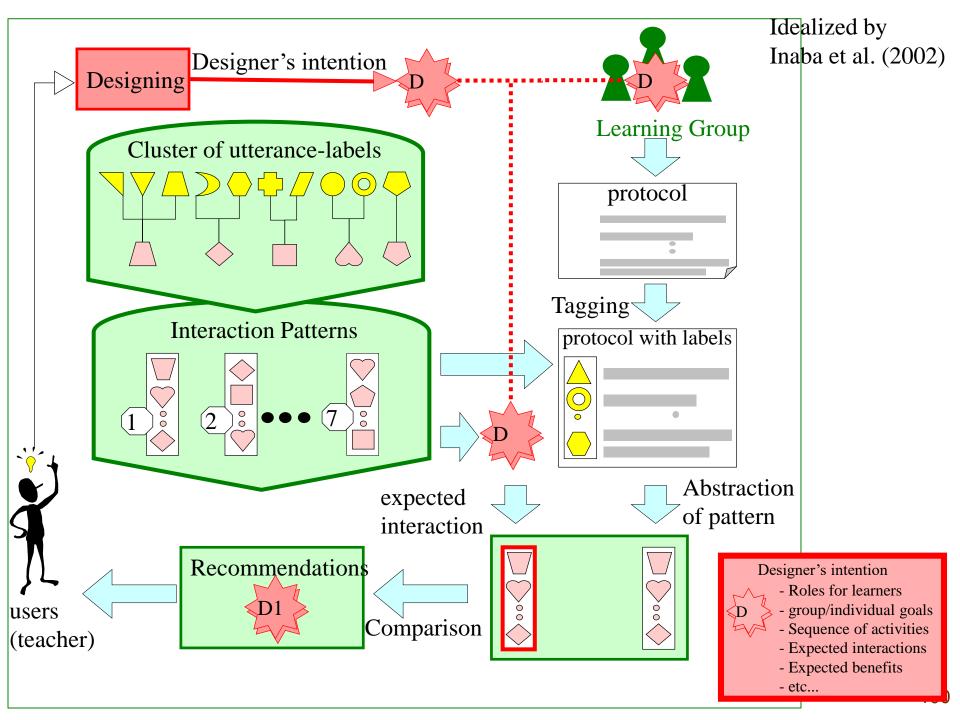


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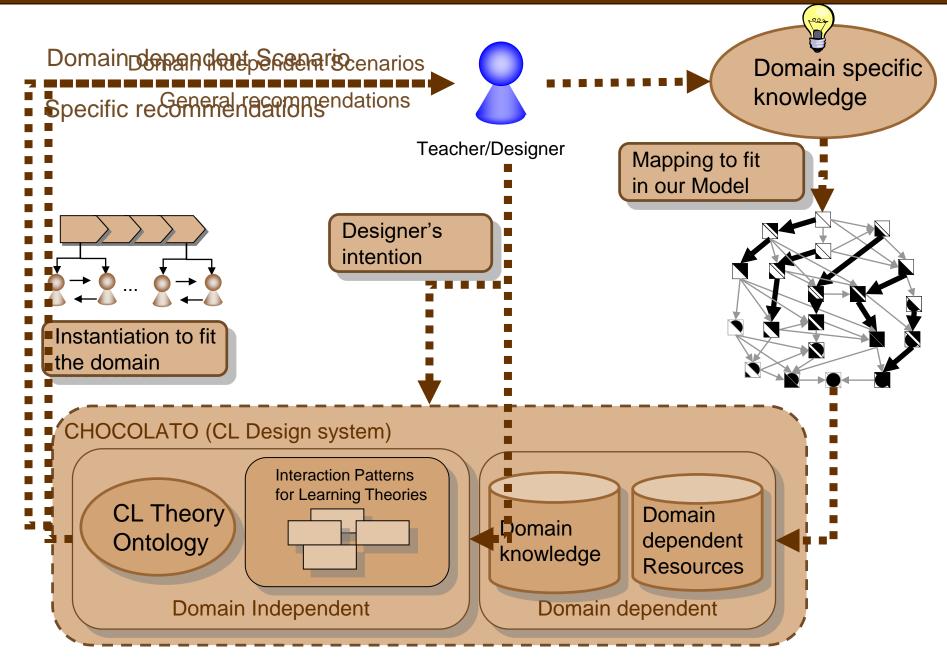
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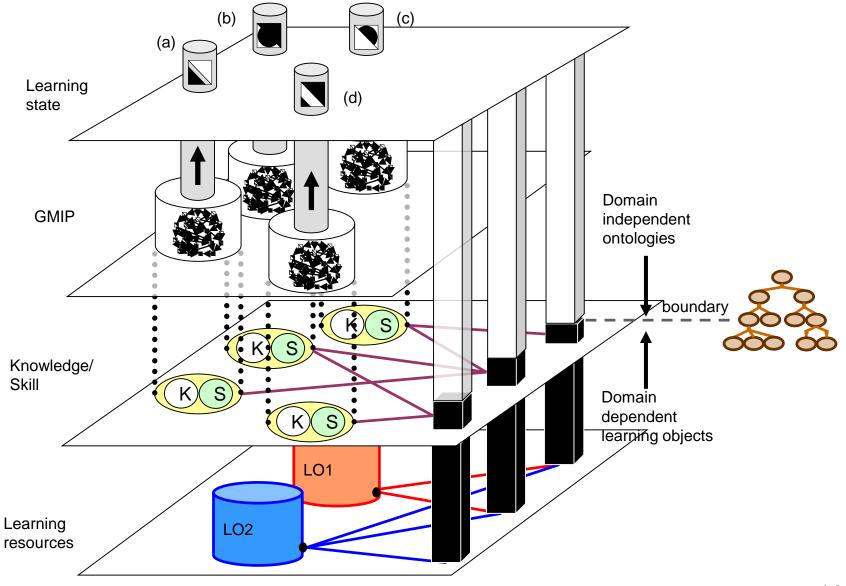




Application



Framework to design domain-dependent CL scenarios

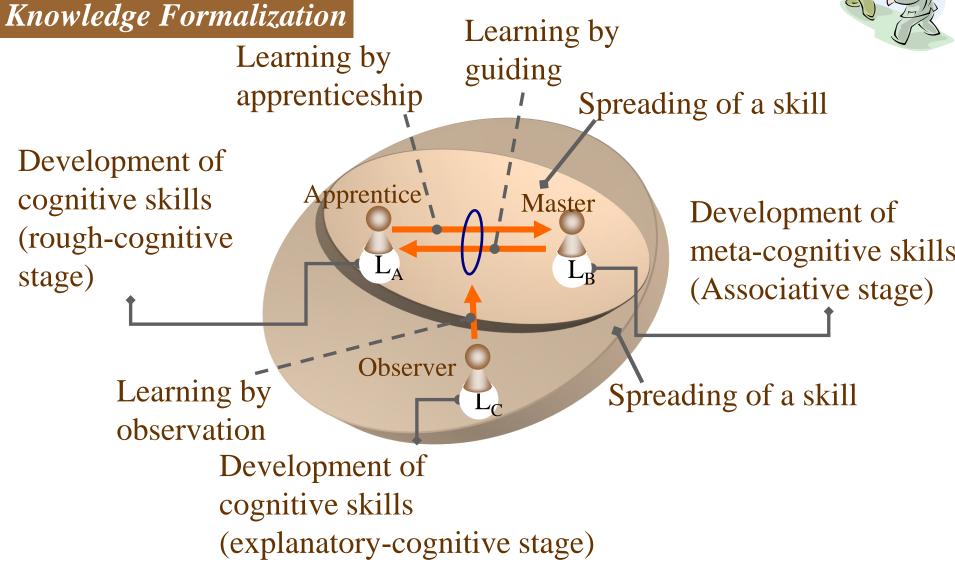


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Knowledge Organization: Learning goal

I-goal	Definition	Sources	
Acquisition of Content- Specific Knowledge Accretion Tuning Restructuring	To add new knowledge concerning the target domain to existing schemata, to understand it, and then to consider relationship among knowledge, and (re) construct knowledge structure.	[2, 3, 4, 6, 15, 16]	
Development of Cognitive Skill Cognitive stage Associative stage Autonomous stage	To get knowledge concerning cognitive skills such as diagnosing and monitoring, to practice them, and then to refine them.	[16, 18, 23]	
Development of Metacognitive Skill Cognitive stage Associative stage Autonomous stage	To get knowledge concerning metacognitive skills for observing self-thinking process, diagnosing it and regulating or controlling of self-activity, to practice them, and then to refine them.	[16, 19, 23]	
Development of Skill forSelf-ExpressionCognitive stageAssociative stageAutonomous stage	To get knowledge concerning the skills for externalizing self-thinking process and presenting the learner's self-perspectives, to practice them, and then to refine them.	[3, 21]	

Formalizing CL

Knowledge Organization: learning strategy

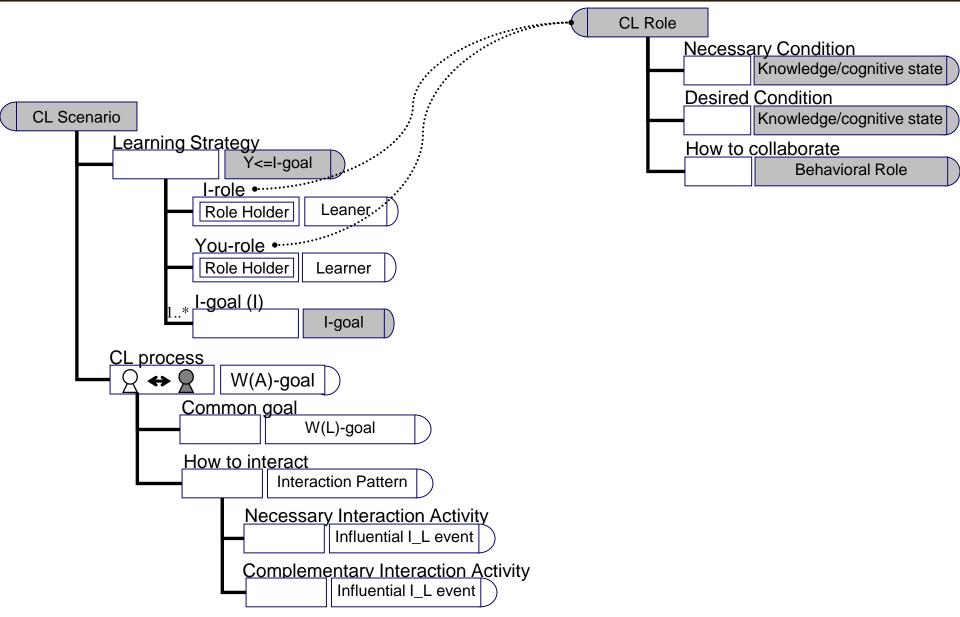
Y<=I-goal	=I-goal Definition	
Learning by Observation	Learning indirectly by observing other learners' learning processes	
Learning by Self- Expression	Learning by externalizing self-thinking process, such as self- explanation and presentation.	[5]
Learning by Teaching	Learning by teaching something he/she already knows to other learners	[5,17]
Learning by being Taught	Learning directly by being taught by other learners	[17]
Learning by Apprenticeship	Learning by observing other learners' behavior and then imitating it.	[7]
Learning by Practice	Learning by applying knowledge or skill to a specific problem	[23,24]
Learning by Diagnosing	Learning by diagnosing other learners' learning or thinking processes	[6,18]
Learning by Guiding	Learning by demonstrating knowledge or skill to other learners and guiding the learners	[7]
Learning by Reflection	Learning by rethinking and observing the learner's self-thinking process.	[33,34]
Learning by Discussion	Learning by discussion with other learners	[10,27,30]

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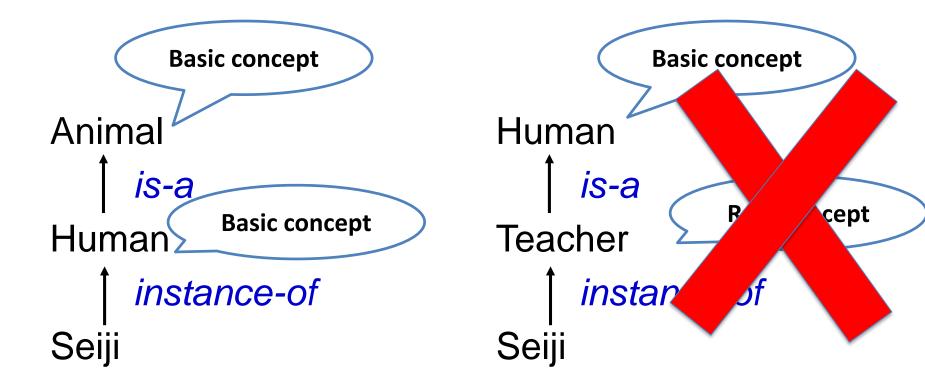
Knowledge Organization: Role for learners

Role	Condition	Predictable benefit (I-goal)	Sources
Apprentice	• nothing	 Development of cognitive and/or metacognitive skill (cognitive stage & associative stage) 	[6]
Master	 knowing how to use cognitive skill having experience in using the cognitive skill having how to use meta- cognitive skill having experience in using the metacognitive skill 	 Development of cognitive and/or metacognitive skill (autonomous stage) 	[6]
Peripheral participant	 knowing how to use cognitive skill knowing how to use metacognitive skill not having experience in using the cognitive skill not having experience in using the metacognitive skill 	 Development of cognitive skill (associative stage) Development of metacognitive skill (associative stage) 	[21]
Full participant	 having the knowledge having experience in using the knowledge having related knowledge in the domain knowing how to use cognitive skill having experience in using the cognitive skill having how to use meta- cognitive skill having experience in using the metacognitive skill 	 Acquisition of content specific knowledge (restructuring) Development of cognitive skill (autonomous stage) Development of metacognitive skill (autonomous stage) 	[21, 25, 28]
Peer tutee	• not having the knowledge	Acquisition of Content Specific Knowledge (accretion)	[7]
Peer tutor	 having the target knowledge not having experience in using the knowledge misunderstanding the knowledge 	Acquisition of Content Specific Knowledge (tuning)	[7]

An Theory-based Ontology for CL



Example of Ontology representation



It is incorrect to have the *is-a* relation between "Human" and "Teacher" given that *teacher* is a role played by a *human* in a context (where is the context???).