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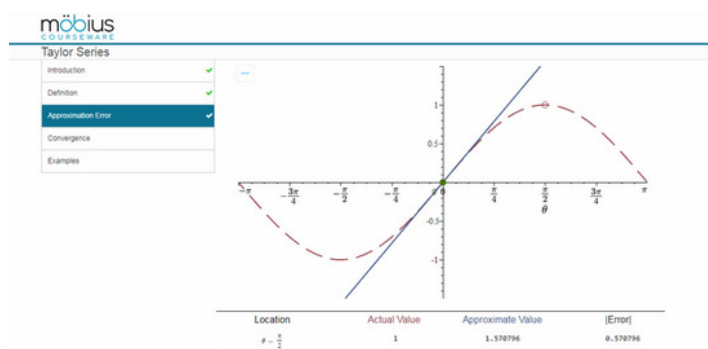
The Learning and Teaching Technologies Advisory Group (LaTTe) provides recommendations to guide the strategic directions and use of learning technologies. This newsletter aims to share our activities and if you'd like to know more, or get involved, please contact your [LaTTe representative](#).



An integrated view of Learning Analytics

The first aim of this project is to provide academic and teaching staff with the tools to interpret and analyse data about students and their contexts and the second aim is to build a student-facing learning analytics dashboard that helps students evaluate their behavioural patterns of engagement in vUWS to promote self-regulated learning practices. It is an integrated project because it is a view of learning analytics data from the perspectives of both academic staff and students.

Work is currently underway to build materials and resources to frame learning analytics data. These materials will be interactive and user-friendly and will provide teaching staff with the capacity to interpret learning analytics data to help optimise learning environments. For our work in student-facing dashboards, we have used feedback from students and LaTTe to help inform the design and features of the dashboard. The first iteration of the dashboard will be piloted in Summer 2021.



Exploring technology for HyFlex delivery

LaTTe is overseeing a range of Proof-of-Concepts (POC). Phase 1 of Hyflex technology POC has now wrapped up. In this phase we have enabled ZETs, Zoom LTI, Captioning, MyKnowledge Map and Blackboard Ally. These technologies have progressed into implementation.

Other POC activities involving **Better Examinations** and **Labster** have concluded and evaluations have been conducted based on student participants and academics teaching with these technologies. **Mobius** will continue until December 2021 and this extension is due to technical issues encountered during Autumn session. Proof-of-Concept activities are critical to assess the educational affordances and viability of a technology in enabling teaching innovation within set parameters.

POCs also enable assessment of the technology infrastructure, and the support and services needed to successfully implement the technology within our digital learning technology ecosystem.

Participate in Blackboard Collaborate's captioning pilot

As the need for accessible content continues to grow, so does the importance of captioning in videos. It is only fitting then, that LaTTe are supporting a pilot of Blackboard Collaborate's new recording transcription feature.

The pilot is currently running from 16 July 2021 to 15 September 2021. During this time, the auto transcription feature is available for use by all instructors within Blackboard Collaborate. Users will be able to generate downloadable and editable captions for their Collaborate recordings, which are then added to the recording automatically. Once this period comes to an end, the feature will be deactivated. To use this new feature, please log in to Blackboard Collaborate.

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00:10:03	Public	No captions	...
00:10:03	Public	Available	...
00:10:03	Course members only	Done	...
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00:10:03	Course members only	Processing	...

Streamlined management of Zoom sessions in vUWS

Zoom LTI Pro is now available in vUWS. This new feature will offer more direct ways to schedule and manage Zoom sessions with students in vUWS sites. Zoom will be integrated directly into vUWS enabling students to join online classes and access recordings from sessions they missed. For academics, this integration will improve the workflow of scheduling and managing Zoom sessions. [View our resources on the Hub.](#)

Meet you at The Hub?

An exciting new addition to the Hub is the **H5P site**, which contains a H5P content browser where you can explore the different interactive types available, and examples of H5P enhanced subject material. If you're looking for a tool to help you quickly and easily create interactive content for vUWS, look no further than H5P. All the information you need to get started is available at our [H5P resource on the Hub](#).

Technology is about You, the Digital U

If you like to get under the 'hood' with open source softwares, there is a workshop coming soon on using Darktable (an alternative to lightroom) and Gimp (an alternative to Photoshop). [Register now.](#)

Keen to know more?

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Have a great day! From your colleagues on LaTTe.