# Technology and Higher Education in Ethiopia

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### **Ethical Considerations**

Harmony: is the process of locating the fulcrum point to balance our desire for personal success and our desire to do something for the common good.

**Wisdom:** the ability to use both objective and intuitive modes of knowing in order to create meaning, and in order to analyze the various expressions in which meaning is manifested.

**Power:** the ability of the individual and/ or community to make change in a manner that demonstrates our interconnectedness.



# Developing a Technology Plan

Use the UUC Vision and Mission Statements

Draft Outcomes: Start with the end in mind

Appreciative Inquiry: Review existing technology resources

**Inventory Best Internal Practices** 

Appreciative Inquiry: Survey what other similarly situated universities are doing

Inventory Best External Practices

Redraft Outcomes: Create Plan and Timeline



# Digital Literacy: The Basics

### **Computer Basics**

System Function	Device	System Type
Input: how information gets into computer	Keyboard	PC   Mac   Tablets   Smart Phones
Input: how information gets into computer	Screen	Tablets (Apple IOS and Android)   Mobile Devices
Input: how information gets into computer	USB Ports   Micro Disk	PC   Mac   Some Tablets   Smart Phones
Input: how information gets into computer	CD & DVD drive   USB   Fire-wire   Thunderbolt (Mac only)  Micro Disk	PC   Mac
Processor: how information is manipulated	Processors   RAM	PC   Mac   Tablets   Smart Phones
Output	Screen   Printer   Storage Devices	PC   Mac   Tablets   Smart Phones
Storage	CD & DVD   USB   Fire-Wire   Thunderbolt (Mac only)   the Cloud   Micro disk	PC   Mac
Storage	USB   Micro Disk   the Cloud	PC   Mac   Smart Phone

### **Software Basics**

### Useful Programs for Knowledge Production

Program Name	Representative Functions	
Word	Word processing   Desktop Publishing   HTML Coding   Flyers and brochures   Business Cards   Calendars   (See Microsoft for more examples ( <a href="http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/word/">http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/word/</a> )	
Excel	Spreadsheet   Lists   Invoices   Calendars   Budgets   (See Microsoft for examples (http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/excel/)	
PowerPoint	Presentation   Instruction   Demonstration   eLearning Products   See <u>Microsoft</u> for examples ( <a href="http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/powerpoint/">http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/powerpoint/</a> )	
Adobe Acrobat Pro	Secure documents   Collect Form Data   Digital Signature   Portfolios   Interactive eLearning products   Embed video   See <u>Adobe</u> for examples ( <a href="http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobatpro.html">http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobatpro.html</a> )	
Adobe Captivate: eLearning authoring software	Interactive Quizzes   Software Simulations   Branching Scenarios   HTML 5.5. Converter   See <u>Adobe</u> for examples ( <a href="http://www.adobe.com/products/captivate.html">http://www.adobe.com/products/captivate.html</a> )	
Adobe Creative Suite	Video editing   Convert video to FLV format   Sound Production   After Effects editing   Produce Flash Files   Photoshop   See <u>Adobe</u> for examples ( <a href="http://success.adobe.com/en/na/sem/products/studentandteachereditions/video.html/?sdid=FXLZE&amp;skwcid=TC 22183 adobe%20video%20suite  S b 6152117902">http://success.adobe.com/en/na/sem/products/studentandteachereditions/video.html/?sdid=FXLZE&amp;skwcid=TC 22183 adobe%20video%20suite  S b 6152117902</a> )	

### Google Resources

### The Power of a Google Account

Google Docs | Calendar | Photos | Web | Web Alerts

Translate | Talk | Google Scholar | Cloud Storage

YouTube | Google Voice | Maps | Google Earth



### Social Networks as Educational Tools

Increases both teacher-student and student-student interaction in the form of web-based communication.

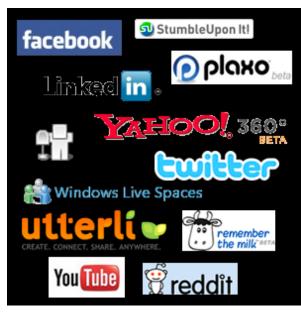
Helps instructors connect with their students about assignments, upcoming events, useful links, and samples of work outside of the classroom

Students can contact classmates about questions regarding class assignments or examinations as well as collaborate on assignments and group projects in an online environment

Improve language development

Improve interpersonal communication

Improve group collaboration skills



### **Knowledge Production Options**

### The Public Knowledge Project

The Public Knowledge Project is dedicated to improving the scholarly and public quality of research. It operates through a partnership among the

Faculty of Education at the University of British Columbia, the Simon Fraser University Library, the School of Education at Stanford University, and the Canadian Centre for Studies in Publishing at Simon Fraser

University.

#### **Strengthening African Research Culture and Capacities**

With over 250 African journals using PKP software to list their contents in the <u>African Journals Online</u> program, PKP will be conducting Online Scholarly Publishing workshops in 6-8 African research libraries on the feasibility of moving journal to online management and full-text publishing as a way to strengthen local research culture and knowledge building.



### Learning Management Systems



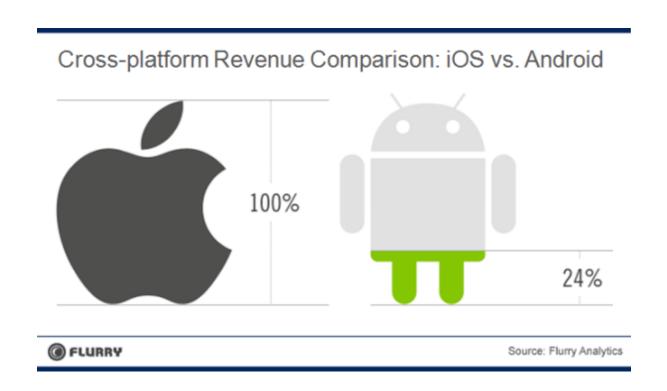
Moodle is a Course Management System (CMS), also known as a Learning Management System (LMS) or a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). It is a Free web application that educators can use to create effective online learning sites. Moodle.org is our community site where Moodle is made and discussed. Please use the menus to explore and join in!



Collaboration and Learning Environment for Education free to use, free to develop, freedom for education

Sakai is a free and open source product that is built and maintained by the Sakai community. Sakai's development model is called "Community Source" because many of the developers creating Sakai are drawn from the "community" of organizations that have adopted and are using Sakai.

# Knowledge Production: App Development



<sup>&</sup>quot;Anecdotally, developers consistently tell us that they make more money on iOS, about three to four times as much. To be sure, we pulled a sample of in-app purchase data from a set of top apps with versions on both iOS and Android, comprising of several million daily active users (DAUs). Running the numbers, we find that, on average, for every \$1.00 generated on iOS, the same app will generate \$0.24 on Android."

# Information Consumption through Technology

#### **Ethical Considerations**

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Wisdom

Power

### Dynamic Methodologies

Project Based Learning Action Research Appreciative Inquiry

#### Free Asynchronous Courses

MIT Open Courseware (

http://ocw.mit.edu/index.htm)

**Open Yale Courses** 

(http://oyc.yale.edu/)

#### **Harvard Open Learning Initiative**

(

http://www.extension.harvard.edu/open-learning-initiative)

#### Top 10 Universities with Free

Courses Online

http://www.jimmyr.com/blog/

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Open Culture (

http://www.openculture.com/
freeonlinecourses )



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