

# Strategies for Online Teaching of Digital Natives



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## Question for the Audience

Are you familiar with the term  
“digital native”?

- a. Yes, very familiar with the term.
- b. Somewhat. Heard about the term.
- c. No, not familiar with the term.

# Generational Learning Styles

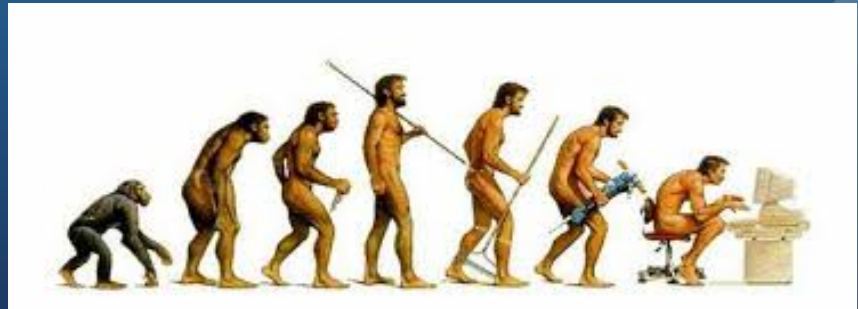
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# Digital Natives: Who Are They?

- Mark Prensky (2001) singularity where technology transformed society
- Born after 1994, during the digital age
- Grew up with technology all their lives
  - Wifi, mobile technology, social media, text messaging
  - No concept of VHS, cassette tapes, dial up internet, hard-wire connection
- Brains are wired differently
- No longer conform to the current educational system



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# Comparison of Teaching and Learning

Current Teaching Practices	How Digital Natives Learn
Teacher-centered learning	Student-centered learning
Teachers do not speak the digital language	Speak digital language
Content Learning	Real-world and social learning
Technology used as a medium	Use technology to learn



# Workshop Details

- Purpose of Workshop: Provide an overview of teaching digital natives
- Online synchronous workshop using Canvas LMS, Google Plus Community and Blackboard
- Target Audience: University of Hawaii online instructors and anyone interested in learning about teaching digital natives
- Topics Covered
  - Trends in Online Learning
  - Generational Learning Styles
  - Teaching Strategies for Digital Natives
  - Learning Communities
  - Gamification
  - Open Educational Resources



## Teaching the Teacher

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**Prerequisite:** This workshop will not discuss how to teach online, and participants should have had previous experience teaching or learning in an online learning environment. This workshop is ideal for current instructors teaching online courses, or anyone who would like to learn more about teaching strategies for digital natives.

Participants in this workshop should:

- had previous experience teaching or learning in an online learning environment
- want to learn about teaching strategies about digital natives
- be comfortable learning in an online learning environment
- have had experience using Blackboard Collaborate. For more information on participating in Blackboard Collaborate, go to [Blackboard Collaborate Student Resources](#) or the You Tube Tutorial below

[Link](#)



# Workshop Structure

- Structure of the workshop incorporated elements to teach digital natives:
  - Social networking via Google Plus
  - Open Educational Resources
    - Course readings
    - Lesson plans
  - Multiple Ways of Completing Assignments
    - Videos
    - Visual Representation
- Digital Badges rather than Letter Grade
  - Credly digital badges for completion of course work
  - More applicable to the target audience

# Workshop Synchronous Sessions

- Structure of the each synchronous workshop incorporated elements to teach digital natives: collaboration, short lectures, real-world problems
- Structure of Workshop
  - Warm up Activity - Recall Prior Experience
  - Lecture no more than 20 minutes
  - Group Activity
  - Lecture no more than 20 minutes
  - Wrap up Activity - Reflection of what was discussed

# What Worked Well

- Planning Documents
  - A lot of components to think of
    - What is the need for the course
    - Target Audience
    - Learning Objectives
    - Course Content
    - Assessment



- Previous Course Experience
  - Reflection on previous course experiences
  - Open Educational Resources

# Lessons Learned

- Lessons Learned
  - Creating an Online Module Requires Time
  - Use Planning Documents
  - Use Open Educational Resources
- Advice to Others
  - Always keep your target audience in mind
    - Why are they enrolling in your course
    - At the first class meeting, ask what their expectations are
  - Everyone can learn, even the instructor
    - encourage active participation



Thank you!

Questions?

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