Small is Beautiful

A study of ed-tech as if people mattered

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IT BEGAN IN CANADA...

"IT'S DISRUPTING EVERYTHING!"

"IT'S A TSUNAMI OF POORLY UNDERSTOOD PEDAGOGY!"

DAY OF THE MOOC

STARRING: George SIEMENS, David WILEY, Dave CORMIER and Stephen DOWNES

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“If you don’t like ‘the system,’ you should create one of your own.”

-Greg Ginn (Black Flag Guitarist)
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July 11th, 2013
Wikipedia:WikiProject Murder Madness and Mayhem

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

"This is a remarkable project, and a herculean task realized in the short time span of less than 15 weeks. Jon and his students are [a] model for thinking, sharing and contributing with[in] the open space of the internet. An important act of faith and intellectual responsibility. It is ever so impressive."

— Jim Groom[1]

"Gives students real-world experience finding their way, collaboratively, to high standards of content and writing in their field. It's an incredible example of what college students and their inspired teacher can do, collaborating, reflecting, listening, revising."

— Barbara Ganley[2]

"Over the course of the last few months I have learned so much about writing I cannot even express... and it shows. I have been a B+/A- student throughout my entire undergraduate career, and my last two papers have been A's! I think the grades speak for themselves."

— Monica Freudenberg[3]

"I will no longer allow my daughter to consider attending the University of British Columbia, so long as Murray is paid to teach there."

— Gregory Kohs[4]

The University of British Columbia's class SPAN312 ("Murder, Madness, and Mayhem: Latin American Literature in Translation") contributed to Wikipedia during Spring 2008. Our collective goals were to bring a selection of articles on Latin American literature to featured article status (or as
**Wikistorming**

**Five Wikistorming Projects**

For the Fall of 2013, DOCC professors and students will work on the following five projects:

- Adding feminist scholarship to already existing content on Wikipedia
- Creating and expanding articles on women who played and are playing important roles in history and current events
- Making Wikipedia readers and editors more aware of the
Let’s Get Small(er)
A Personal Cyberinfrastructure

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Cyberinfrastructure is something more specific than the network itself, but it is something more general than a tool or a resource developed for a particular project, a range of projects, or, even more broadly, for a particular discipline.

— American Council of Learned Societies,
Our Cultural Commonwealth, 2006
ds106: We're open and you're invited!
by Removendi

Image credit: GoDog's "Open is Welcoming" That's right, ds106 is running again in the Spring of 2012. If you have no idea what ds106 is, read more about it here. We're still ironing out the syllabus for the Spring 2012 run, but you can see the Syllabus...

Read more...

Even a Dog Can Teach ds106
by dr_garcia

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Jim has already been dropping teases but if he blogs, then it's official. It's been a year since the first open course version of Digital Storytelling (ds106) at the University of Mary Washington and in 2012 it's going...

Read more...

New Lego is for Girls
by Audrey Williams

Leave a comment

@DrGarcia presents an Love Lucy Christmas Special -
add your soundtrack to ds106 radio
(password: wjfrwestco)
P.O.S.S.E.
Publish on your Own Site,
Syndicate Everywhere
Create a READ poster

View Assignment Details
Difficulty public rating by 9 people. Click to rate

So far, 39 people have completed this assignment. 2712 visits (starting Oct 2012).

Submitted by: Jim Groom

Since 1985, the American Library Association (ALA) has tried to sell reading books as cool by showing celebrities reading their favorite books. You can read about the history of this promotional campaign here. Experiment with this tradition, introduce a celebrity with a book who hasn’t been recognized yet, but should be. Or use the poster you create to poke fun at a public figure, or do something else all together have fun.

The Atari 2600 Zone

View Assignment Details
Difficulty public rating by 6 people. Click to rate

So far, 4 people have completed this assignment. 739 visits (starting Oct 2012).

Submitted by: Jim Groom

Design an Atari 2600 Cartridge based on a Twilight Zone episode. The idea is to get the right font (Atari Age is great for this) based on the classic Atari 2600 box covers (see some here). What’s more, there are some great templates for the Atari cartridges available online, here is a great one to get you going. Also, be sure to create a graphic of what the Atari game might look like.
Create A READ Poster

Don't wait until the end of the world to...

Do this Assignment

If you complete this assignment, share it! If you are signed up with a blog that feeds the main DS106 site just use the following tags when writing your post on your own blog to have your example added below. (You must use BOTH tags): DesignAssignments, DesignAssignments1089

If your blog is not connected to ds106, you can add your example directly.

Help Someone Else Do this Assignment

If you create a tutorial for this assignment, share it! To have your tutorials appear below, make sure your posts are showing up on the main DS106 site and that you use the following tags when writing the post on your own blog. (You must use BOTH tags): DesignAssignments, DesignTutorials1089

Submissions So Far

Trump: Make Reading Great Again!

"Since 1985, the American Library Association (ALA) has tried to sell reading books as cool by showing celebrities reading their favorite books. You can read about the history of this promotional campaign here. Experiment with this tradition, introduce a celebrity with a book who hasn't been recognized yet, but..."
Check out #ds106 #4life - a proactive model for teaching and learning. Broadcasting amplifies your voice to a global community.

@techsavvyed @jay2havee I'm jumping in there now to see what's up. Collaborative video essay would be awesome, like #ds106 Directors Cut.

timmymmyboy, [+1 Wed 26 Oct 02:27 via Twitter for Mac

@timmmmyboy I haven't tried it out yet, was waiting for video portion of #ds106 this semester

techsavvyed, [+1 Wed 26 Oct 02:25 via TweetDeck

Prepare to blow your mind with collaborative video editing in the cloud http://t.co/yf2QKwoe #ds106 #edtech

techsavvyed, [+1 Wed 26 Oct 02:20 via TweetDeck

#opened11 @mikhailg: Others' implementations of #ds106radio need not be chaotic, structure (or lack thereof) is imposed by the instructor

myceimmons, [+1 Wed 26 Oct 02:13 via Kiwi

@giuliasforbythe what's goin on. whatdmiss. #ds106radio

draggin, [+9 Wed 26 Oct 08:30 via web in reply to...

Hey #opened11 folks, interested in what's on #ds106radio right now, follow the #ds106radio bot - once again in full effect

jmgroom, [+1 Wed 26 Oct 08:30 via web

Might broadcast Cathy N. Davidson lecture in 15 mins if stream is free. #ds106radio

noiseprofessor, [+1 Wed 26 Oct 08:16 via TweetDeck

Why do I suspect @draggin has influenced this #ds106radio broadcast?

giuliasforbythe, [+1 Wed 26 Oct 08:15 via Twitter for iPhone

YAY the #ds106radio bot is alive!
DOMAIN OF ONE'S OWN

umwdomains.com
The Chicago Cubs

Have the Chicago Cubs always been at Wrigley Field? How did they get their name? Is it true that many years ago a couple of players were shot by obsessed fans?

The purpose of this website is to answer these questions, using original resources such as newspapers, interviews, archival records and photographs. Baseball may be the stuff of legend, but I also want to separate the facts from entertaining myths (sorry, but Babe Ruth probably did not “call his shot” during the 1932 World Series and there is no such thing as the billy goat curse).

As this [interview](http://wrigleyivy.com) mentions, I began working at the [University of Mary Washington Library](http://wrigleyivy.com) as a reference librarian in 1980. I’ve done quite a bit of nonfiction writing over the years, and since about 2009 I’ve been researching the [Chicago Cubs](http://wrigleyivy.com). I’ve published a few magazine pieces and several peer-reviewed journal articles on the team and am now working on a Cubs documentary history. As my research progresses, I’ll summarize my work here.
http://taipingcivilwar.org
CHAPTER IV

¶ 1  “I SUPPOSE you have heard the news, Basil?” said Lord Henry on the following evening, as Hallward was shown into a little private room at the Bristol where dinner had been laid for three.

“No, Harry,” answered Hallward, giving his hat and coat to the bowing waiter. “What is it? Nothing about politics, I hope? They don’t interest me. There is hardly a single person in the House of Commons worth painting; though many of them would be the better for a little whitewashing.”

“Dorian Gray is engaged to be married,” said Lord Henry, watching him as he spoke.

¶ 2  Hallward turned perfectly pale, and a curious look flashed for a moment into his eyes, and then passed away, leaving them dull. “Dorian engaged to be married!” he cried. “Impossible!”

“It is perfectly true.”
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Mark Sample’s framing of Davidson Domains’ mission:

*Develop technical and critical web literacies;

*Forge a digital identity through online publishing;

*Reclaim ownership and control over one’s digital footprint;

*Explore the possibilities of blended learning and social pedagogies.
Have a Lousy Day!
I am never failed to be amused by what I see as facial details in these juniper berries. What a sourpuss!

Sunset in Iceland
The sun sets over Skinhuffa. From a 2008 month spent in Iceland

More Than Grand
Just another view of the Grand Canyon from the south rim
Opensource Apps for Educators

A group of BC educators, technologists, and instructional designers support this app framework hosted on BCNet EduCloud. Sign in via email or GoogleID and explore over 50 apps offered.

Questions? Drop us a line

This framework employs Sandstorm.io. Rather use your own server? Sandstorm is Open Source: Run your own
HISTORY IS OUR FUTURE

And we've been trashing our history

Archive Team is a loose collective of rogue archivists, programmers, writers and loudmouths dedicated to saving our digital heritage. Since 2009 this variant force of nature has caught wind of shutdowns, shutoffs, mergers, and plain old deletions - and done our best to save the history before it's lost forever. Along the way, we've gotten attention, resistance, press and discussion, but most importantly, we've gotten the message out: IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THIS WAY.

This website is intended to be an offloading point and information depot for a number of archiving projects, all related to saving websites or data that is in danger of being lost. Besides serving as a hub for team-based pulling down and mirroring of data, this site will provide advice on managing your own data and rescuing it from the brink of destruction.

Currently Active Projects (Get Involved Here!)
Well, here we are on October 26th, 2010.

Can it really be a year ago that Archive Team had dozens of people assaulting Yahoo’s servers desperately trying to save disappearing history? Well, let’s be frank – not disappearing history, but in fact history being actively and quickly destroyed on purpose. I mean, it’s not like Yahoo! had some sort of terrible server failure or something. They in fact had made the active decision to turn off the site called Geocities, an at-that-point 15 year old hosting site that contained terabytes of user-generated content.

Oh, we were having a great time one year ago – rushing around from this server to that, faking the Goolebot user agent string, bringing our full downloading power to bear. At one point we were well past 100 megabits of bandwidth yanking onto all our archives. As October 26th leaked into the 27th, we watched as site after site disappeared. Sites that were, in the vast majority of cases, less than 10 megabytes. Remember the last time 10 megabytes mattered?

Well, apparently it mattered enough to Yahoo! to decide to kill off Geocities across a couple days, after announcing somewhat quietly that all that data was going away. The usual sarcastic-hand-wringing and point-and-laugh ensued from popular press. “Remember Geocities?” and “Good Riddance” were the order of the day. So it came as a surprise to some that Archive Team thought all of this worth saving – by any means necessary.

What we were facing, you see, was the wholesale destruction of the still-rare combination of words digital heritage, the erasing and silencing of hundreds of thousands of voices, voices that representing the dawn of what one might call “regular people” joining the World Wide Web. A unique moment in human history.
The Dancing Girl GIF edited for Thongchai “Bird” McIntyre

As you may remember one of the most exciting facts about the dancing girl GIF is that there is a blinking pixel next to her left leg. It was forgotten there by it’s author Chuck Pointer. If you can’t see it on the original, look at the contemporary reenactment.
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We’ve been busy....
July 20th, 2009

...playing with Jonah in the dirty jersey.