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Leaving Certificate Computer Science National Workshop 5

Day 1





Workshop Overview

Session 1 10:00 - 11:30	Computers and Society 2
Tea/Coffee 11:30 – 12:00	
Session 2 12:00 - 13:30	Databases
Lunch 13:30 - 14:30	
Session 3 14:30 - 16:30	Inclusion and Curriculum Planning



Key Messages

All learning outcomes (LOs) are interwoven. This means that the specification can be used in many ways.

ALTs provide an opportunity to teach theoretical aspects of LCCS.

LCCS is suitable for all! This includes students with SEN and of all ability levels.

LCCS can be mediated through a constructivist pedagogical approach.

Group work is a key feature in the teaching, learning and assessment of LCCS.



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LCCS NW5 Session 1 Computers and Society 2





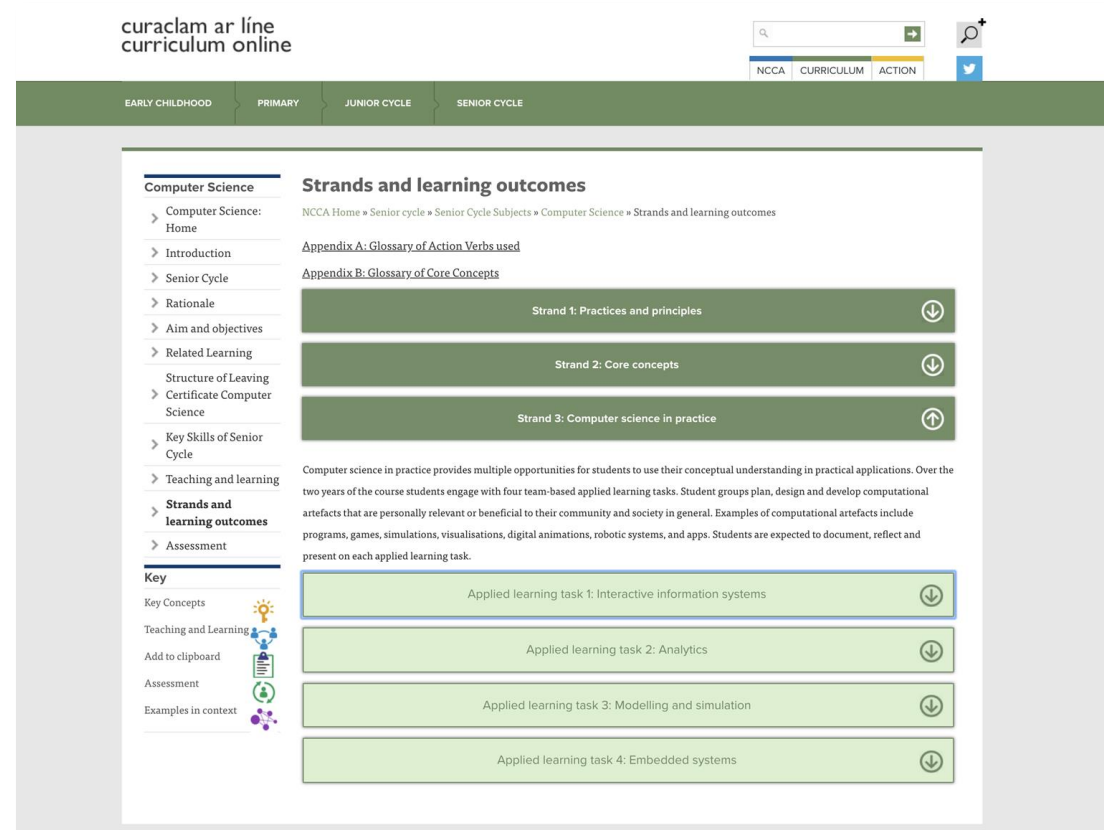
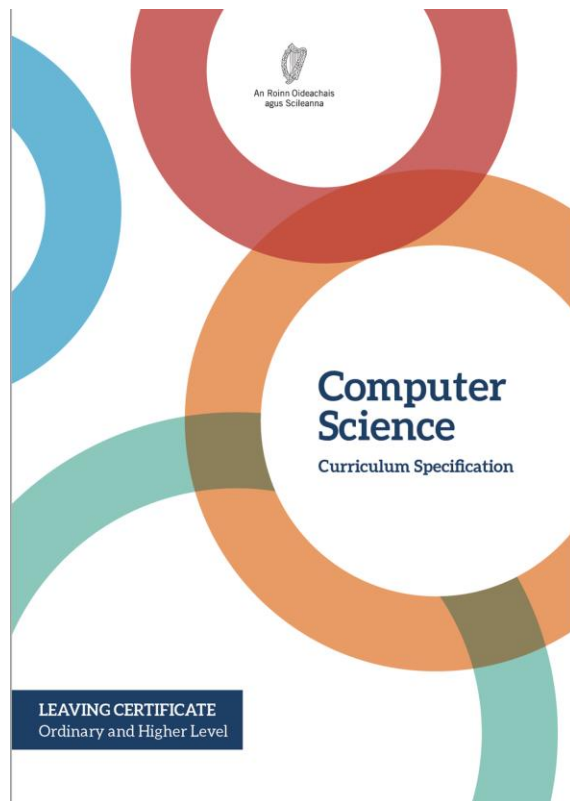
By the end of this session

Participants will be enabled to:

- reflect on what the specification says about Computers and Society
- listen to other teachers as they share their own classroom experiences
- further their pedagogic content knowledge of Computers and Society
- develop their knowledge of Artificial Intelligence and related concepts
- participate in an activity to select when and what machine learning and AI algorithms might be used in certain contexts



LCCS Curriculum Specification



<https://www.curriculumonline.ie>



What does the specification say?

*Computer science is the study of computers and algorithmic processes. Leaving Certificate Computer Science includes how programming and computational thinking can be applied to the solution of problems, and **how computing technology impacts the world around us.***

[LCCS Curriculum Specification, page 2]

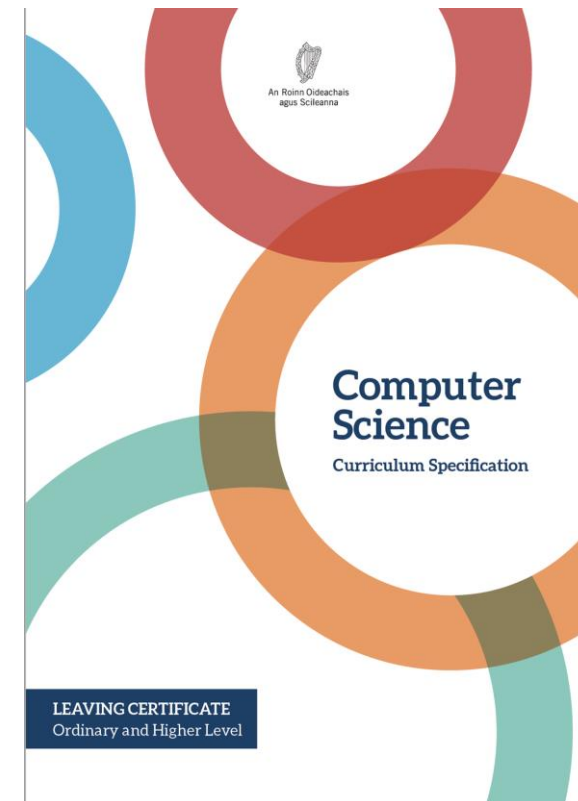
Strand 1: Practices and principles	Strand 2: Core concepts	Strand 3: Computer science in practice
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Computers and society▶ Computational thinking▶ Design and development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Abstraction▶ Algorithms▶ Computer systems▶ Data▶ Evaluation/Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Applied learning task 1<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Interactive information systems▶ Applied learning task 2 - Analytics▶ Applied learning task 3<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Modelling and simulation▶ Applied learning task 4<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Embedded systems



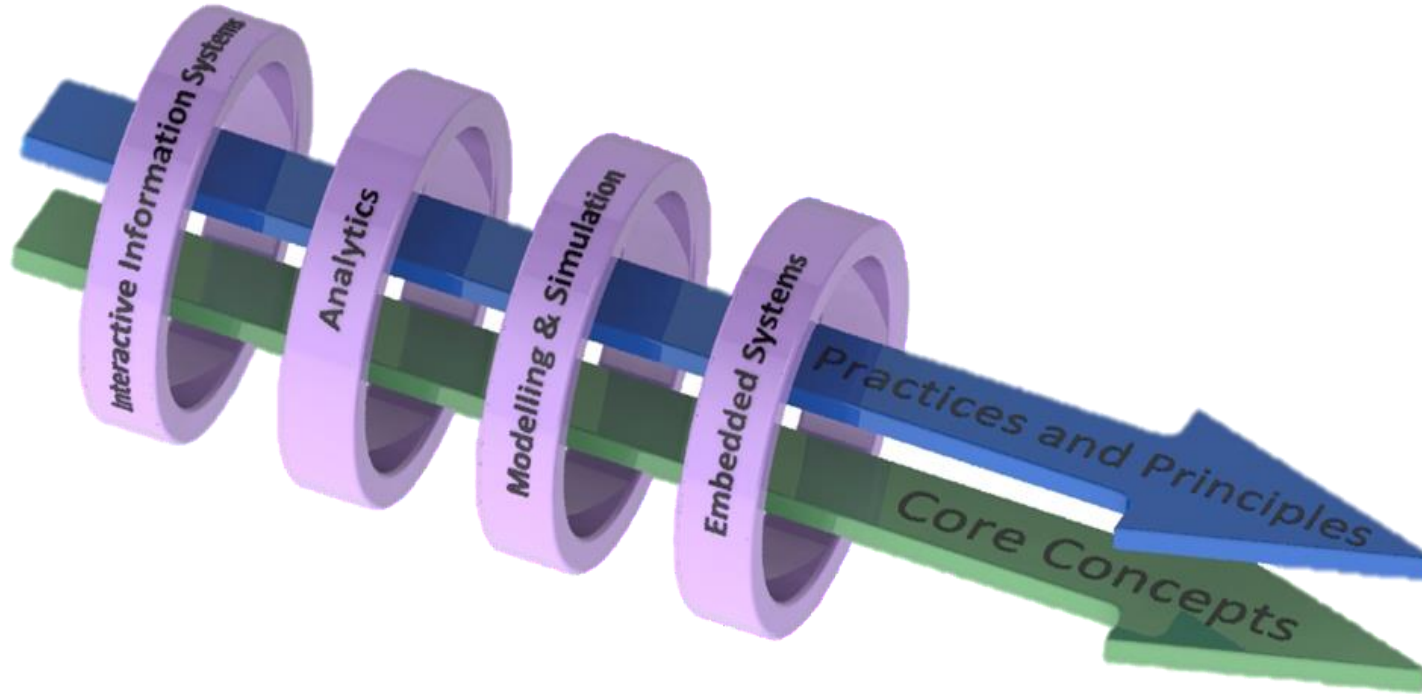
What does the specification say?

Objectives

- appreciate the ethical and social implications relating to the use of computing technology and information and identify the impact of technology on personal life and society
- understand how information technology has changed over time and the effects these changes may have on education, the workforce and society



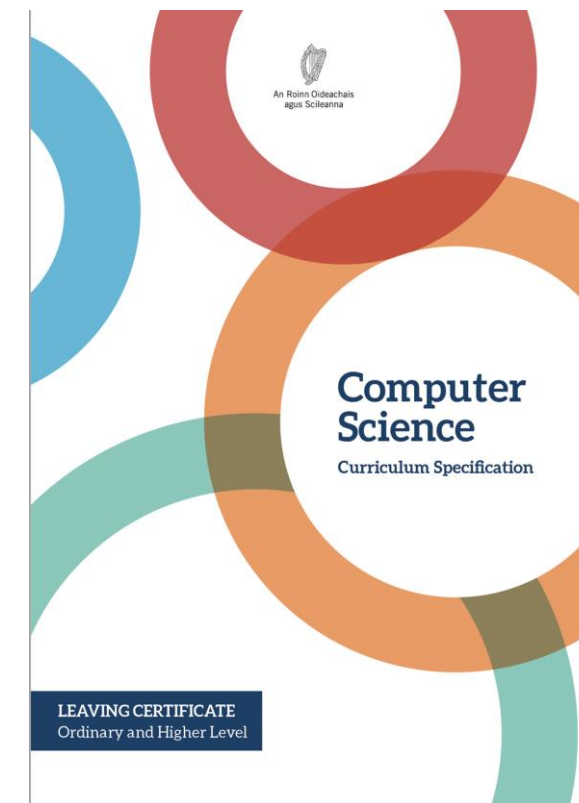
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Computers and Society Learning Outcomes

Students learn about: ²	Students should be able to:
S1: Computers and society Social and ethical considerations of computing technologies Turing machines The Internet Machine learning Artificial intelligence User-centred design	<p>1.11 discuss the complex relationship between computing technologies and society including issues of ethics</p> <p>1.12 compare the positive and negative impacts of computing on culture and society</p> <p>1.13 identify important computing developments that have taken place in the last 100 years and consider emerging trends that could shape future computing technologies</p> <p>1.14 explain when and what machine learning and AI algorithms might be used in certain contexts</p> <p>1.15 consider the quality of the user experience when interacting with computers and list the principles of universal design, including the role of a user interface and the factors that contribute to its usability</p> <p>1.16 compare two different user interfaces and identify different design decisions that shape the user experience</p> <p>1.17 describe the role that adaptive technology can play in the lives of people with special needs</p> <p>1.18 recognise the diverse roles and careers that use computing technologies</p>





Group Discussion

Instructions:

In your groups, discuss the following question. You may use the prompts on page 4 of the Professional Learning Booklet to help.



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Focusing on Computers and Society, how might you approach this section of the course with your students?





Group Discussion: Feedback

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NCCA - The Evolution of Computers in Society

Stimulate a Debate Strategy

1. Engage with Stimulus material (e.g., video/text)
2. Provide prompt questions to provoke discussion and elicit opinion
3. Divide into research groups and explore topic from key standpoints
4. Choose a teaching/facilitation methodology





Stimulate a Debate



China's social credit system



Agree/Disagree Line...What if?

Could you be friends with a robot?



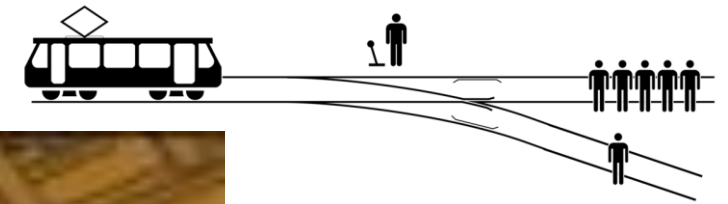
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100%
AGREE

100%
DISAGREE

Agree/Disagree Line: The Trolley Problem



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[The Trolley Problem](#)



Agree/Disagree Line: Activity



[The ethical dilemma of self-driving cars - Patrick Lin](#)



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Introduction to AI



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"Do You Love Me?"



Group Discussion

Instructions:

In your groups, discuss and agree on the following ..

1. Examples of Artificial Intelligence
2. A definition of Artificial Intelligence
3. Terminology/Concepts you associate with AI



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Group Discussion - Feedback

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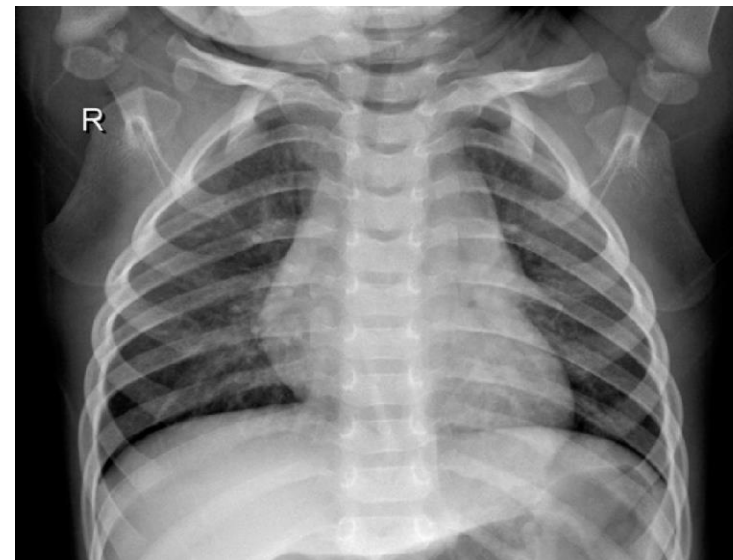
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Terminology and Definition



Artificial General Intelligence



Narrow Artificial Intelligence

“Artificial intelligence can be defined as a branch of knowledge that strives to recreate human intelligence within machines”

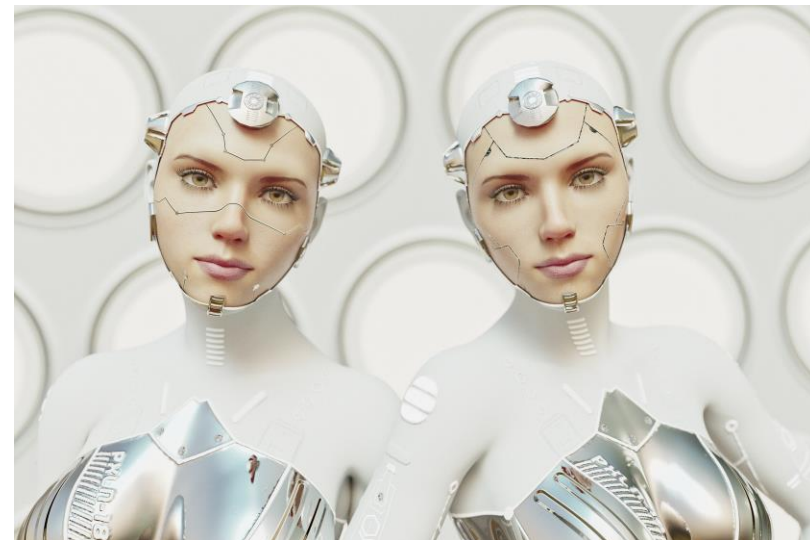
Source: How to talk to Robots (Tabitha Goldstaub)



AI and Philosophy

The study of artificial intelligence raises a lot of philosophical questions:

- What is intelligence?
- Is consciousness a requirement of intelligence?
- Is intelligent behaviour equivalent to intelligence?
- Sentience vs. Sapience





AI and Philosophy



[The Chinese Room - 60-Second Adventures in Thought](#)

Terminology Matching Exercise



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Intelligence

The ability to learn and perform suitable techniques to solve problems and achieve goals, appropriate to the context in an uncertain, ever-varying world.

Narrow AI

Intelligent systems for one particular thing, e.g., speech or facial recognition.

AGI

A theoretical ideal that aims to create machines with a level of intelligence comparable to human intelligence.

**Human Centred
Artificial Intelligence**

A type of AI that seeks to augment the abilities of, address the societal needs of, and draw inspiration from human beings. It researches and builds effective partners and tools for people, such as a robot helper and companion for the elderly.

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Machine Learning

A branch of AI studying how computer agents can improve their perception, knowledge, thinking, or actions based on experience or data.

Supervised Learning

A technique whereby computers can be trained predict human-given labels, such as dog breed based on labelled dog pictures.

Unsupervised Learning

A type of learning that does not require labels, sometimes making its own prediction tasks such as trying to predict each successive word in a sentence.

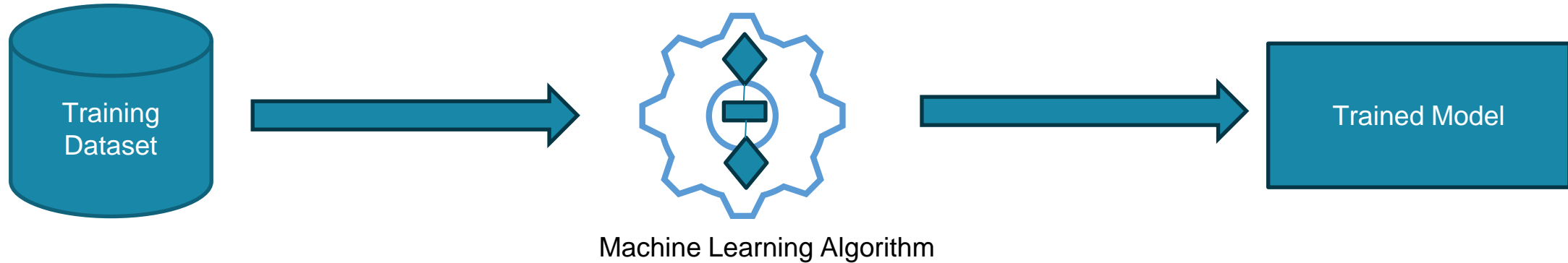
Deep Learning

The use of large multi-layer (artificial) neural networks that compute with continuous (real number) representations, a little like the hierarchically organised neurons in human brains.

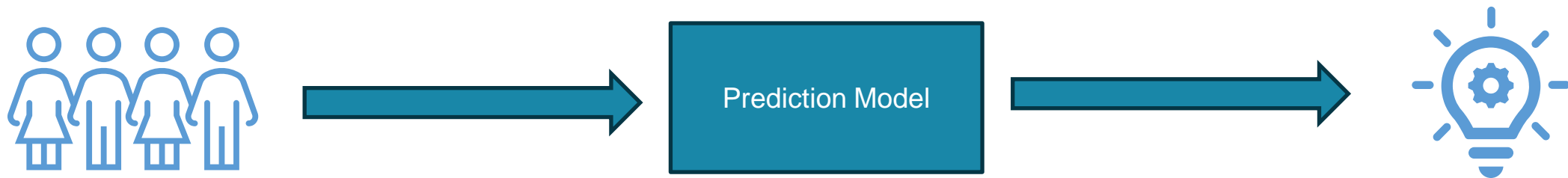
Machine Learning Process



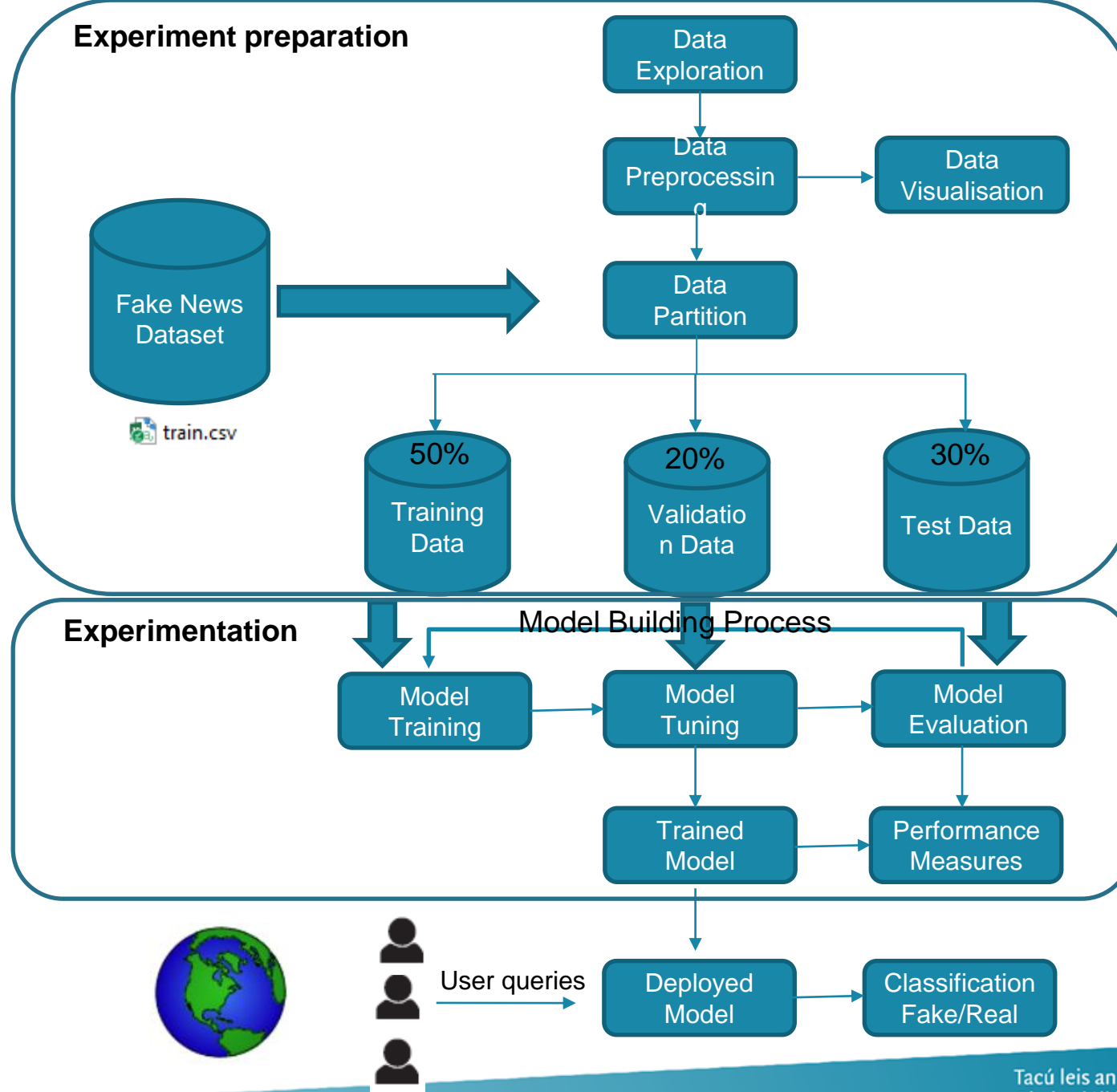
STEP 1 – Train the Model



STEP 2 – Use the Model



Example



AI History

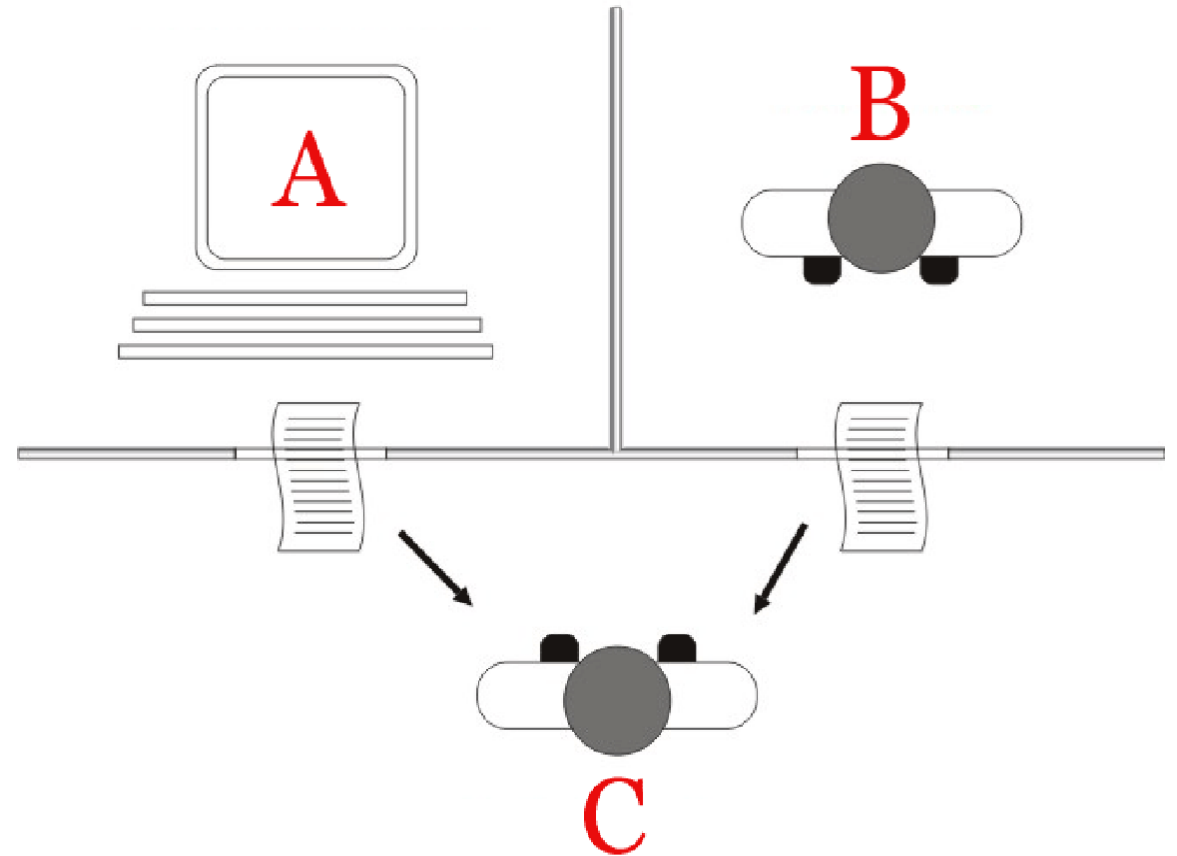


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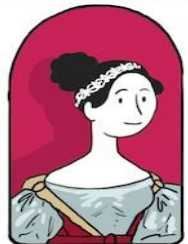
“Computing Machinery & Intelligence”,
Alan Turing, 1950



Fundamental paper in artificial intelligence that described what came to be known as the **Turing Test**



A.I. HISTORICAL TIMELINE



Ada Lovelace

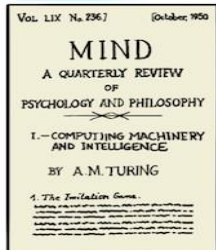
First design of a computer program by Ada Lovelace

1837



Invention of the algorithm concept (Turing machine)

1939



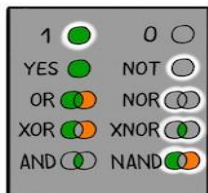
Test for machines' "intelligence" (Turing test)

1950



Margaret Masterman
Creation of the Cambridge Language Research Unit

1953



First artificial intelligence program (Logic Theorist)

1956



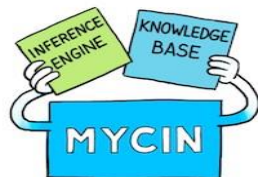
First psychotherapist chatbot (ELIZA)

1965



First general-purpose mobile robot (Shakey the robot)

1966



Expert system used for the diagnosis and therapy of infectious diseases (MYCIN)

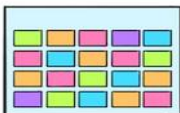
1972



1974-1980

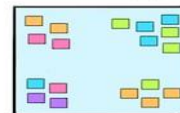
— ImageNet at the origin of major advances in image recognition —

IMAGE NET



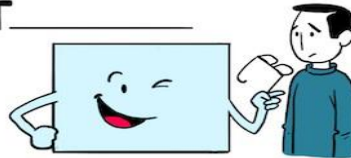
Large-scale hierarchical Image Database (ImageNET)

2009



DeepLearning in Image recognition (AlexNet)

2012



Computer vision exceeds human vision

2015



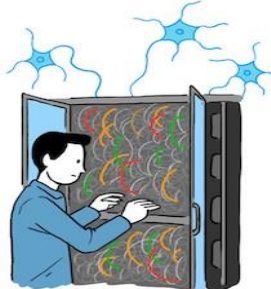
1945
Electronic Numerical Integrator Analyser and Computer (ENIAC)



1956
Birth of the term "Artificial Intelligence"



1957
First single layer neural network (Perceptron)



1986
The computer is given a voice (NETtalk)



First computer controlled vehicles (Navlab)



AI boom
Rise of expert systems

1980-1987



1988-1993

1954
A demonstration of machine translation: Georgetown-IBM Experiment



General Problem Solver



THINK LEARN CREATE

2013

Natural language processing technique (Word2Vec)



2018

Turing Award for recent advances in deep learning



2015

Announcement of fully autonomous cars



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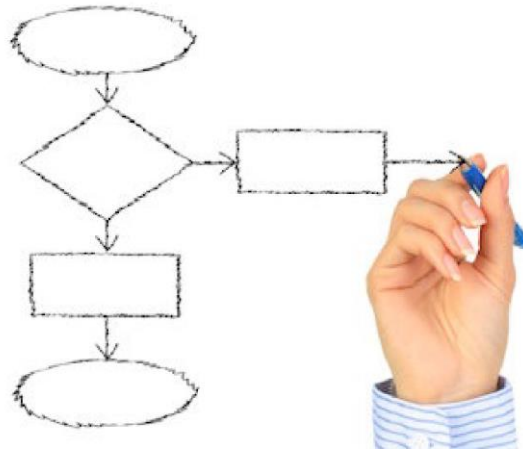


Key Drivers of AI



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Algorithms



Data



4 Key drivers

Hardware



Applications

Google

NETFLIX

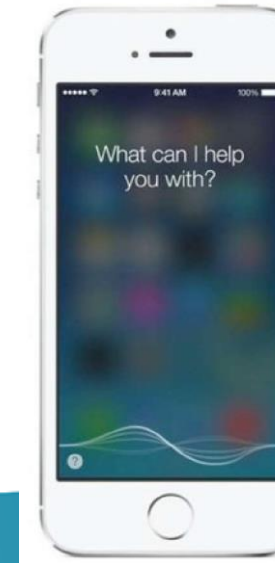
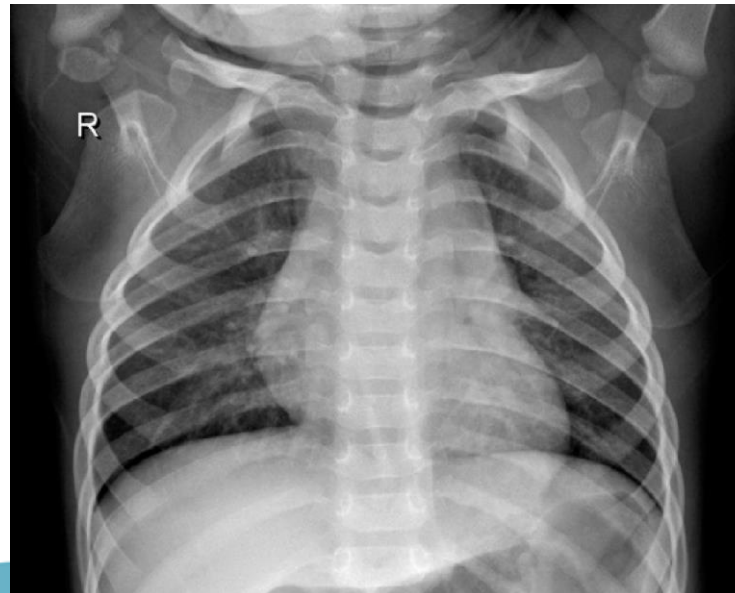
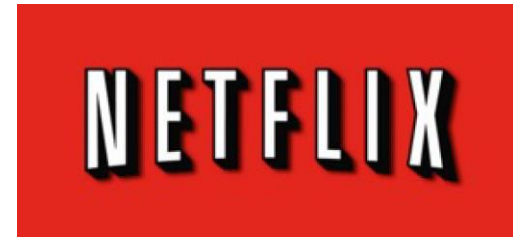
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Applications of AI



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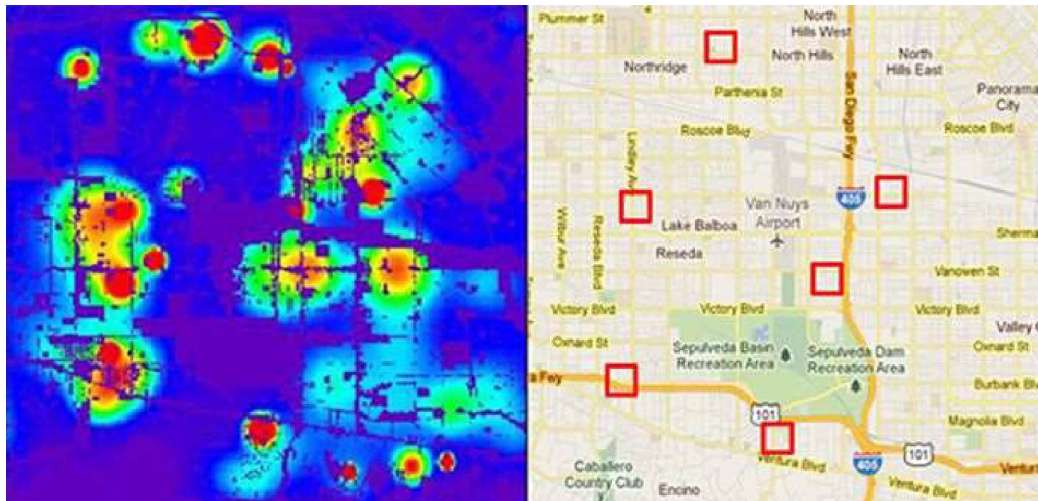
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More applications of AI



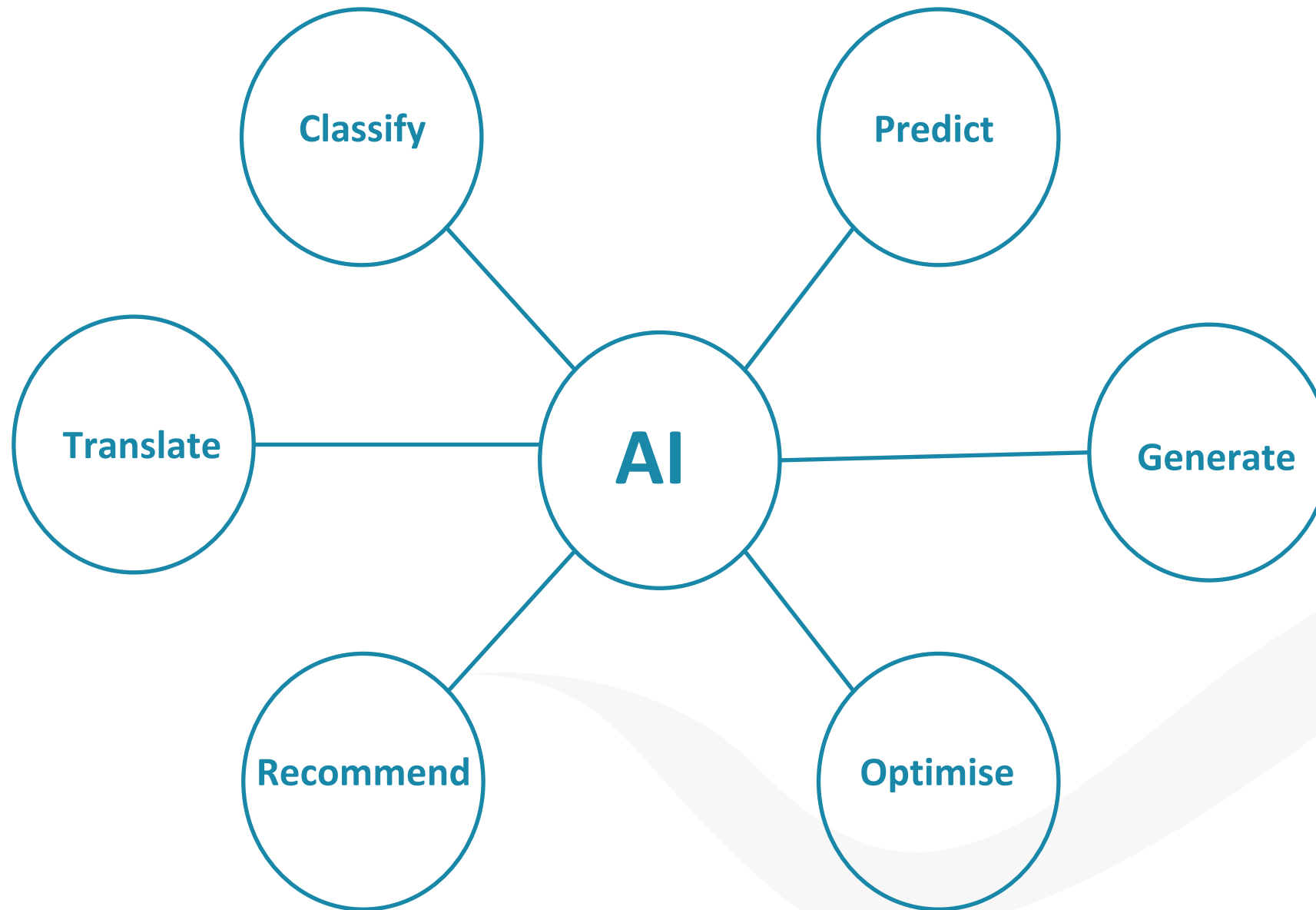
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Categorising Applications of AI





Group Discussion

Discuss whether the applications should or should not be considered applications of AI.



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Group Discussion - Feedback

Discuss whether the applications should or should not be considered applications of AI.



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3-2-1 Reflection



3 - List three things you learned

2 - List two areas you would like to learn more about

1 - One question you still have

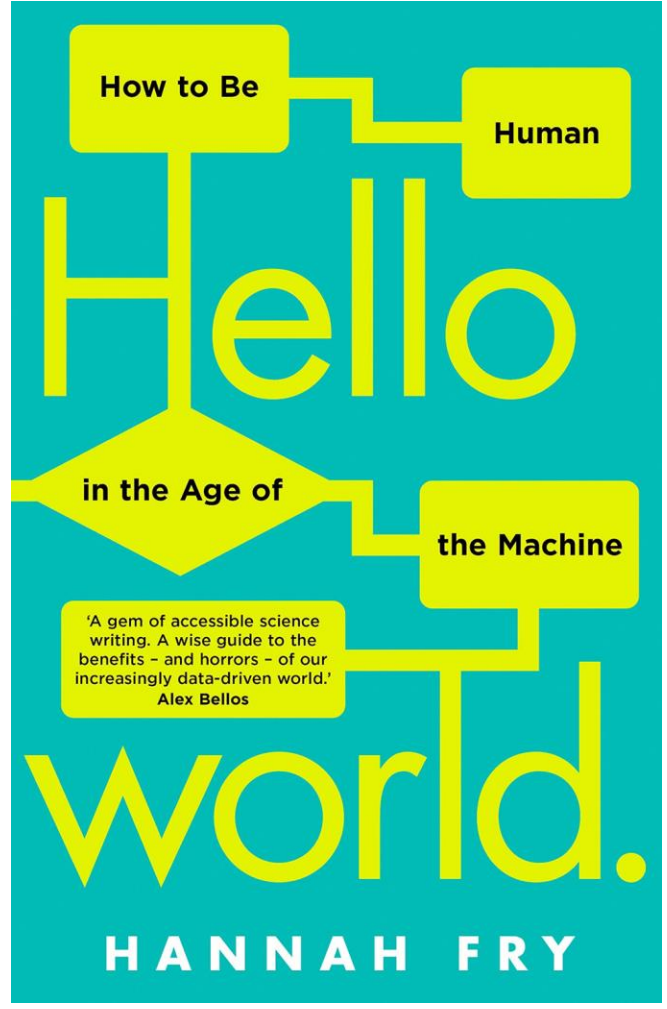


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Additional Resources



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- Power
- Data
- Justice
- Medicine
- Cars
- Crime
- Art
- Conclusion



<https://helloworld.raspberrypi.org/>



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LCCS NW5 Session 2

Databases





By the end of this session participants will have ...

- developed an understanding of Flat-file systems and databases
- explored the meaning of relational databases
- used the micro:bit datalogging feature to record and store temperature data from a micro:bit (generate a csv file)
- used a web application to populate and access a ThingSpeak database
- enhanced their web development skills through creating a dynamic website displaying real-time data
- acquired additional skills, knowledge and ideas in order to facilitate ALT1 in their own classrooms



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Keywords

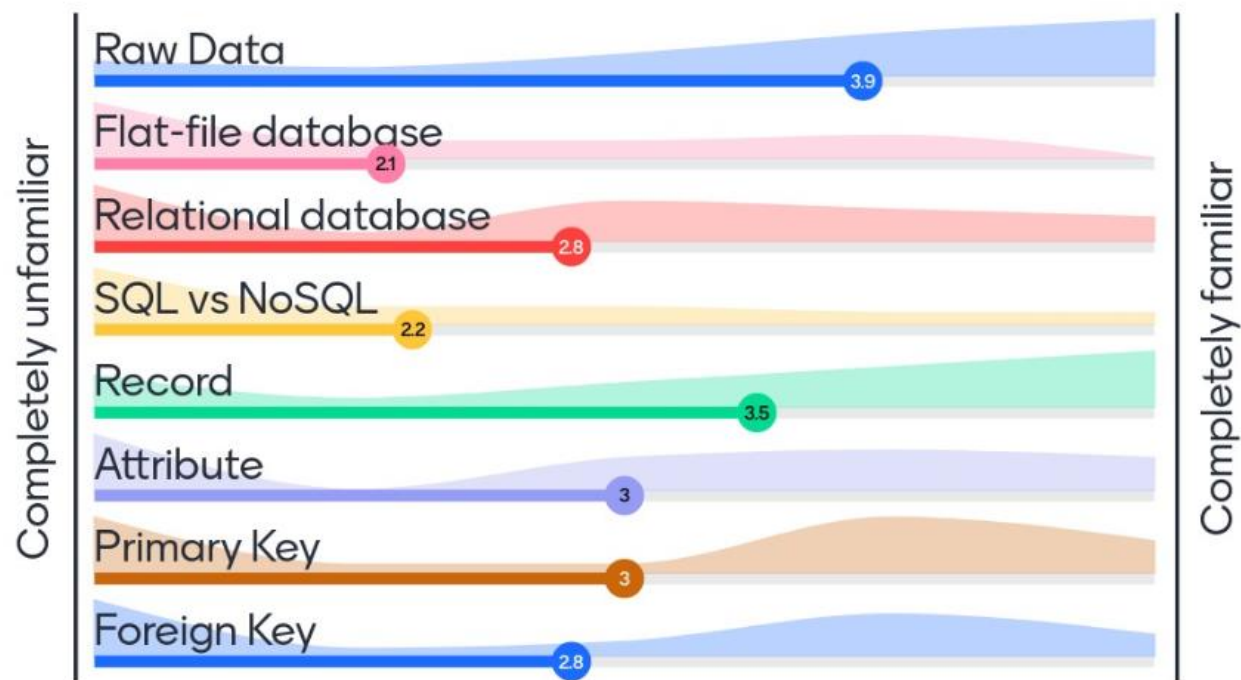
	I don't know the term at all	I've seen or heard the term but I don't know the meaning	I think I know the meaning	I know a meaning
Data (raw data)				
Database				
DBMS				
Non-relational database				
Relational database				
SQL				
NoSQL				
Record				
Field				
Primary Key				
Foreign Key				
System Architecture				
Client-server Model				
Front-end system				
Back-end system				

*Adapted from “An Integrated Approach to Learning, Teaching and Assessment”, p28

<https://pdst.ie/sites/default/files/Integrated%20Approach.pdf>



Please rate your own knowledge/understanding with respect to the following terms/topics





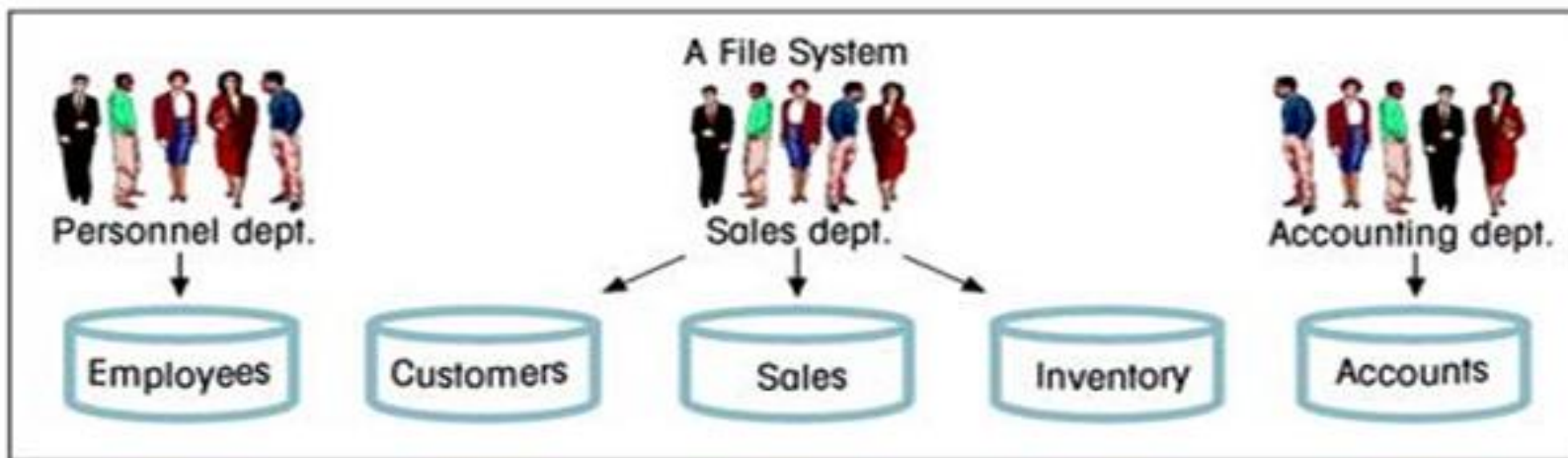
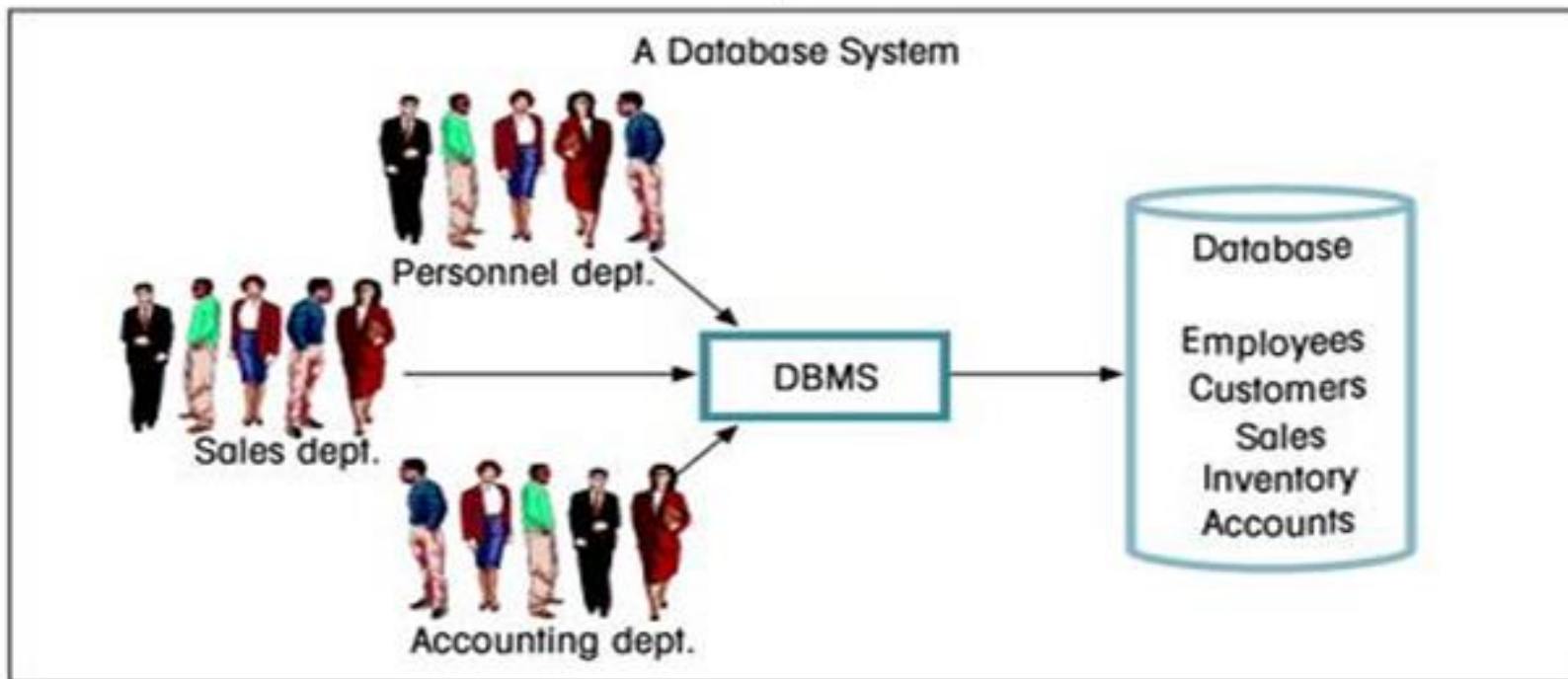
Database Concepts

Database: A structured collection of related data

Columns (Attributes)

owner_id	owner_name	address	dog_name	breed	dob	microchip
1	Joe Murphy	1 main st.	rover	labrador	22/11/2011	Y
1	Joe Murphy	1 main st.	fido	poodle	02/02/2020	Y
2	Ada Traore	9 park ave.	fido	jack russell	15/06/2015	N
1	Joe Murphy	1 main st.	champ	greyhound	01/01/2010	Y
2	Ada Traore	9 park ave.	spots	dalmation	24/08/2007	N
3	James Tidy	7 bond st.	buddy	rottweiler	21/10/2012	Y

- Data is stored in tables - organised by rows (tuples) and columns (attributes)
- Each row is called a record
 - Each attribute value is called a field





Database Concepts

Table: A set of data elements (values) organised by rows (records) and columns (attributes)

Attribute: A characteristic of the data in the table, describing a field or cell in a table.

Primary Key: A unique identifier for a row in a table

Would **dog_name** be a good PK?

What about **breed**?

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5	spots	dalmation	24/08/2007	N
6	buddy	rottweiler	21/10/2012	Y



Creating a Flat-file database - Activity



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Database Activity

Primary key **people_ID** is a unique identifier for each record.



Columns (Attributes)

Name	Age	Address	Occupation	Commute Method	Distance to Work	Workplace
Paul Johnson	29	47 Main Street	Teacher at Irisheen National School	Walk	0.5 km	Irisheen National School
Michael Brown	42	23 Oak Avenue	Accountant	Bus	16 km	Town Office
Sarah Williams	35	12 Main Street	Nurse at Irisheen Community Hospital	Cycle	3 km	Irisheen Community Hospital
David Lee	28	50 Elm Drive	Software Developer	Works from Home	0 km	N/A
Mia Connor	41	Lake View House	Principal	Car	10km	Irisheen National School
Patricia Murphy	31	4 Oak Lane	Graphic Designer	Car	12 km	Glenvalley
Liam O'Connor	35	22 River Road	Gardener	Walk	1 km	Irisheen Park
Aoife Ryan	29	21 Green Street	Pharmacist	Car	8 km	Watertown Pharmacy
Michael Brown	36	5 Main Street	Bakery Owner	Walk	0 km	Brown's Bakery (Downstairs)

Rows (Records)



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Database Concepts

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How do add a new customer (unless they buy a dog)?

How do we update a record that occurs multiple times?

How do we ensure we don't delete too much information?



Primary Key

ID	fname	sname	address	...	email	...
1	Joe	Murphy	1 Main St.	...	jmurphy@outlook.ie	...
2	Ada	Traore	9 Park Ave.	...	at@gmail.com	...
3	James	Tidy	7 Bond St.	...	tidy@outlook.ie	...
4	Joe	Murphy	1 Park Ave.	...	murphyj@yahoo.com	...

Foreign Key

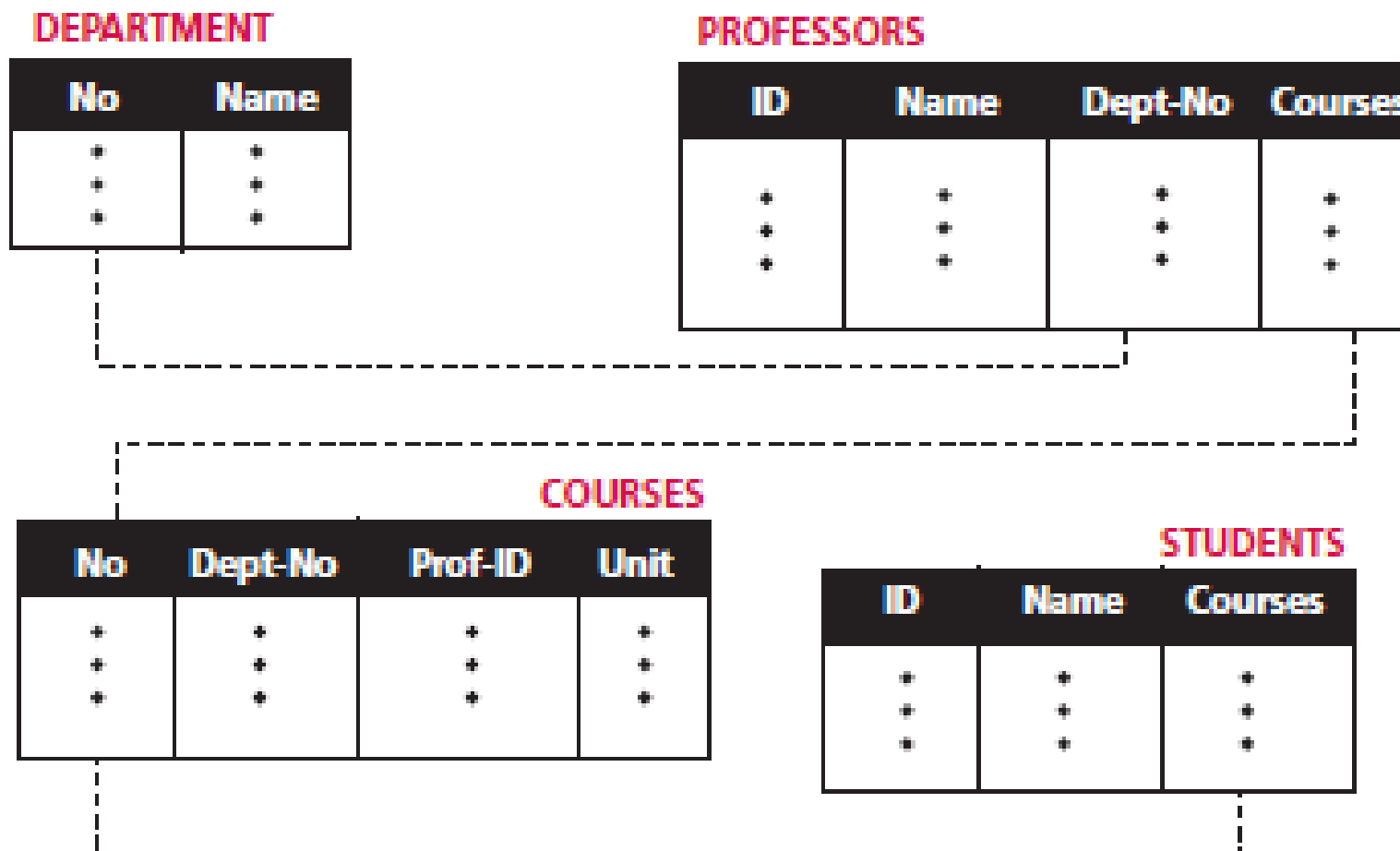
Foreign Key (FK): An attribute in a table that is used as a primary key in another table.

A FK provides the relationship by linking one table to another

dog_id	name	breed	dob	microch ip	owner_id
1	rover	labrador	22/11/2011	Y	1
2	fido	poodle	02/02/2020	Y	1
3	fido	jack russell	15/06/2015	N	2
4	champ	greyhound	01/01/2010	Y	1
5	spots	dalmation	24/08/2007	N	2
6	buddy	rottweiler	21/10/2012	Y	3



Relational Model





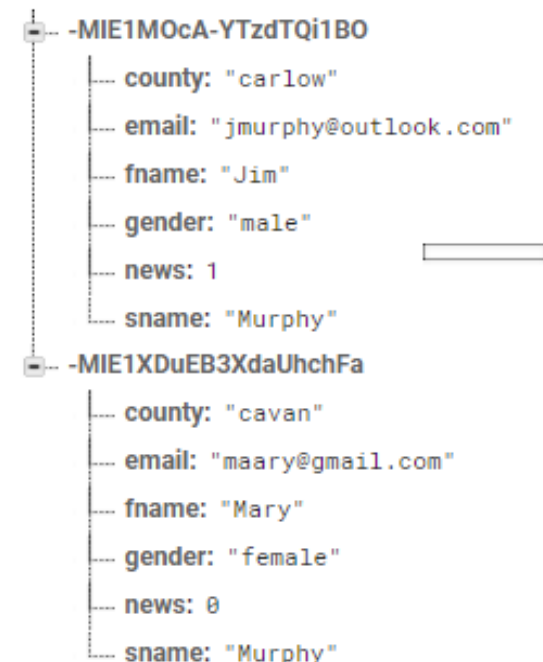
Structured Query Language (SQL) vs. NoSQL

fname	sname	county	gender	email	news
Joe	Murphy	carlow	male	jmurphy@outlook.ie	Yes
Mary	Murphy	cavan	female	maary@gmail.com	No

Relational Model (SQL Based)

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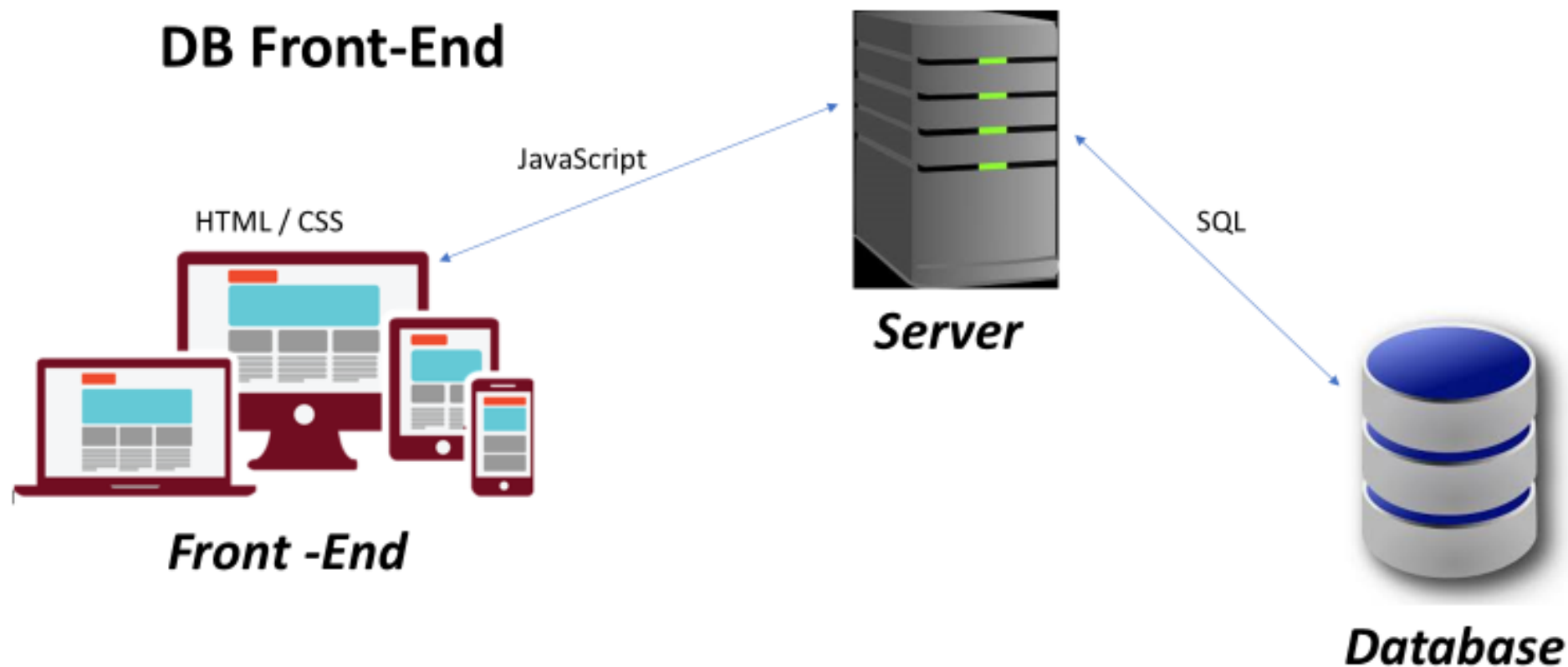
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Cloud Model (NoSQL)



Client-Server Model DB Front-End





Matching Exercise



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Some Database Solutions

 **ThingSpeak**

 **Firebase**

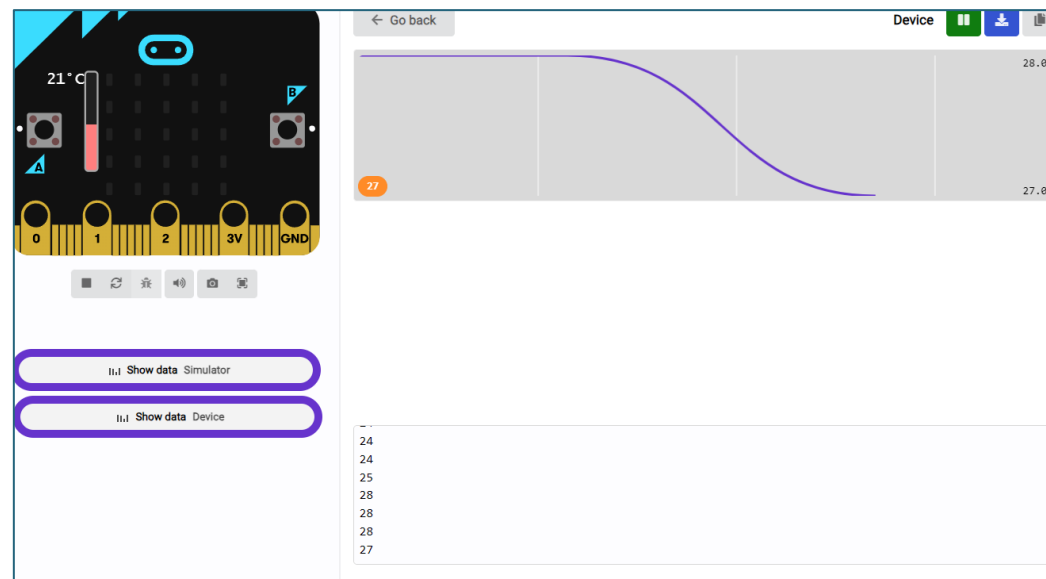
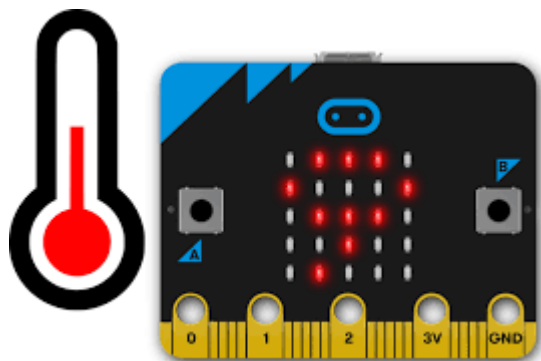
 **SQL**



mongoDB[®]

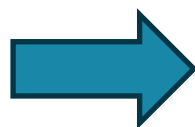


micro:bit Data Logging



time (source1)		
0	28	
4.76	28	
9.52	28	
14.28	28	
19.04	28	
23.8	30	
28.559	31	
33.32	31	
38.08	31	
42.839	31	
47.599	31	
52.359	31	
57.119	30	
61.879	30	
66.64	30	
71.4	30	
76.161	29	
80.919	29	
85.678	29	
90.439	29	
95.198	29	
99.958	29	
104.719	28	
109.478	28	
114.238	28	
118.997	28	

Micro:bit temperature data



Data logging



CSV file



micro:bit Data Logging

```
on start
  serial redirect to USB

forever
  show number temperature (°C)
  pause (ms) 5000
  serial write line temperature (°C)
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Predict:

Predict what this code does

Run:

Open the makecode editor environment and run this code in the online simulator

Investigate:

Did anything change in the makecode editor environment?

Investigate what happens if you change the online temperature.

Investigate what happens if you click this icon.

Connect your micro:bit. What do you notice happens with the online simulator?

Modify:

Modify your code to log the outside temperature

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HINT: radio set group 10
```

Make:

Consider how you could extend this task for your students. What could you ask them to make?



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micro:bit Data Logging

```
on start
  serial redirect to USB

forever
  show number temperature (°C)
  pause (ms) 5000
  serial write line temperature (°C)
```

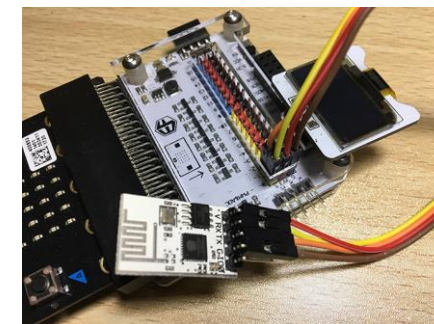
```
on start
  show leds
  pause (ms) 2000
  radio set group 10
  serial redirect to USB

on radio received receivedNumber
  show number receivedNumber
  serial write value "celsius" = receivedNumber
```





micro:bit Data to IoT Platform



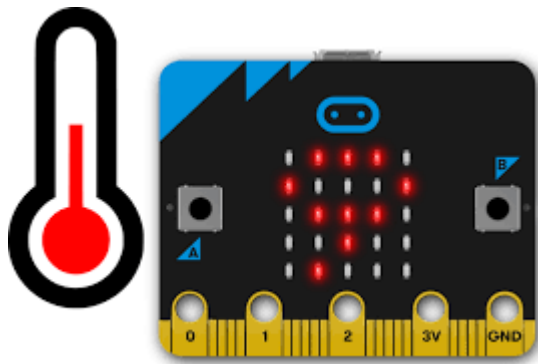
ESP8266 wifi module



Smarthon IoT Bit



Feed data from a sensor to a website using ThingSpeak



```

13 data1 = str(ser.readline())
14 data1 = data1.replace("b", "")
15 data1 = data1.replace(" ", "")
16 data1 = data1.replace("\r\n", "")
17 time.sleep(5)
18 print(data1)
19 msg = data1
20
21 h=urllib.request.urlopen('https://
hell
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```

Channel Stats

Created: 29 minutes ago
Last entry: about a minute ago
Entries: 5

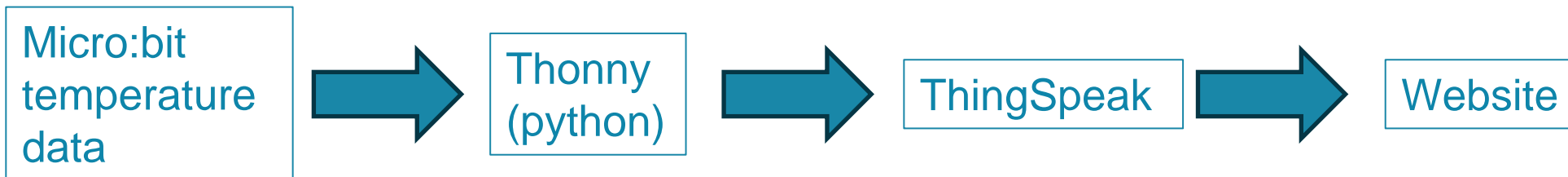
Welcome to my website...

SMART HEATING

CUSTOMER ADDRESS TYPE

Mary Byrne	Dublin	Oil
Karl Stone	Kildare	Oil
Sarah Reilly	Cork	Gas
XXX	YYYY	Green
?	?	?
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Temperature reading from a remote microbit



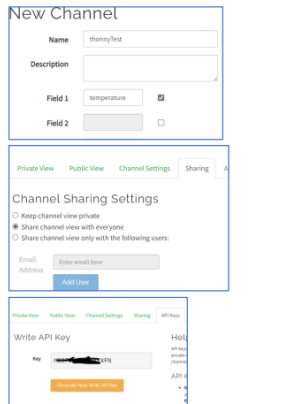


ThingSpeak Activity

Micro:bit Data to ThingSpeak IoT Platform

Part 1: Setting up an account on ThingSpeak

- Set up a ThingSpeak account <https://thingspeak.com/login>
Create a channel.
- Fill in one field and call it "temperature".
- Channel Sharing Settings – Click on "Share channel view with everyone".
- Take a note of your API key – you will need this for the next part.



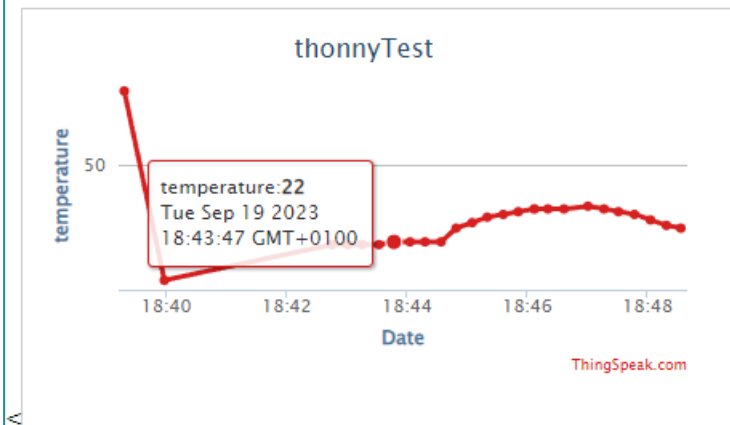

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Temperature reading from a remote microbit





Measuring temperature remotely

Code for sender micro:bit

```
on start
  digital write pin P11 to 0
  show string "sender"
  radio set group 10

forever
  show number temperature (°C)
  radio send number temperature (°C)
  pause (ms) 5000
```

Code for receiver micro:bit

```
on start
  radio set group 10
  show string "receiver"
  serial redirect to USB

on radio received receivedNumber
  show number receivedNumber
  serial write value "celsius" = receivedNumber
```



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Session 3

Creating an inclusive classroom:
SEN in Computer Science

Curriculum planning





By the end of this session

Participants will be enabled to:

- develop an understanding of Inclusion, SEN and current policy and recognise the broad range of guidelines and resources available
- make the link with Leaving Certificate Computer Science
- bring inclusive teaching practices for CS back to the classroom
- develop a shared understanding of the challenges and possible strategies for a wide range of SEN categories
- engage collaboratively to develop a curriculum plan for the coming weeks/months guided by the LCCS specification



What is inclusion?

Some perspectives...

"Technology should be a vehicle by which students reflect and demonstrate understanding of their intersectional identities."

"Inclusion is creating space for nurturing and caring relationships."

"Different forms of assessment privilege different forms of understanding."

Shuchi Grover

"[Our classrooms contain] ... minoritised learners, rather than minority learners."

Professor Tia Madkins



Inclusion: Warm-up Activity



What does an inclusive classroom look like?

What does inclusion mean to you?



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Current policy





Current Policy

Special Educational Needs are defined as:

"A restriction in the capacity of the person to participate in and benefit from education on account of an enduring physical, sensory, mental health or learning disability, or any other condition which results in a person learning differently from a person without that condition."

The EPSEN Act recognises that special educational needs may arise from four different areas of disability: • physical • sensory • mental health • learning disability.

EPSEN Act, 2004

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“It is the responsibility of the classroom teacher to ensure that each student is taught in a stimulating and supportive classroom environment where all students feel equal and valued.”

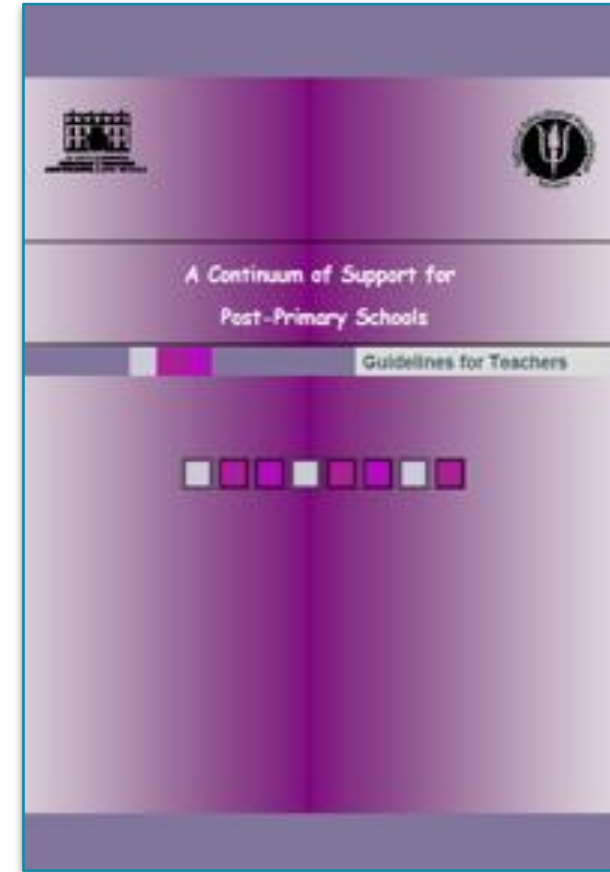
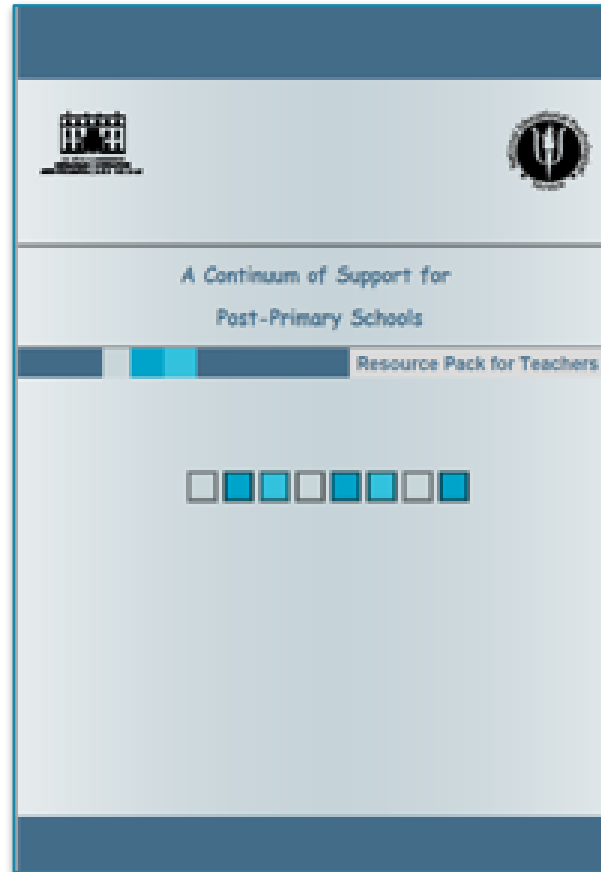
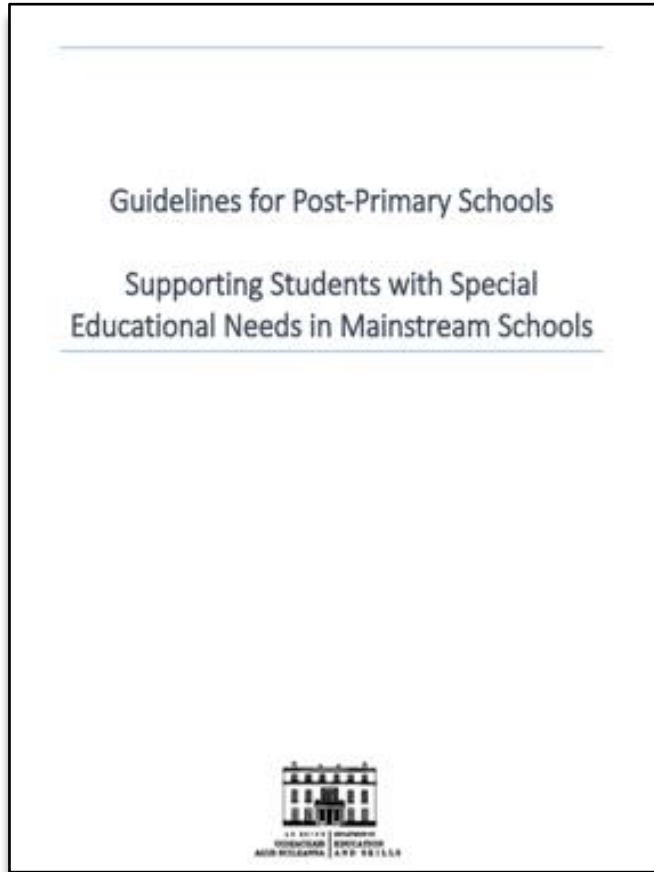
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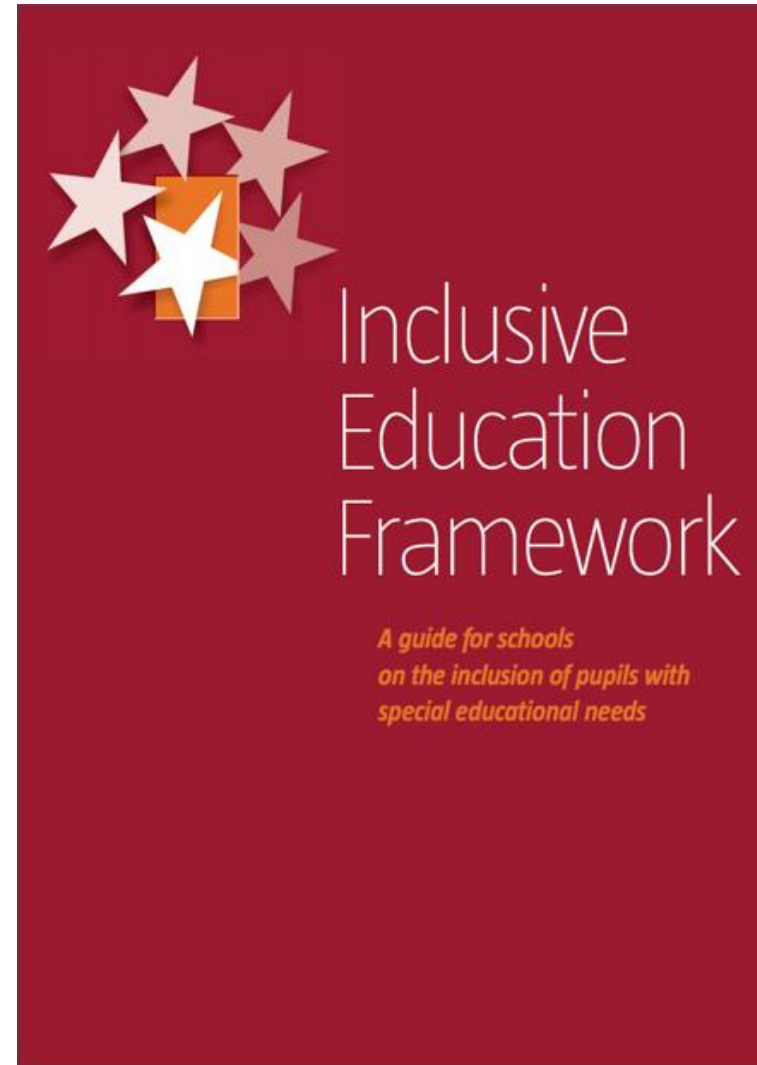
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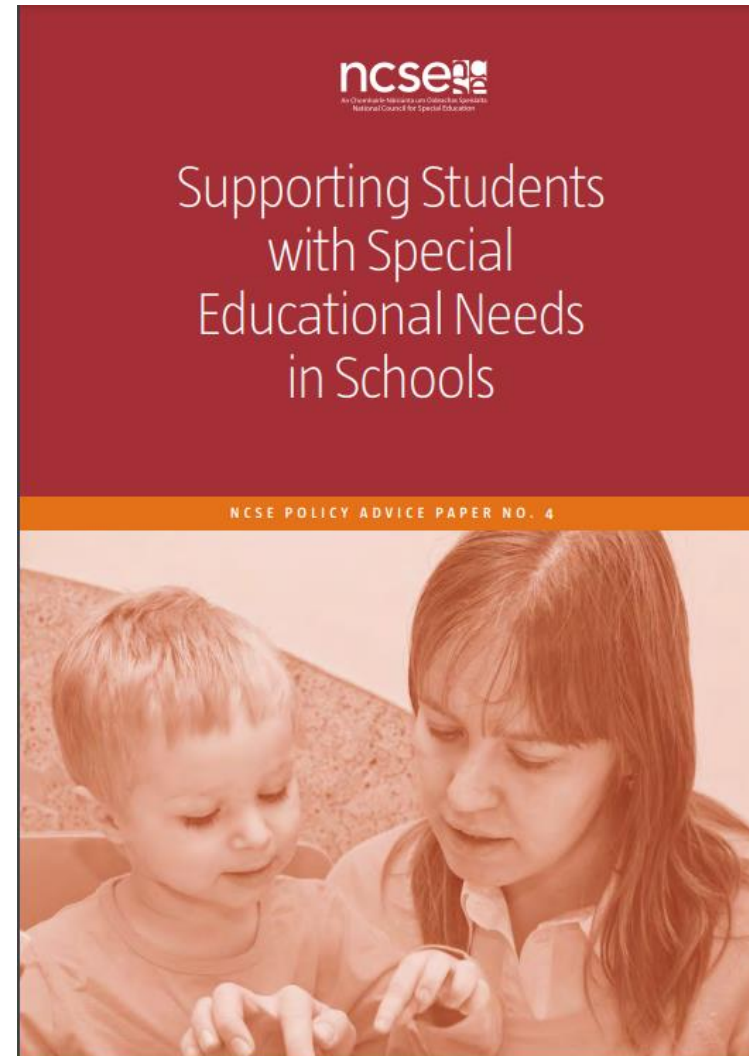
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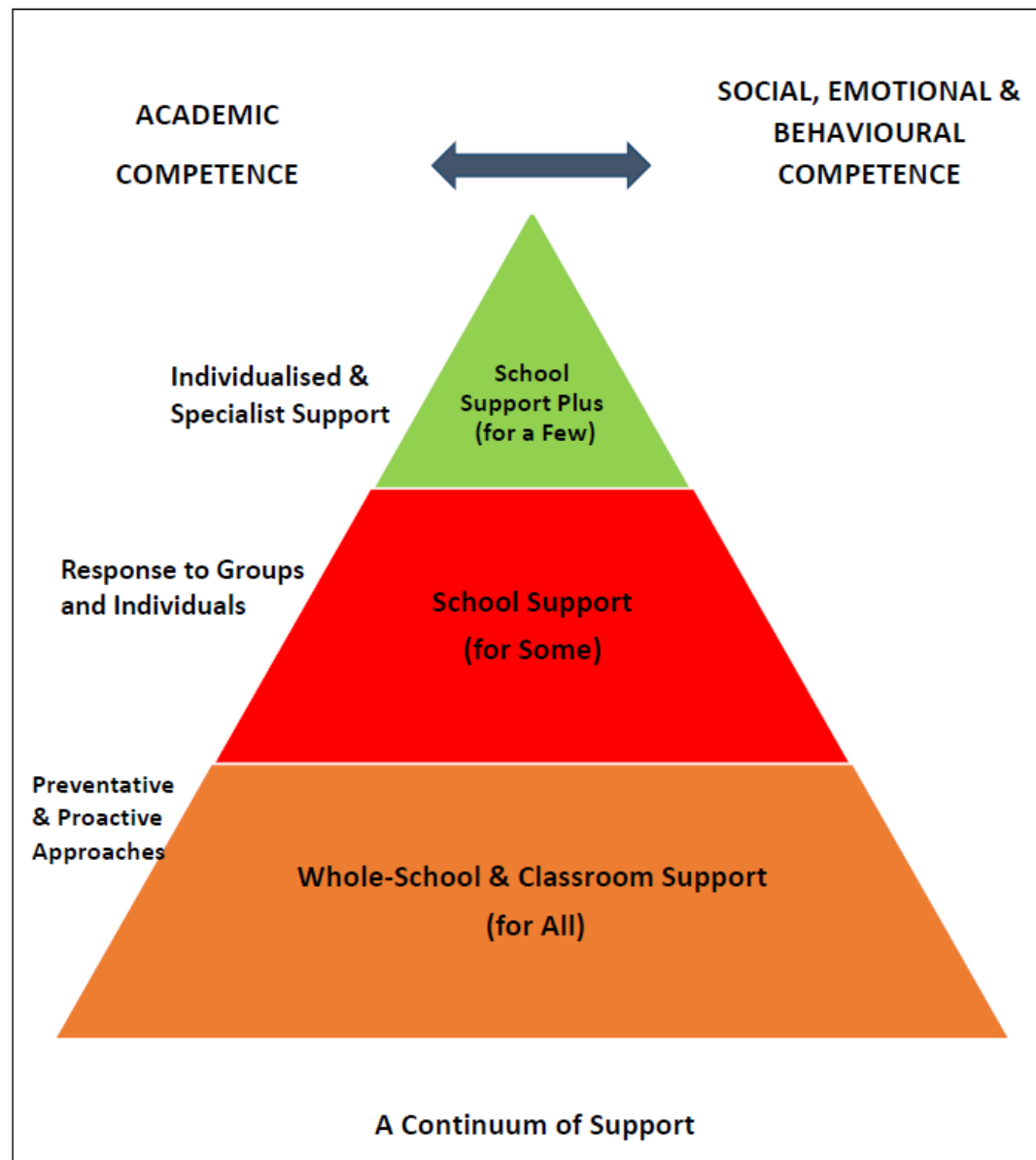
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Continuum of Support



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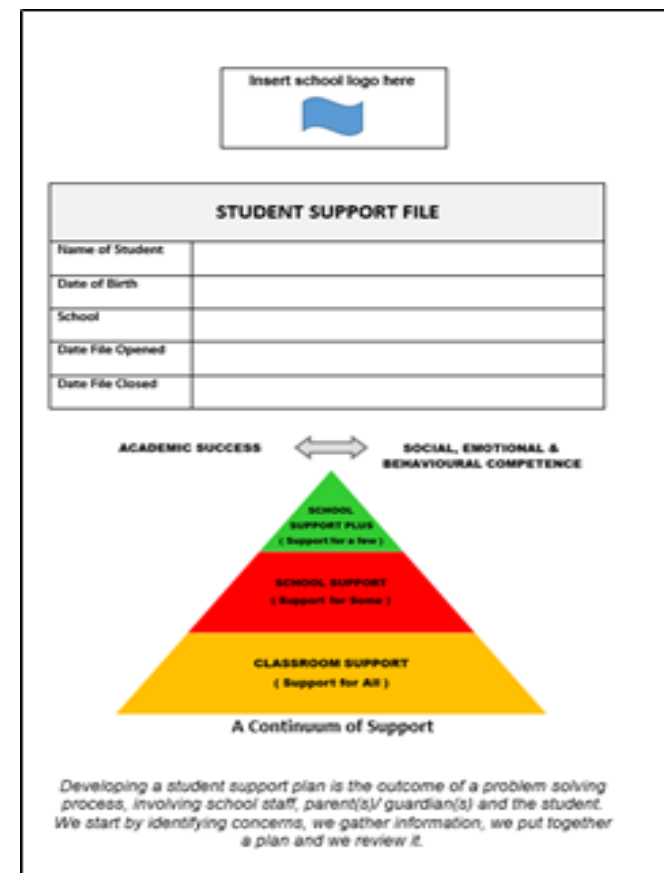
The Student Support File

Highlights a student's particular Strengths and Needs.

Sets a small number of goals and targets for the year/term.

Gives teachers insight into areas of skills/interests for the student.

Allows teachers to create specific supports to help meet students' current needs/targets.





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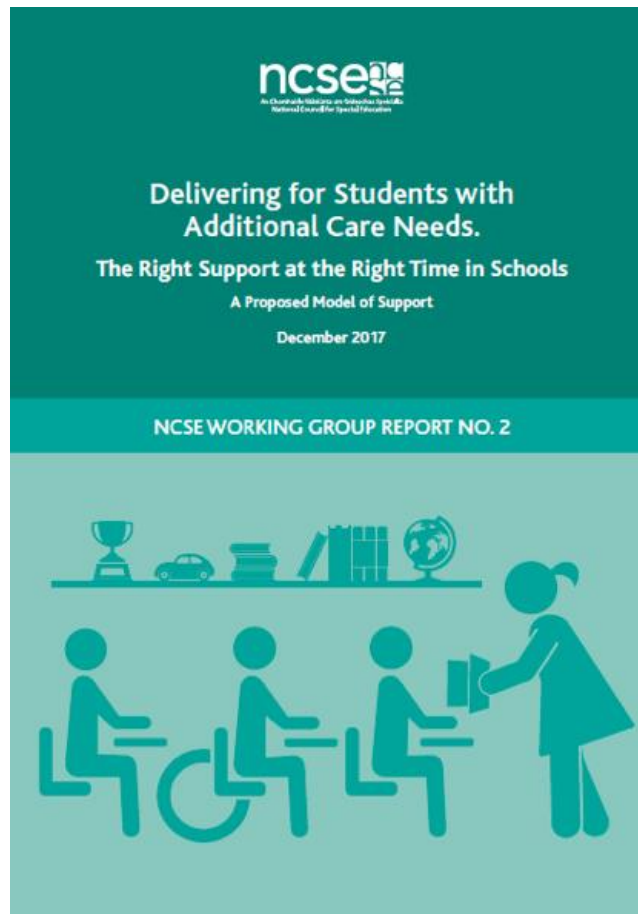
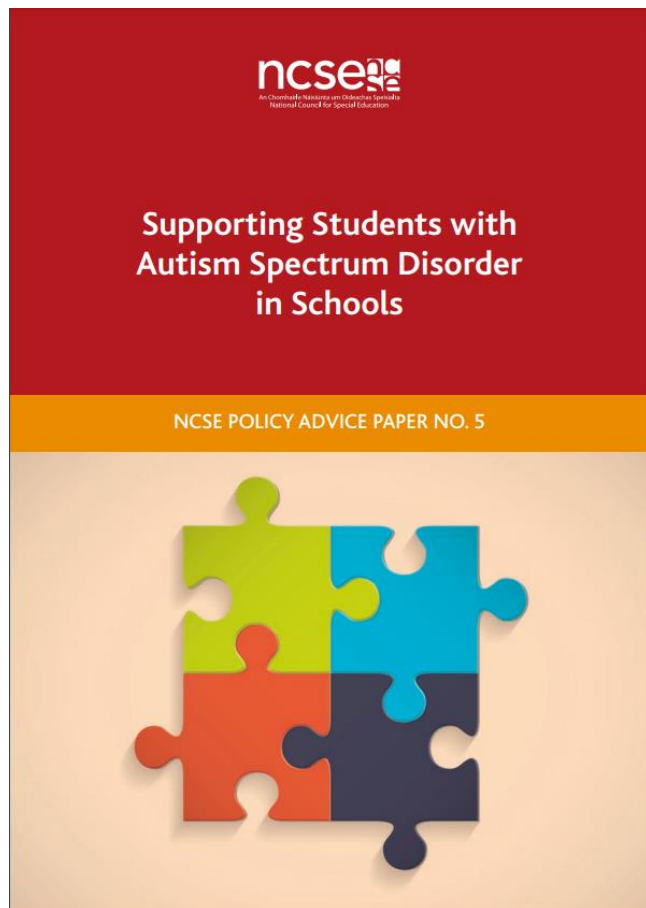
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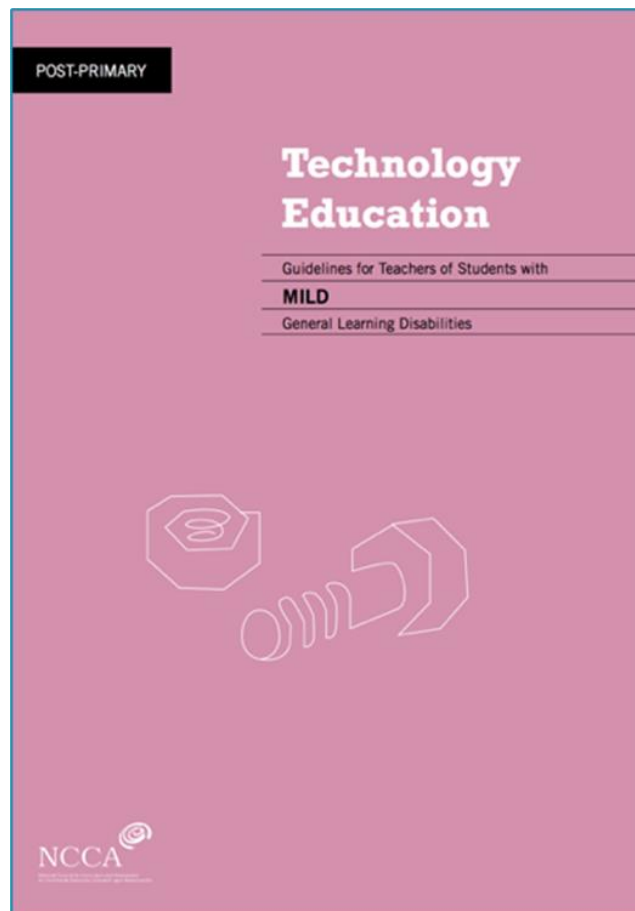
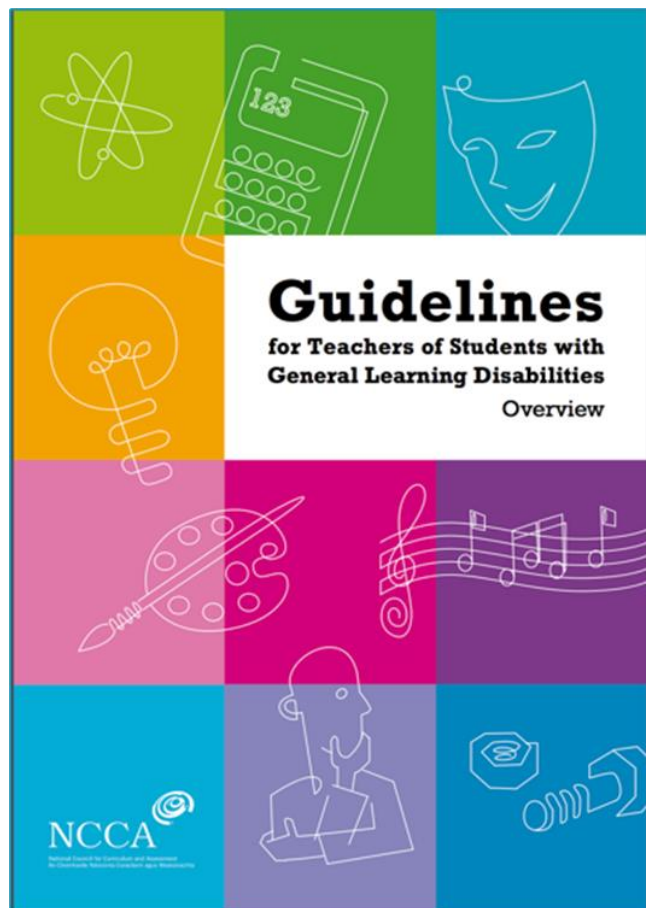


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Inclusive approaches for teaching CS





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**LEAVING CERTIFICATE
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is designed to suit **ALL STUDENTS** of **ALL ABILITIES**

- It is structured to enable all students, of all abilities, to embrace the subject and succeed in every aspect of the course.
- Students will learn
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 - Design & Collaboration
 - Computers & Society.
- Students will gain skills that are valuable in any future career.

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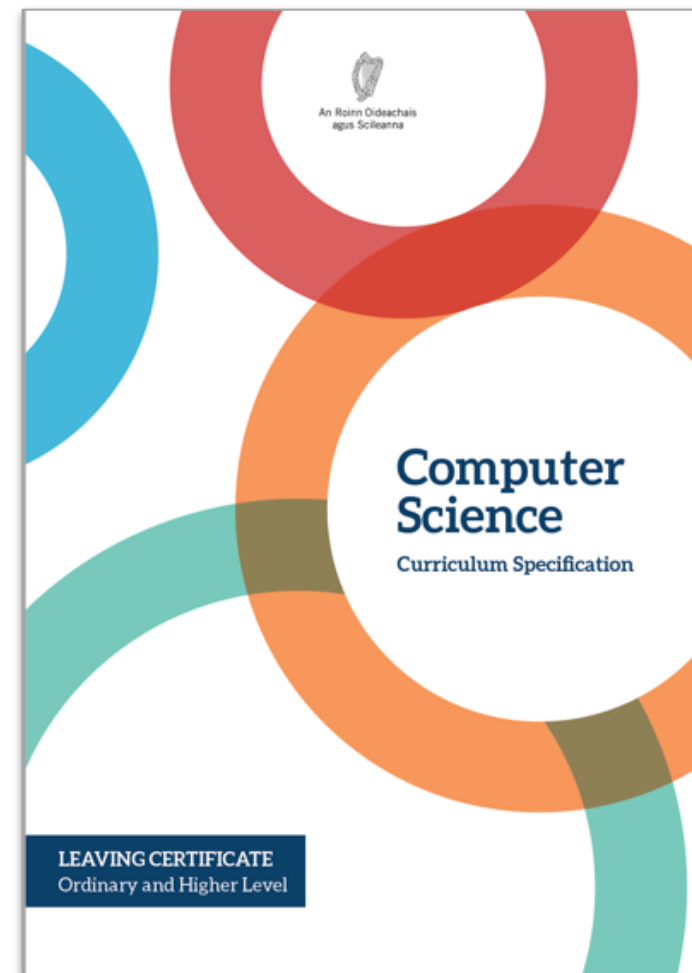


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“Students will explore the role that adaptive technology can play in the lives of people with special needs and how access to, and engagement with computing and technology is of ever-increasing importance to societies, democracies and human progress.”

1.15 consider the quality of the user experience when interacting with computers and list the principles of universal design, including the role of a user interface and the factors that contribute to its usability.

1.17 describe the role that adaptive technology can play in the lives of people with special needs.





Inclusive Approaches for Teaching CS

Reduce cognitive load

Use unplugged activities

Physical computing

Teach to the emergent skill

Scaffold group work

Use proven pedagogies and methodologies to teach programming



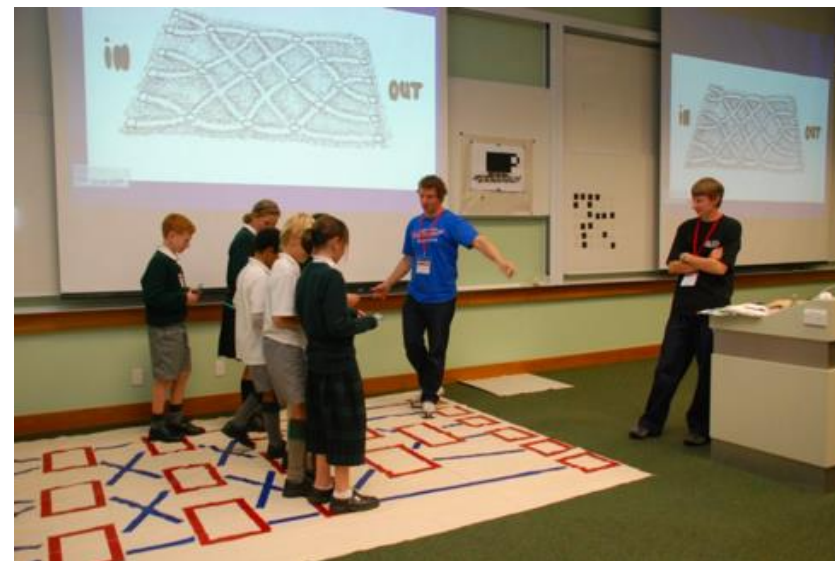


Use unplugged activities

Making the abstract tangible

Harnessing authentic and familiar contexts

Generalising knowledge and making links





Physical computing



Bee bot



Dash and dot



Sphero



Botley the coding robot



Code-a-Pillar



Lego Mindstorms



Physical computing



Arduino



Codebug



Circuit Playground



Crumble





Physical computing





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**Use-
Modify-
Create**

**Parson's
Problems**

**Collaborative
programming
approaches –
Pair & Peer**

Scaffolding

**Block-based
languages**

**Sensory
outputs for
screen-based
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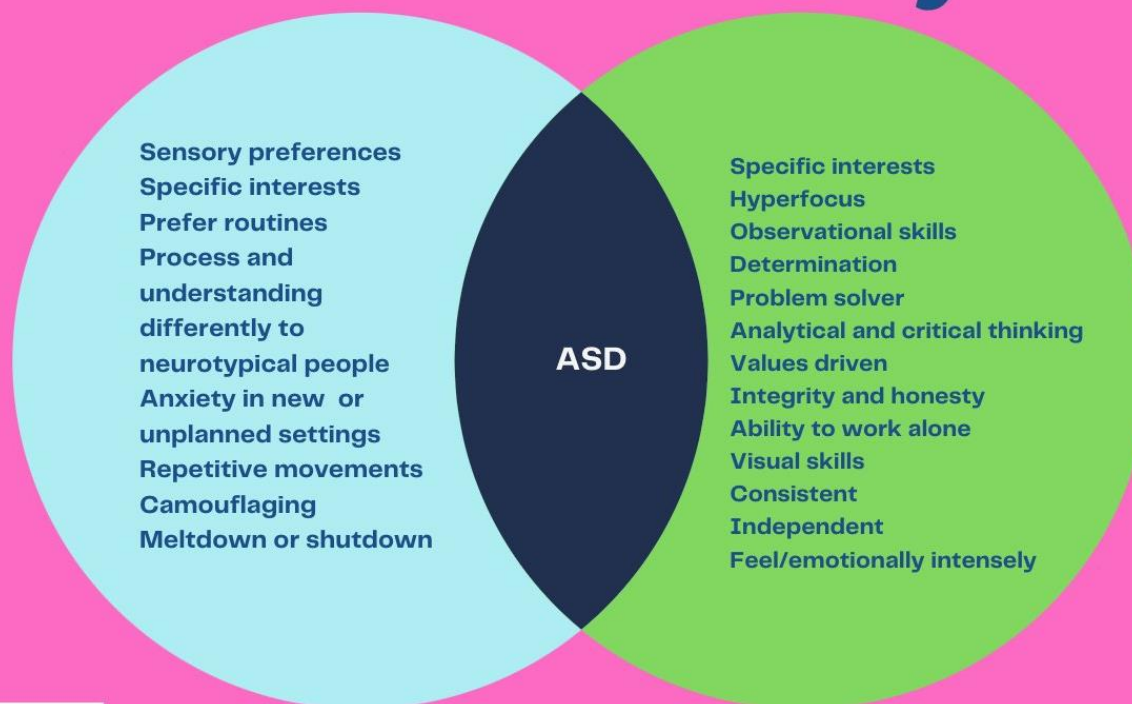
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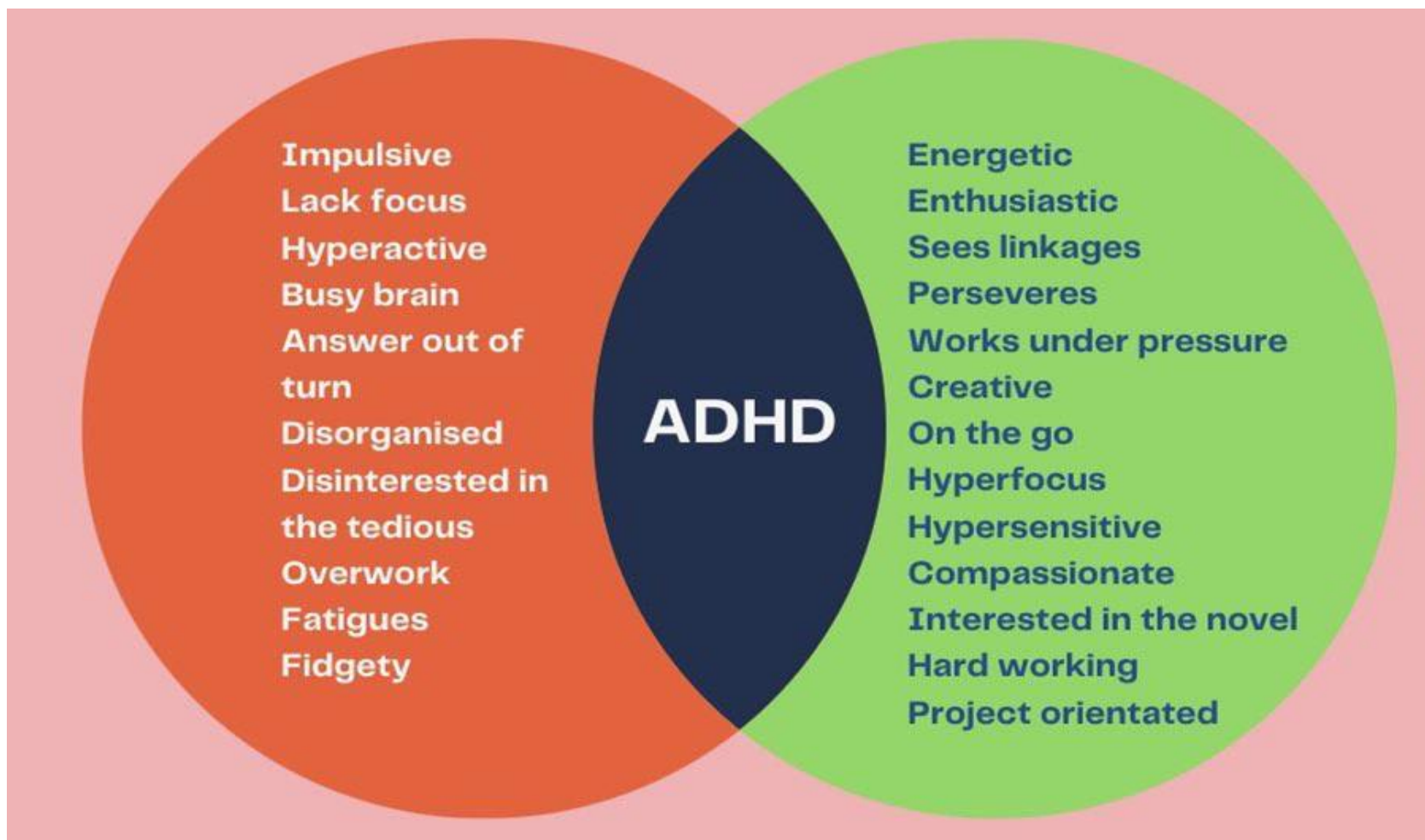


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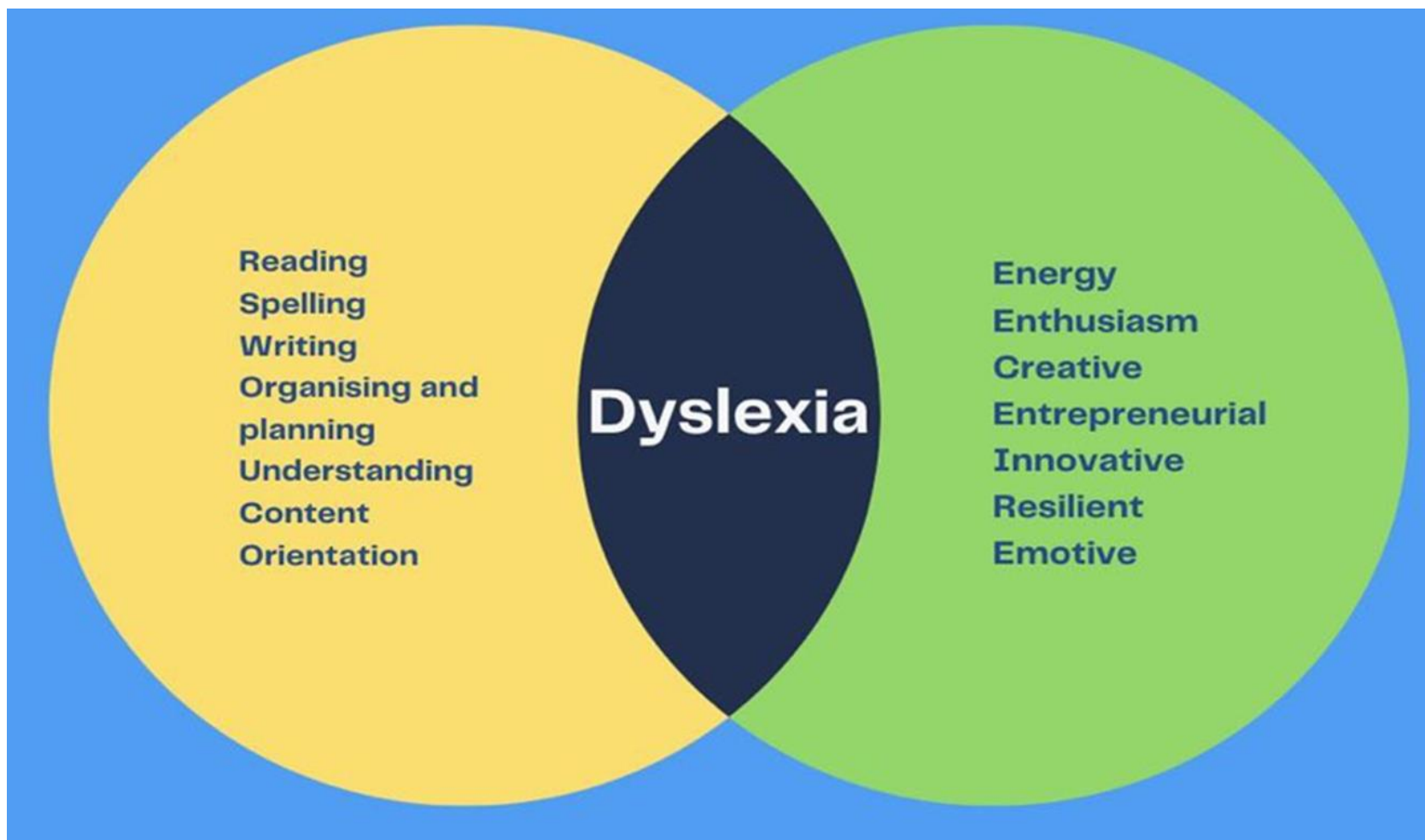


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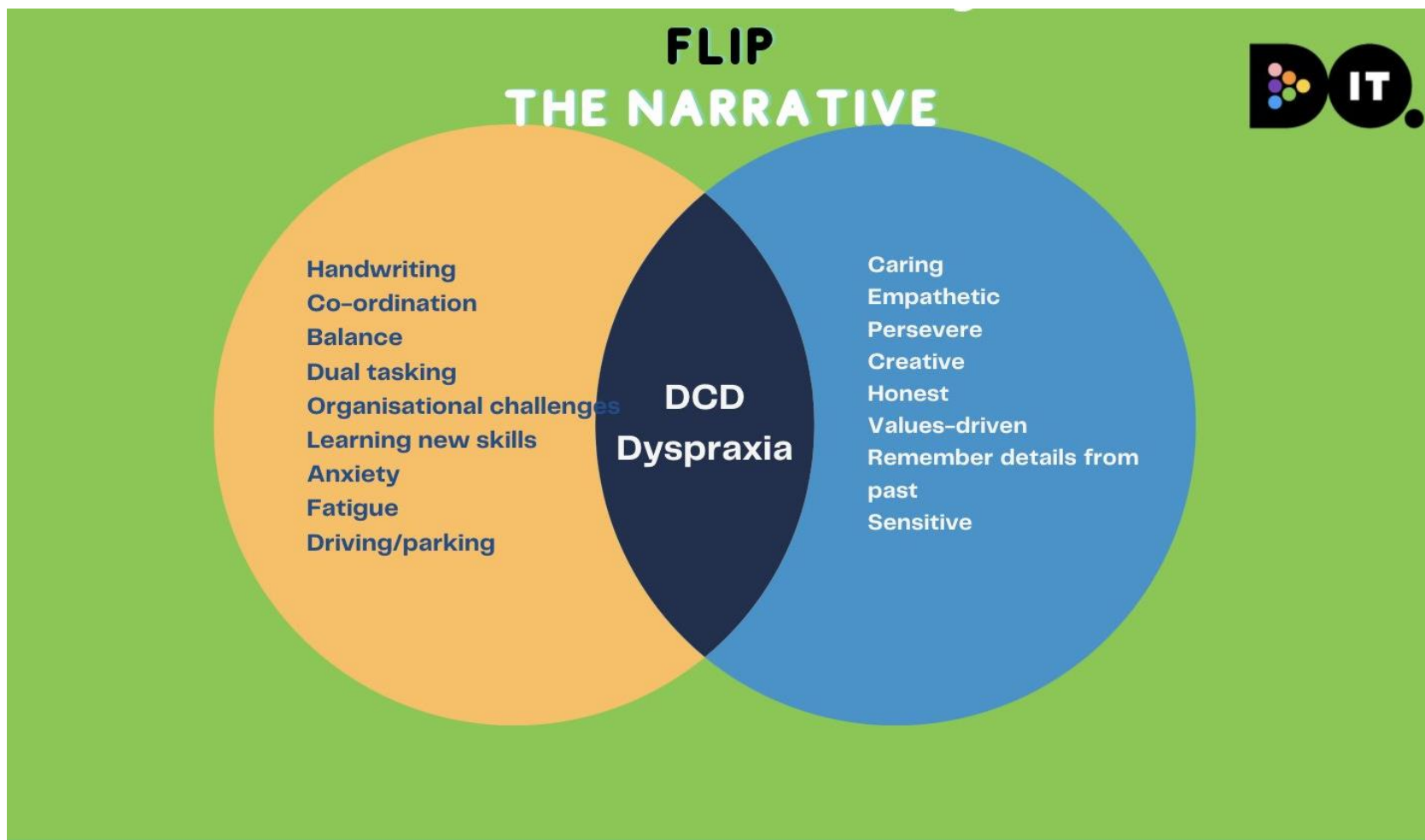


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Group activity

Creating an inclusive classroom





Creating an Inclusive Classroom: Group Task

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What are the **challenges** this student might face in engaging with the learning in your classroom?

What **supports** can you put in place to mitigate these challenges?

Consider also the **strengths** these students bring to the classroom - how might you use these to their (and your) advantage?





Creating an Inclusive Classroom: Group Task

Group 1:

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Group 2:

Emotional/
Behavioural
Disorder

Group 3:

Physical Disability

Group 4:

Dyslexia

Group 5:

Attention
Deficit/Hyperactivity
Disorder (ADHD)

Group 6:

Dyspraxia (DCD)

Group 7:

Profound sight loss

Group 8:

Hearing impairment



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General tips

Differentiate the learning experiences

Encourage support for the student from classmates

Consider physical access issues such as ramps, toilets, lifts and classroom layout

Incorporate advice from the SEN coordinator in the school

Use computers and audio-visual aids in the student's learning and teaching programme

Specialised equipment may also be necessary such as adapted keyboards, page turners, word boards or special desks.



General tips

Encourage communication to prevent isolation

Allow students extra time to complete tasks

Students may have a low self-image; therefore, it is important to ensure that the student feels included and is encouraged and praised

As students tend to become distracted quite easily, minimise distractions in the classroom environment

Read each students' Student Support File and think about where LCCS fits into helping these students achieve the goals therein



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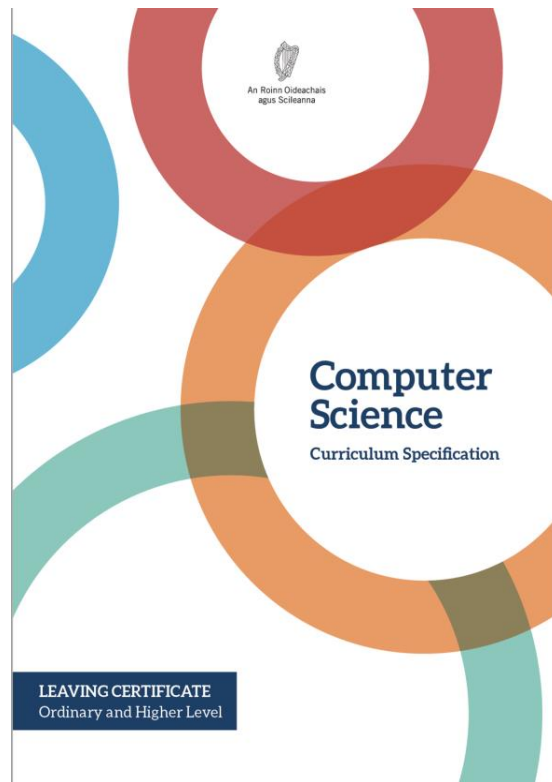
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Curriculum planning





LCCS Specification & Learning Outcomes

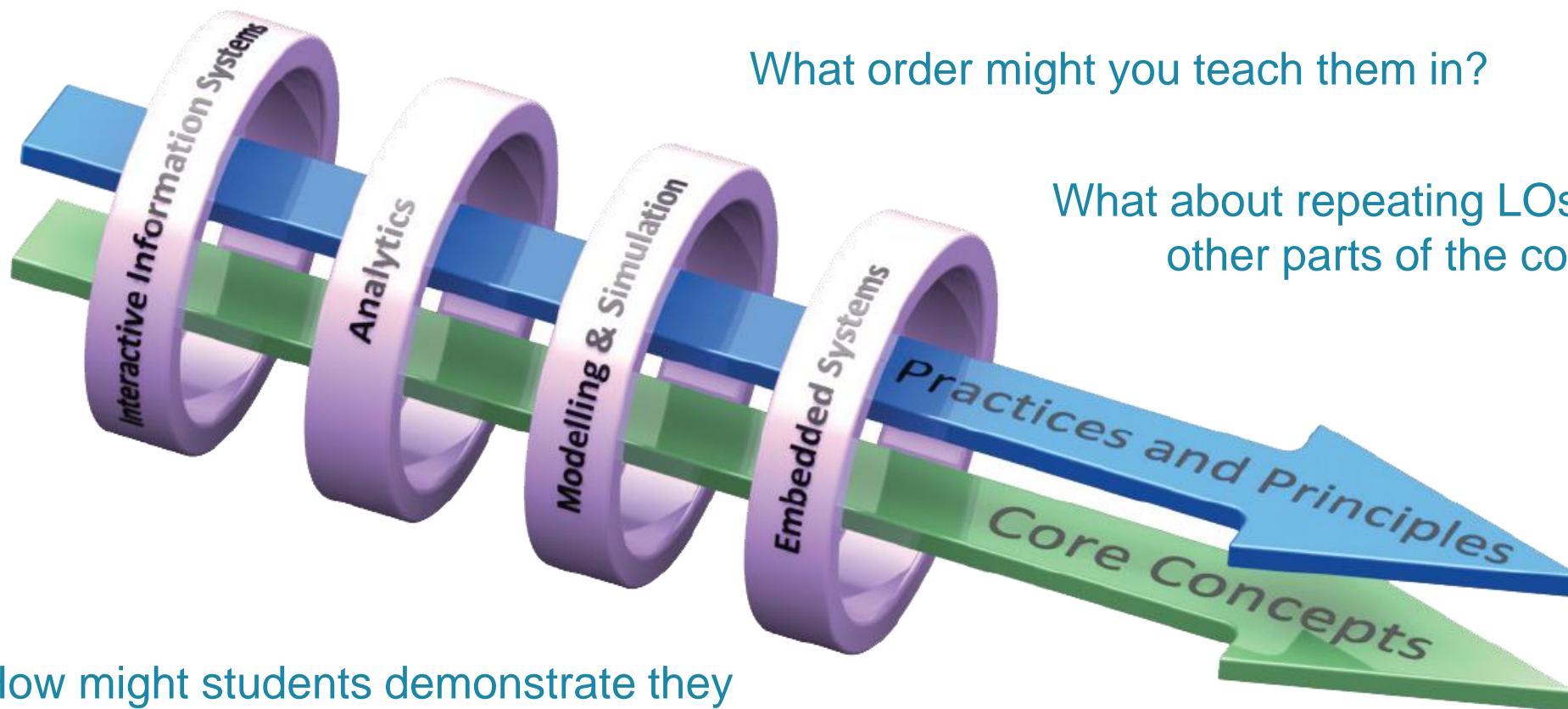


“Learning outcomes can best be defined as statements of what a learner knows, understands and is able to do after completion of learning.”

CEDEFOP (2009)



How might you work with the learning outcomes?



What order might you teach them in?

What about repeating LOs / linking to other parts of the course?

How might students demonstrate they have achieved the learning outcomes?

What content or resources might you need?



Curriculum Planning: Group Task

How do you intend to approach LCCS in your classroom (next 4 weeks/until mid-term/Christmas)?

Work in your group and consider – Timeframe, Topics / LOs / Resources / Assessment / Build up to ALTs / ALTs / Equipment etc.

Nominate:

1. a notetaker to summarise your group's work
2. a spokesperson to provide feedback



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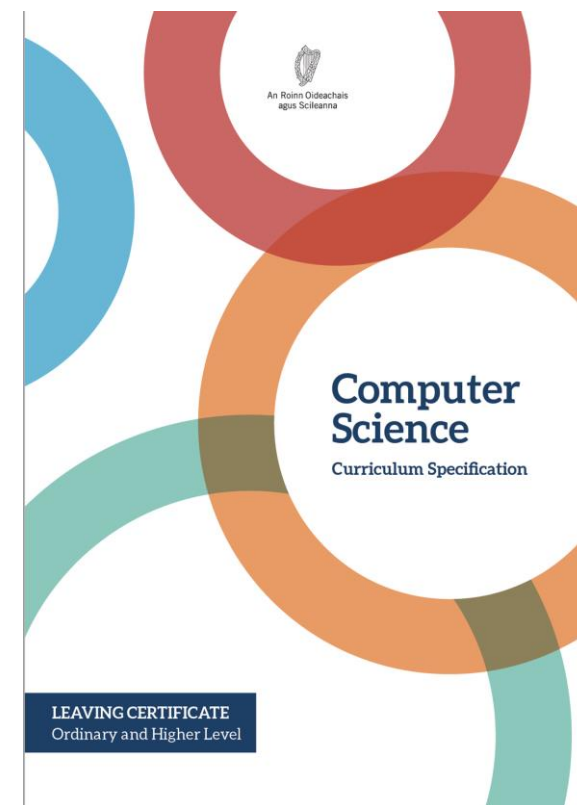
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Key message: Explore and teach the learning outcomes through the lens of ALTs. There are several ways to achieve this.



Use the LCCS specification for this activity



Group Activity





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Day 2





Workshop Overview

Session 1 09:00 - 11:00	ALT1 – Introduction
Tea/Coffee 11:00 - 11:30	
Session 2 11:30 - 13:00	ALT1 - Investigate and Plan
Lunch 13:00 - 14:00	
Session 3 14:00 - 15:30	ALT1 – Design and Create



Key Messages

All learning outcomes (LOs) are interwoven. This means that the specification can be used in many ways.

ALTs provide an opportunity to teach theoretical aspects of LCCS.

LCCS is suitable for all! This includes students with SEN and of all ability levels.

LCCS can be mediated through a constructivist pedagogical approach.

Group work is a key feature in the teaching, learning and assessment of LCCS.



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Session 1

Introduction to Interactive
Information Systems (ALT 1)





By the end of this session

Participants will be enabled to:

- reflect on what the specification says about ALTs and particularly ALT 1 (Interactive Information Systems)
- develop an understanding of Interactive Information Systems
- gain an appreciation of UX design and principles of good design
- consider the use of assistive and adaptive technologies
- acquire additional skills, knowledge and ideas on how to facilitate ALT1 in their own classrooms



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Introduction to ALTs (recap)

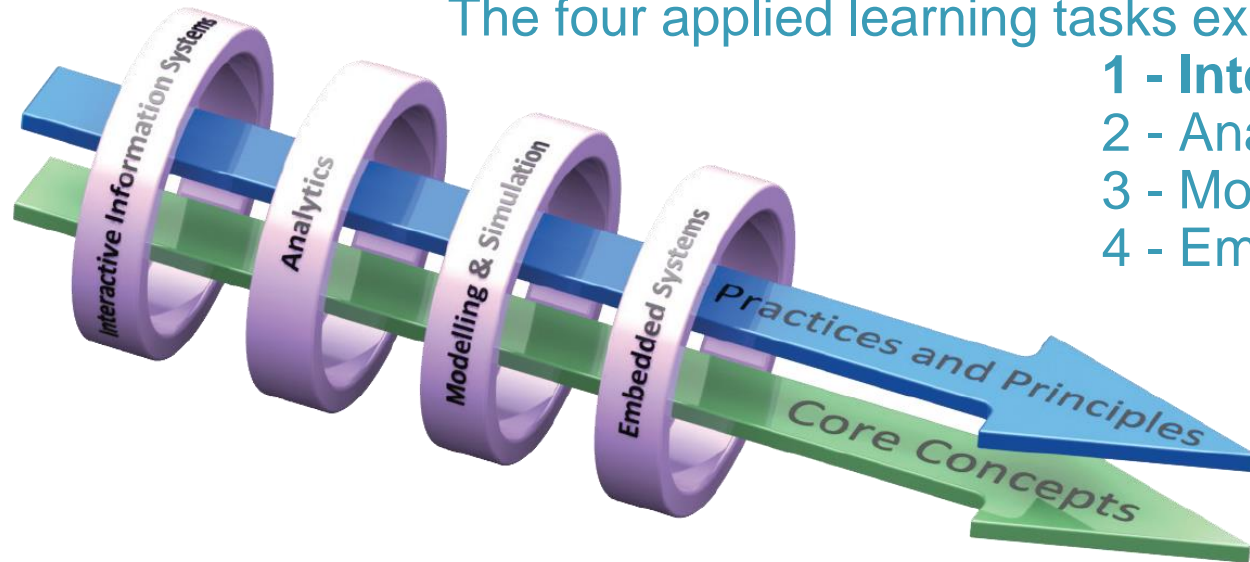




LCCS Interwoven

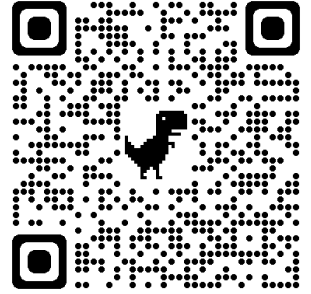
The four applied learning tasks explore the four following contexts:

- 1 - **Interactive information systems**
- 2 - Analytics
- 3 - Modelling and simulation
- 4 - Embedded systems



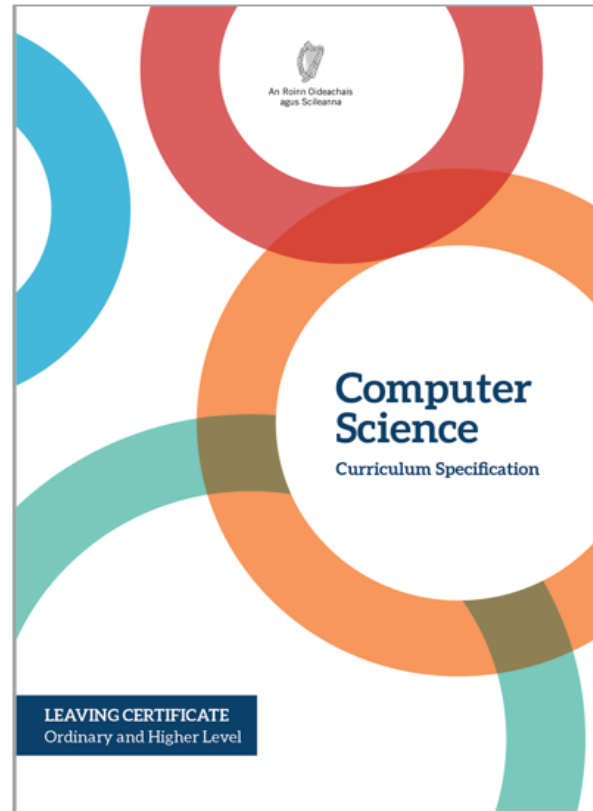
Key point to remember: explore and teach the LOs through the lens of ALTs.

“Students work in teams to carry out four applied learning tasks over the duration of the course each of which results in the creation of a real or virtual computational artefact.”



“These artefacts should relate to the students’ lives and interests.”

“Examples of computational artefacts include programs, games, web pages, simulations, visualisations, digital animations, robotic systems, and apps.”



“Where possible, the artefacts should be beneficial to the community and society in general.”

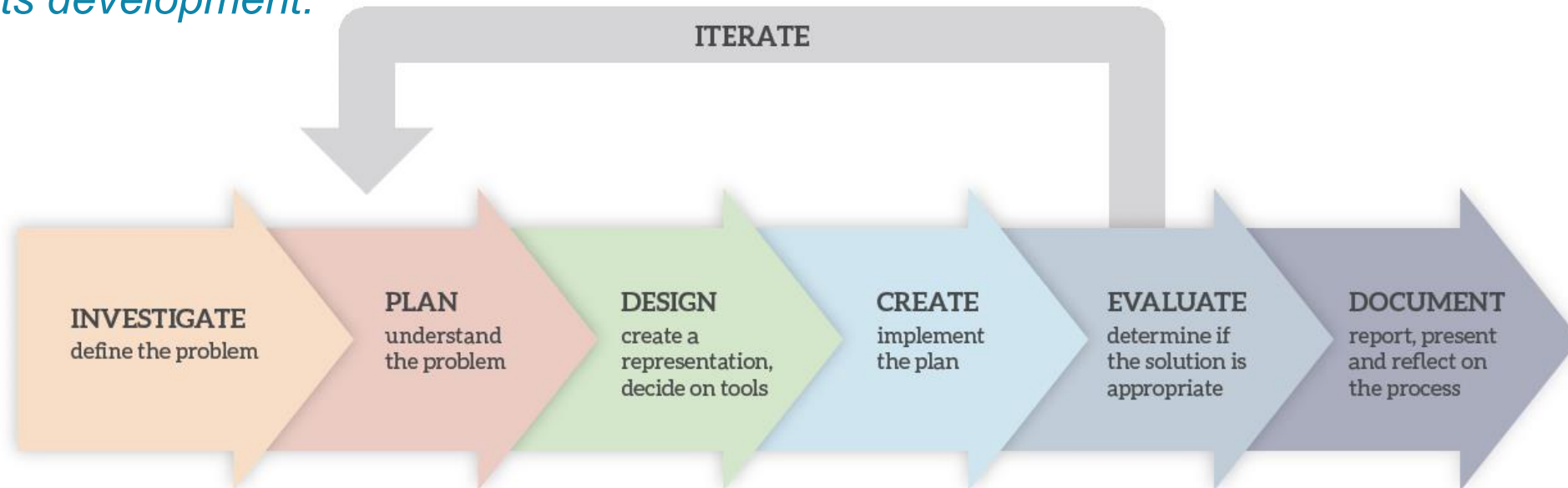
“Students...document, reflect and present on each applied learning task.”

LCCS Specification: pgs. 10 & 22



ALT Output

“The output from each task is a computational artefact and a concise individual report outlining its development.”



“The structure of the reports should reflect the design process...”

LCCS Specification: p11



ALT Reporting

“In the report, students outline where and how the core concepts were employed.”

Strand 1: Practices and principles	Strand 2: Core concepts	Strand 3: Computer science in practice
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Learning outcomes interwoven

The learning outcomes from all strands are interwoven and to complete their strand 3 applied learning tasks students:

- approach problems in a systematic way and use abstraction to identify tasks and select appropriate strategies to generate solutions
- create visual representations or models, and decide which tools to use and which algorithms to use, adapt or create as they employ appropriate techniques to develop their solution
- develop computer systems as they use programming, analysis and design skills combined with hardware knowledge to create network/Internet/cloud-based applications
- evaluate and test their solutions to identify and remove errors from their programs and base their solutions upon integration, analysis and evaluation of qualitative and quantitative information and data

LCCS Specification: p16



ALT 1

"Design is one of the key practices and principles of computer science. As designers and creators of technology, students can be innovative and expressive through the creation of artefacts."

"Students will develop an interactive website that can display information (either local or remote data) from a database to meet a set of user needs."

"Students will develop their knowledge of the role computer systems can play in communicating with and providing information about the world around them."

LCCS Specification: p22



ALT 1: Learning outcomes

Students learn about:	Students should be able to:
Information systems User-centred design Web design File systems and relational databases Design process	3.1 understand and list user needs/requirements before defining a solution 3.2 create a basic relational database to store and retrieve a variety of forms of data types 3.3 use appropriate programming languages to develop an interactive website that can display information from a database that meets a set of users' needs



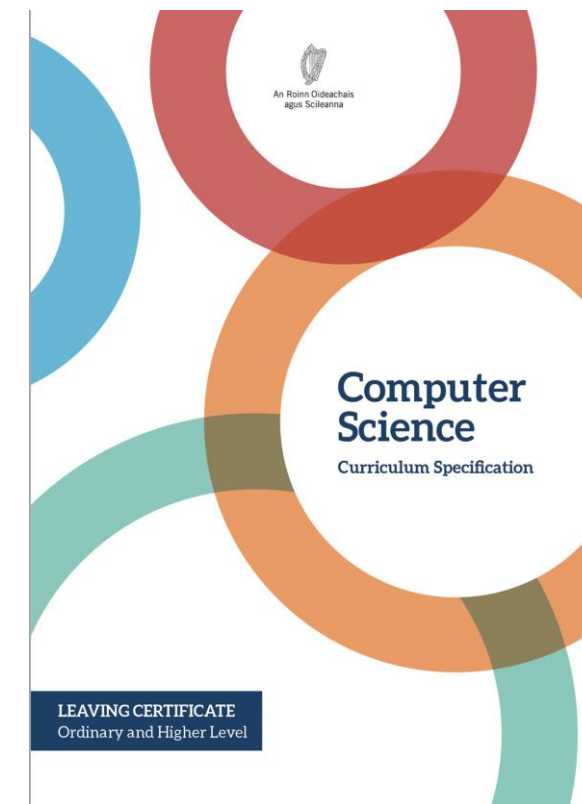
Considering links to other strands...

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S1: Computers and Society

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Social and ethical considerations of computing technologies	1.12 compare the positive and negative impacts of computing on culture and society
Turing machines	1.13 identify important computing developments that have taken place in the last 100 years and consider emerging trends that could shape future computing technologies
The Internet	1.14 explain when and what machine learning and AI algorithms might be used in certain contexts
Machine learning	1.15 consider the quality of the user experience when interacting with computers and list the principles of universal design, including the role of a user interface and the factors that contribute to its usability
Artificial intelligence	1.16 compare two different user interfaces and identify different design decisions that shape the user experience
User-centred design	1.17 describe the role that adaptive technology can play in the lives of people with special needs
	1.18 recognise the diverse roles and careers that use computing technologies





S2: Computer systems

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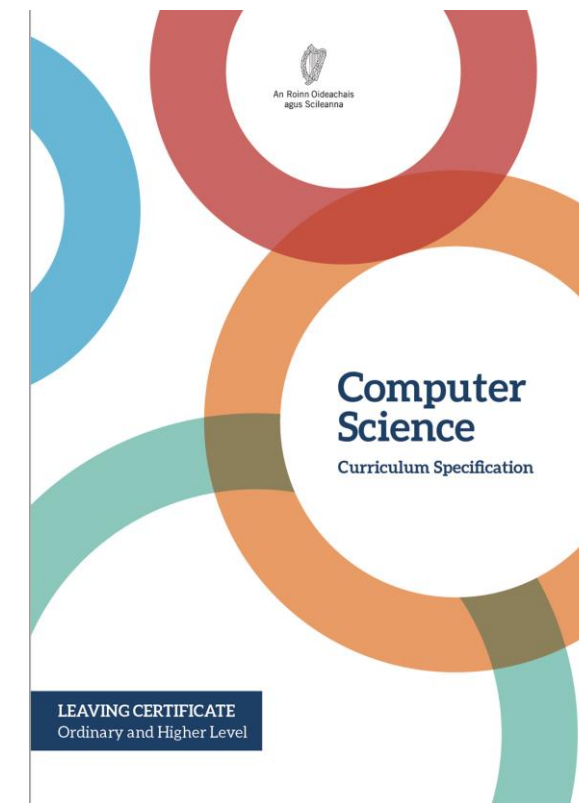
CPU: ALU, Registers, Program counter, Memory

Basic electronics: voltage, current, resistors, capacitors, transistors

Operating system layers:
Hardware, OS, Application, User

Web infrastructure - Computer Network Protocols: HTTP, **TCP, IP, VOIP**

- 2.11 describe the different components within a computer and the function of those components
- 2.12 describe the different types of logic gates **and explain how they can be arranged into larger units to perform more complex tasks**
- 2.13 describe the rationale for using the binary number system in digital computing and how to convert between binary, hexadecimal and decimal
- 2.14 describe the difference between digital and analogue input
- 2.15 explain what is meant by the World Wide Web (WWW) and the Internet, including the client server model, hardware components **and communication protocols**





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Interactive Information Systems



Activity: Think-Pair-Share



Participants spend time in silence writing or thinking about their own ideas



Participants turn to the person beside them to discuss their ideas



Pairs share their answers with other pairs (square) or the wider group

Consider and discuss:

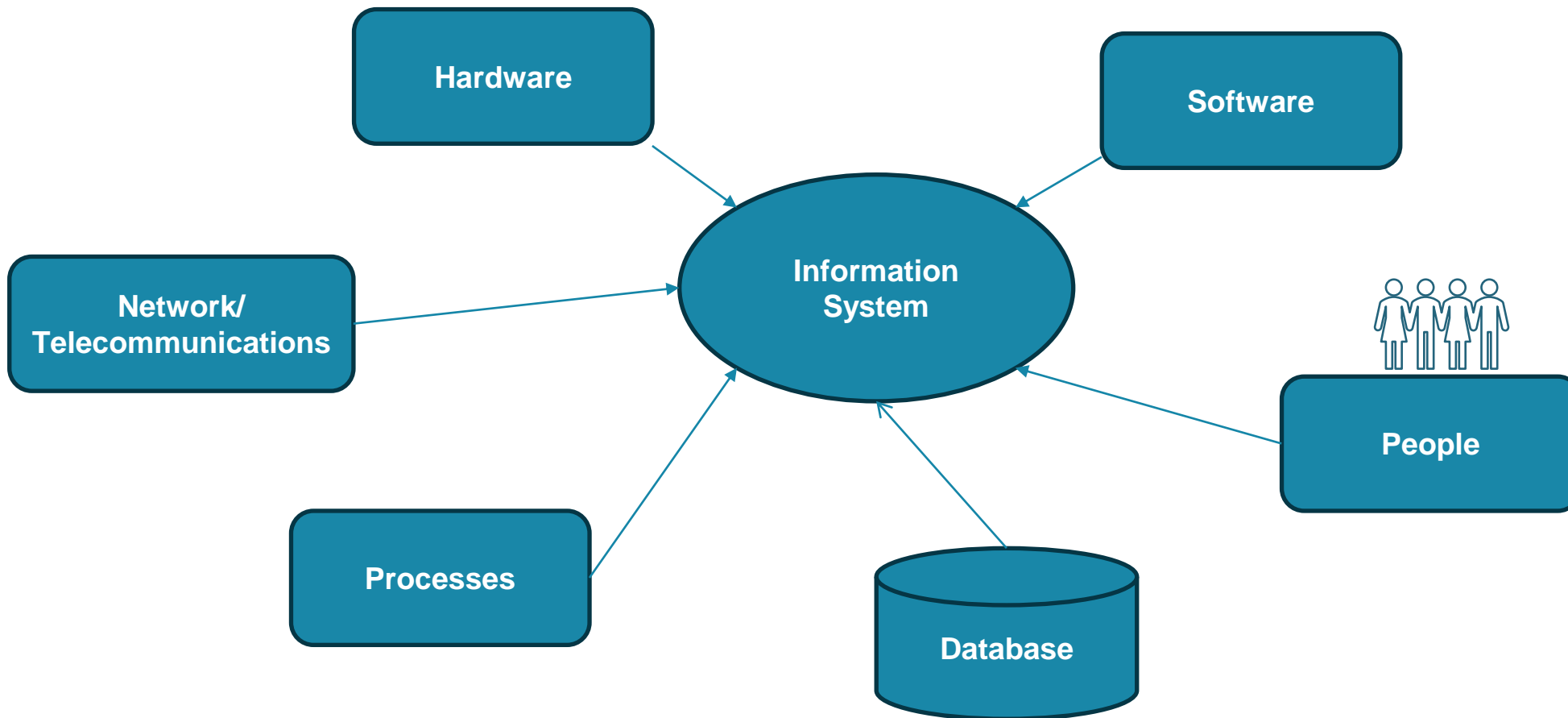
1. What are Interactive Information Systems?
2. Give some examples of Interactive Information Systems.



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Components of an Information System





Matching Exercise

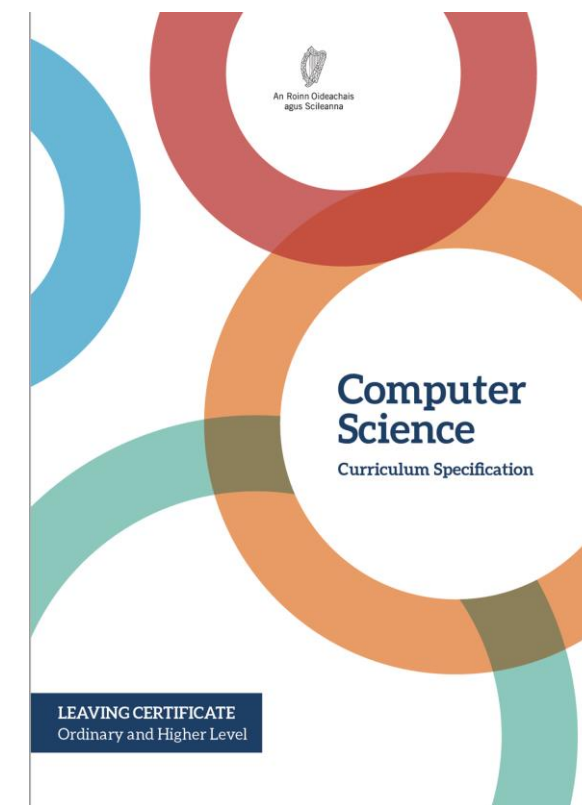


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S1: User-centred design

Artificial intelligence	algorithms might be used in certain contexts
User-centred design	<p>1.15 consider the quality of the user experience when interacting with computers and list the principles of universal design, including the role of a user interface and the factors that contribute to its usability</p> <p>1.16 compare two different user interfaces and identify different design decisions that shape the user experience</p> <p>1.17 describe the role that adaptive technology can play in the lives of people with special needs</p> <p>1.18 recognise the diverse roles and careers that use computing technologies</p>





UX/UI Design



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[UX vs UI Design](#)



UX vs UI

User Experience (UX):

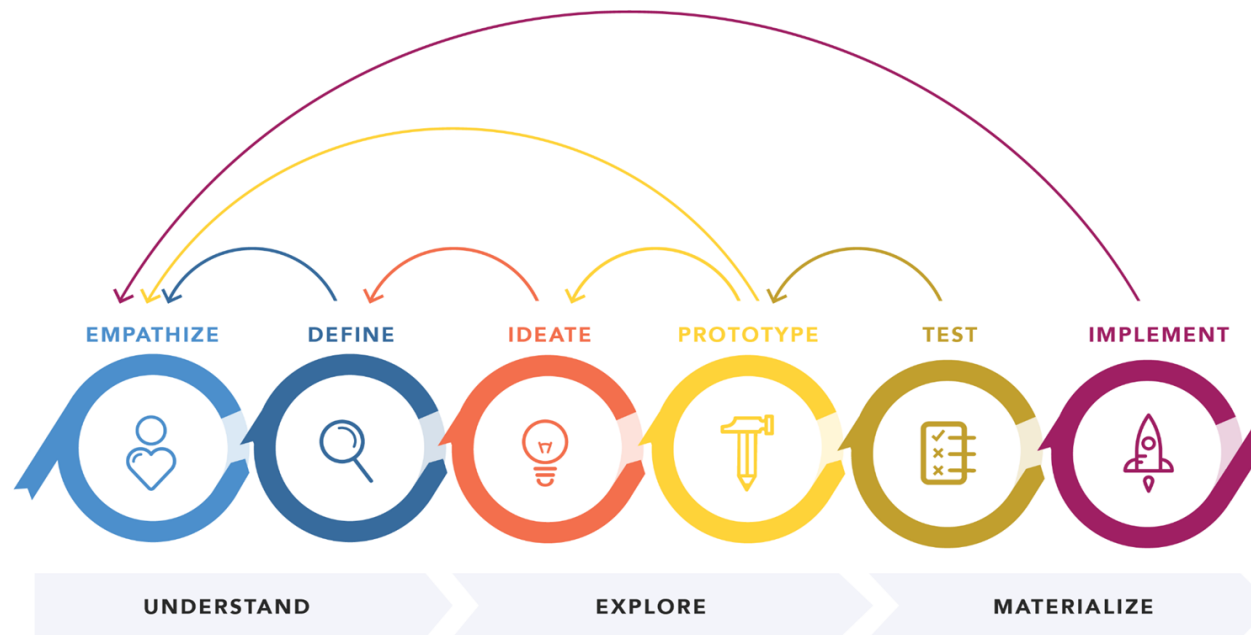
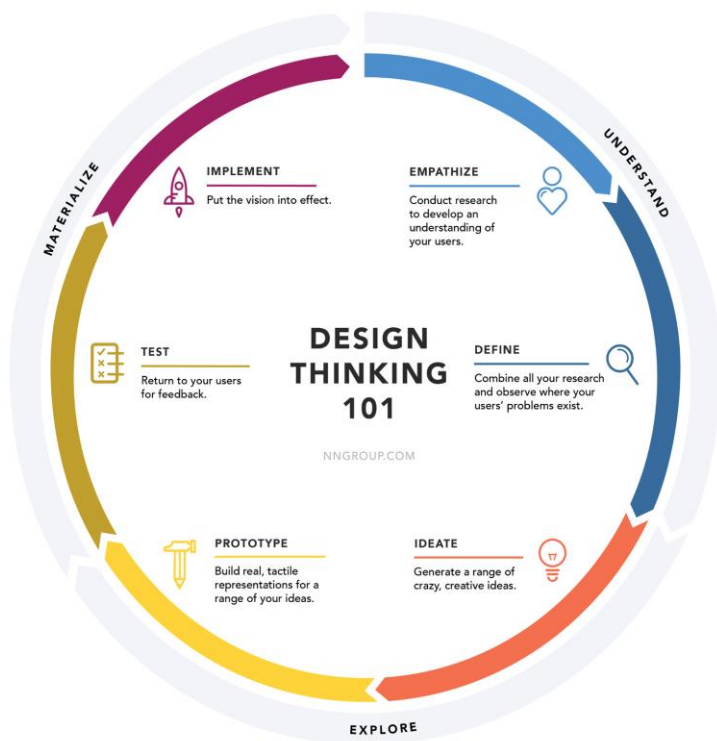
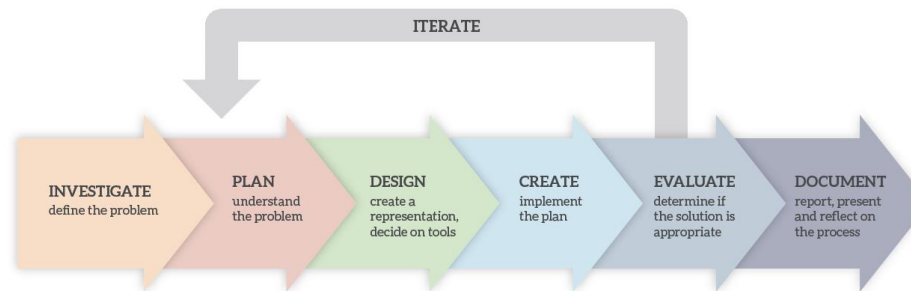
UX design concentrates on the overall experience a user has when interacting with a product or service. It aims to make the interaction as efficient, enjoyable, and effective as possible.

User Interface (UI):

UI design focuses on the visual and interactive elements of a product or service. It deals with the layout, aesthetics, and interactivity of the user interface.



Design process

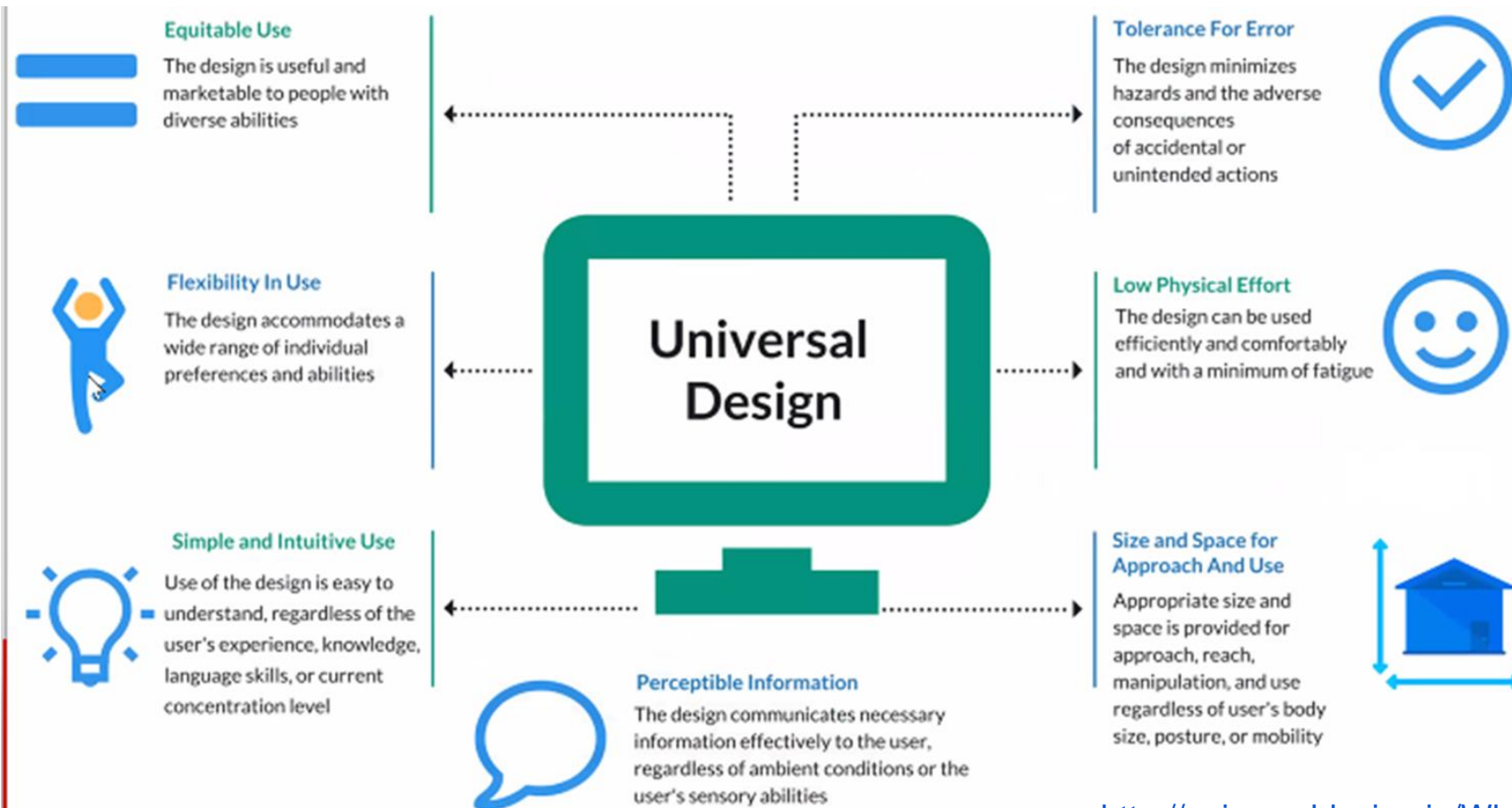


DESIGN THINKING 101 NNNGROUP.COM

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Universal Design Principles

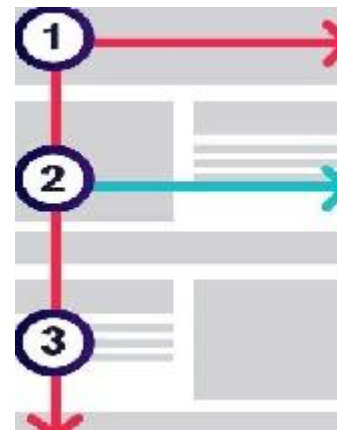


<http://universaldesign.ie/What-is-Universal-Design/The-7-Principles/>



Principles of Good Website Design

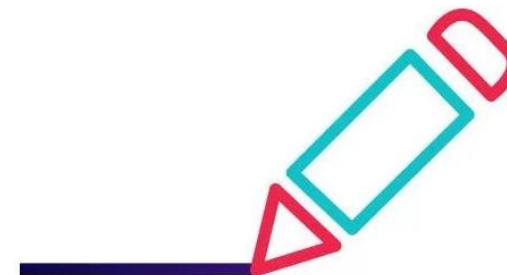
1. Website Purpose
2. Simplicity – Colour, Type, Imagery
3. Navigation
4. F-Shape Reading Pattern





Principles of Good Website Design

5. Visual Hierarchy



6. Content – webpage needs good design and good content

7. Grid-based layout

8. Mobile-friendly

<https://www.feelingpeaky.com/9-principles-of-good-web-design/>



- text equivalent for everything that's not text?
- Can customers get all the important information from your videos and audio, even if they can't see /hear them?
- customer's technology understand its structure?
- enough colour contrast between the website's written information and its background?
- enough volume contrast between your website's spoken information and its background noises?
- visual alternatives to textual material?
- Can your customers use your website with only a keyboard?
- enough time to read and use your website?
- nothing flashes quickly?
- Can customers find what they're looking for?
- Can customers read your information easily, and can they understand it?
- Does your website work as your customers would expect it to work?
- Does your website help prevent your customers making mistakes? explain your customers' mistakes clearly?
- Will it work on as many modern computers, phones, and browsers as possible?

<https://nda.ie/publications/accessibility-toolkit>



Centre for Excellence in Universal Design

The Centre for Excellence in Universal Design (CEUD) is dedicated to enabling the design of environments that can be accessed, understood and used regardless of a person's age, size, ability or disability. The CEUD is part of the National Disability Authority.



“Take a quick look at your site”:

<https://universaldesign.ie/technology-ict/universal-design-for-ict/web-accessibility-auditing/take-a-quick-look-at-your-site/>



WAVE



WAVE powered by WebAIM
web accessibility evaluation tool

Styles: OFF ON

Details

Summary Details Reference Order Structure Contrast

- 6 Errors
 - 6 X Empty link
- 9 Contrast Errors
 - 9 X Very low contrast
- 112 Alerts
 - 8 X Suspicious alternative text

Accessibility & Language

Broken same-page link

A link to another location within the page is present but does not have a corresponding target.

[REFERENCE](#) [CODE](#)



Activity: Website Analysis

- Agree on 4 principles of good web design to use for this activity
 - *include accessibility (from NDA guidelines)
- Pick two websites of your choice
- Using your selected principles compare the two websites

1. Usability (Ease of Use)
2. Layout Design (Alignment, Use of Space, Images)
3. Visual Design (Typography, Colour)
4. Content & Language
5. Accessibility
6. Feedback
7. Navigation
8. Hierarchy (structure)



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Assistive Technology

“Assistive Technology (AT) concerns the practical tools that can support the functional needs of people who experience difficulties linked to disability or ageing”

NDA Údarás Náisiúnta Míchumais
National Disability Authority



Digital Strategy
for Schools
to 2027





Activity:

Question: “...adaptive and assistive technologies are in place for anyone who should need them. Name two types of such technologies and describe...”



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Working to deliver a better special education service

Home / Resources / Assistive Technology

CAT-GLD (Curriculum Access Tool for General Learning Disability)
Transitions
Curricular Material
ICT
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Digital Strategy for Schools 2015-2020Support for Technology Use in SchoolsIntroduction to Assistive TechnologyDigital Literacy Framework: General Learning Disability

Assistive Technology

Introduction

This section provides an overview of Assistive Technology (AT). While AT refers to any device or system that helps to improve the functional capacity of people with disabilities, this section deals primarily with computer-related applications.

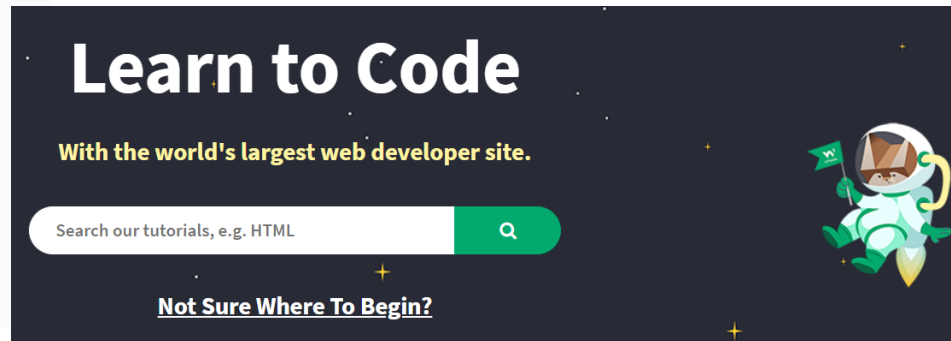
Assistive technology is a very broad field and may range from the very simple to the very complex. It may be divided into high, medium and low-tech categories:

- 'low-tech' refers to unsophisticated and largely non-electronic devices, such as a laptop stand
- 'medium-tech' devices are more complicated but are used by those by pupils with some degree of independent functioning. Adaptive computer peripherals, such as alternative mice or keyboards, will usually come within this category
- high-tech' devices include sophisticated communication and computer control systems. At this end of the AT range, considerable specialist training and support will be necessary, and pupils with little independent functioning or communication ability will be the



Web Editors

What Web Editor to use?



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Session 6

ALT 1

Design and Create





By the end of this session

Participants will have:

- experienced the design phase for an original ALT1 project
- enhanced their team working, communication and collaboration skills
- acquired additional skills, knowledge and ideas on how to facilitate ALT 1 in their own classrooms
- enhance their understanding of the Design and Create stages of the Design Process with a particular focus on ALT 1



The Design Process

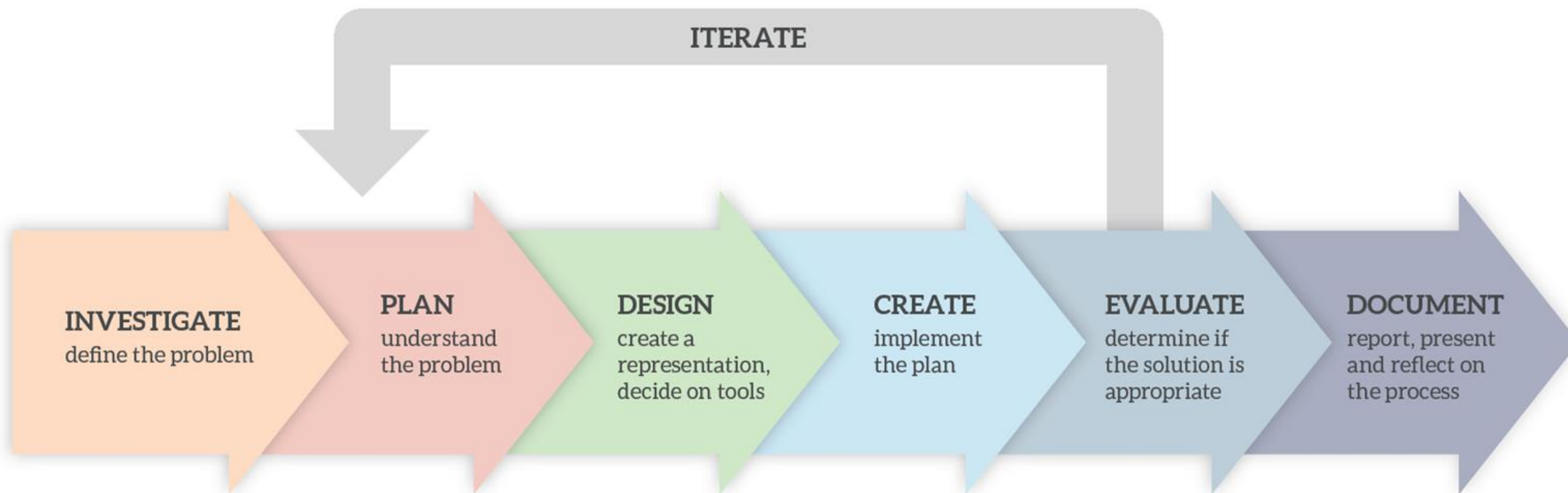
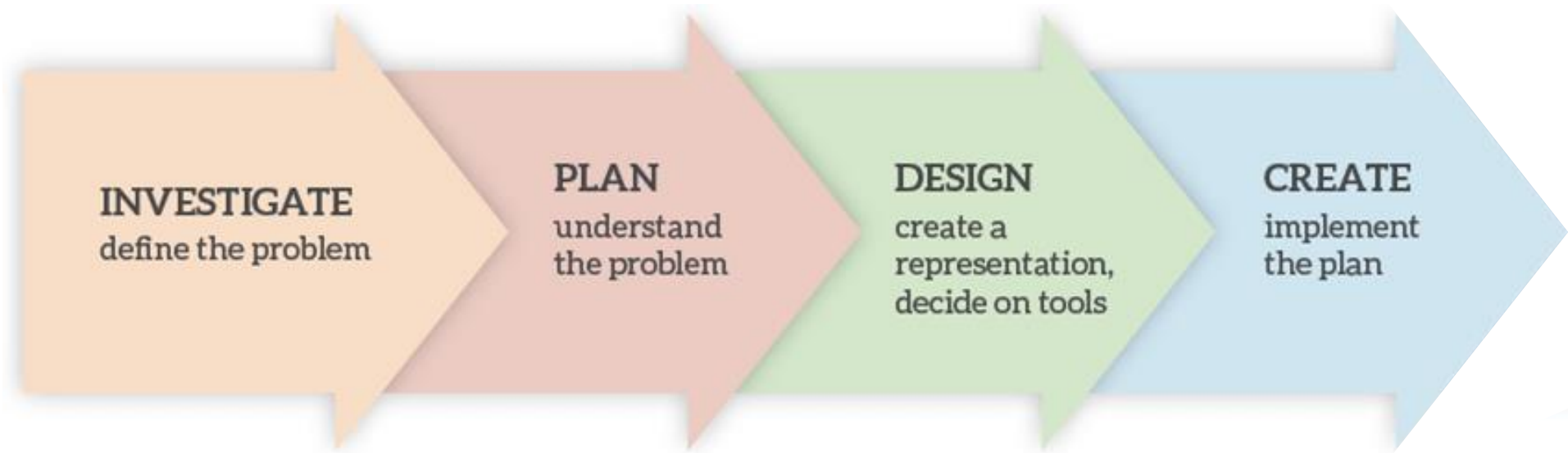


Figure 3: Overview of a design process



The Design Process





DESIGN
create a
representation,
decide on tools

Map

Diagram

Storyboard

Mock-up

Wireframe

Paper Prototype



Learning Outcomes

Students learn about:	Students should be able to:
Information systems	3.1 understand and list user needs/requirements before defining a solution
User-centred design	3.2 create a basic relational database to store and retrieve a variety of forms of data types
Web design	3.3 use appropriate programming languages to develop an interactive website that can display information from a database that meets a set of users' needs
File systems and relational databases	
Design process	



Learning Outcomes (don't try and do too much!)

- 1.15 consider the quality of the user experience when interacting with computers and list the principles of universal design, including the role of a user interface and the factors that contribute to its usability
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S1: Designing and developing	
Design process	1.19 identify features of both staged and iterative design and development processes
Working in a team, assigning roles and responsibilities	1.20 collaborate and assign roles and responsibilities within a team to tackle a computing task
Communication and reporting	1.21 identify alternative perspectives, considering different disciplines, stakeholders and end users 1.22 read, write, test, and modify computer programs
Software development and management	1.23 reflect and communicate on the design and development process

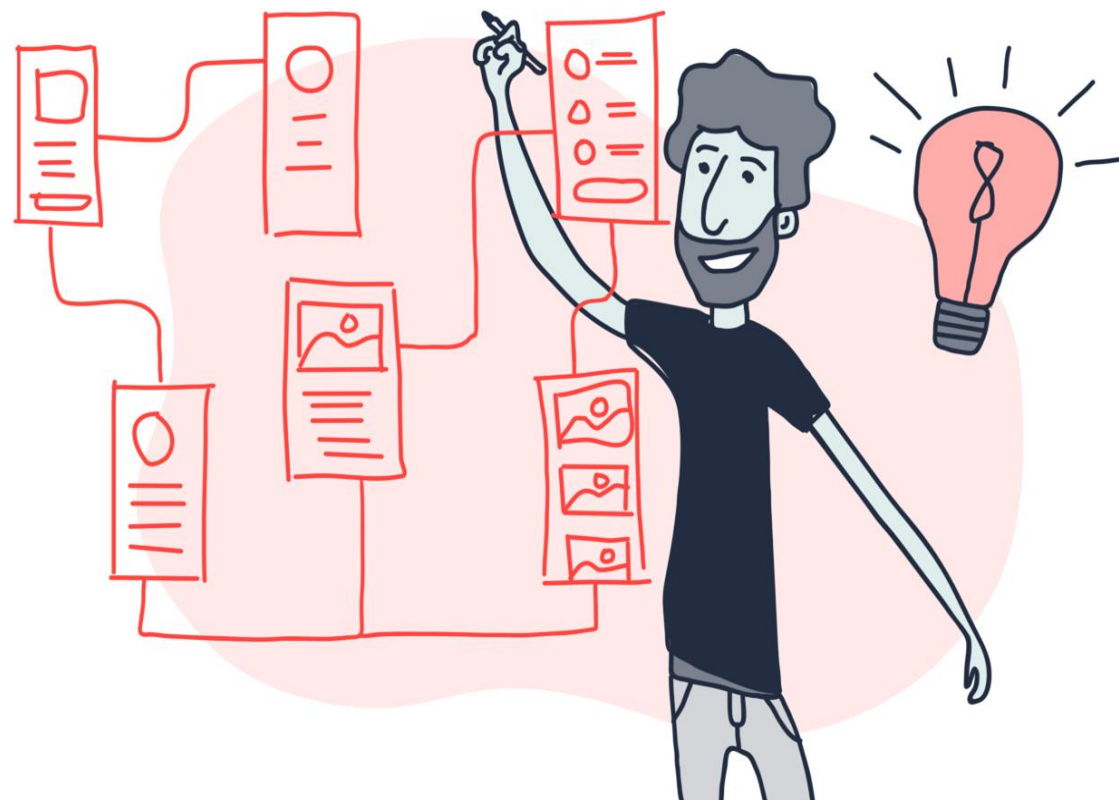
S2: Abstraction	
	2.1 use abstraction to describe systems and to explain the relationship between wholes and parts
	2.2 use a range of methods for identifying patterns and abstract common features
	2.3 implement modular design to develop hardware or software modules that perform a specific function
	2.4 illustrate examples of abstract models

S2: Evaluation and testing	
Debugging	2.19 test solutions and decisions to determine their short-term and long-term outcomes
Testing: Unit test, Function test , System test	2.20 identify and fix/debug warnings and errors in computer code and modify as required 2.21 critically reflect on and identify limitations in completed code and suggest possible improvements 2.22 explain the different stages in software testing

2.5 use pseudo code to outline the functionality of an algorithm



Wireframes





Wireframing



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8-vTd7GRk-w&feature=youtu.be>



Benefits of Wireframing

- ✓ Structure
- ✓ Layout (hierarchy)
- ✓ Content
- ✓ Functionality
- ✓ Refinement
- ✓ Understanding



Tips for using Wireframes

- ✓ Keep it simple
- ✓ Use a grid
- ✓ Develop a user-flow
- ✓ Encourage feedback



Digital wireframing tools

What collaborative whiteboard platforms have you used?





ALT1: Design

Create a wireframe for your ALT 1



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ALT1: Design - Feedback

Create a wireframe for your ALT 1



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Prototyping



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The Design Process

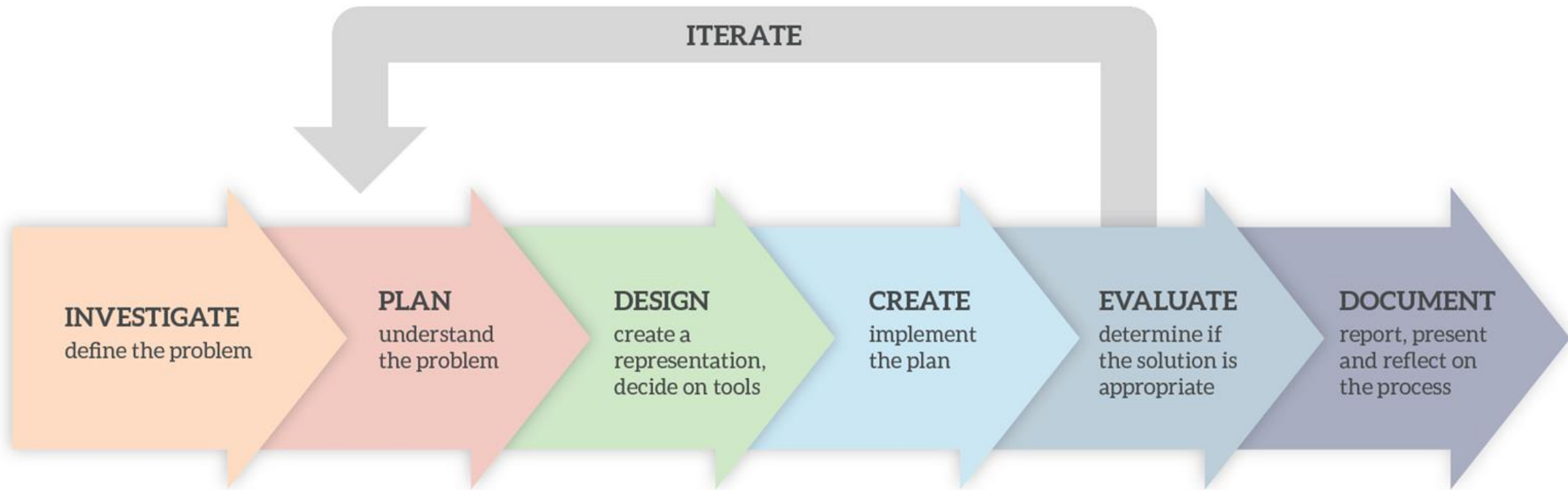


Figure 3: Overview of a design process



Create Evaluate Document

CREATE

implement
the plan

EVALUATE

determine if
the solution is
appropriate

DOCUMENT

report, present
and reflect on
the process



From the Specification

The output from each task is a computational artefact and a concise individual report outlining its development.

In the report, students outline where and how the core concepts were employed.

The structure of the reports should reflect the design process shown above in Figure 3.

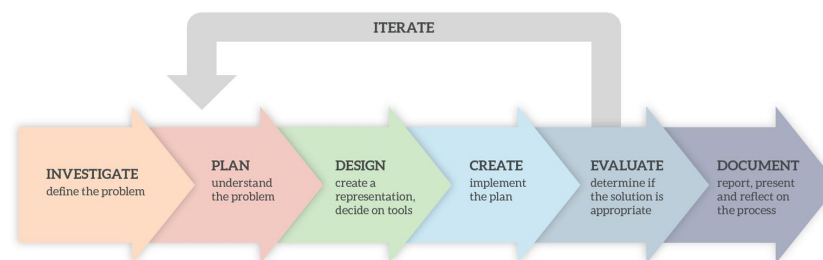
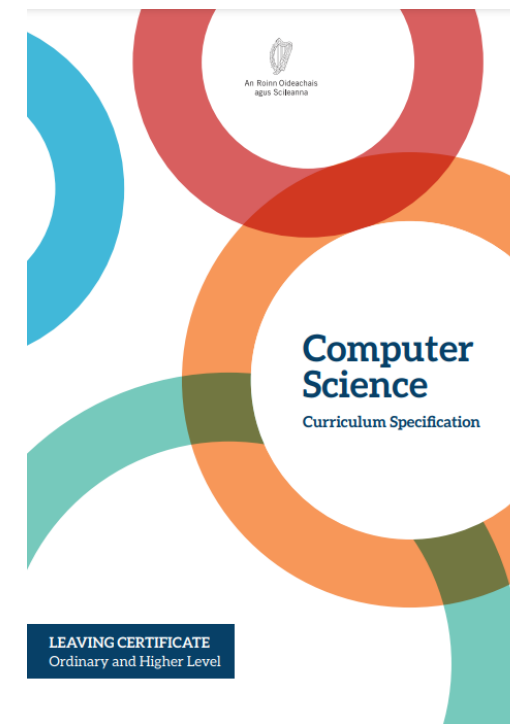


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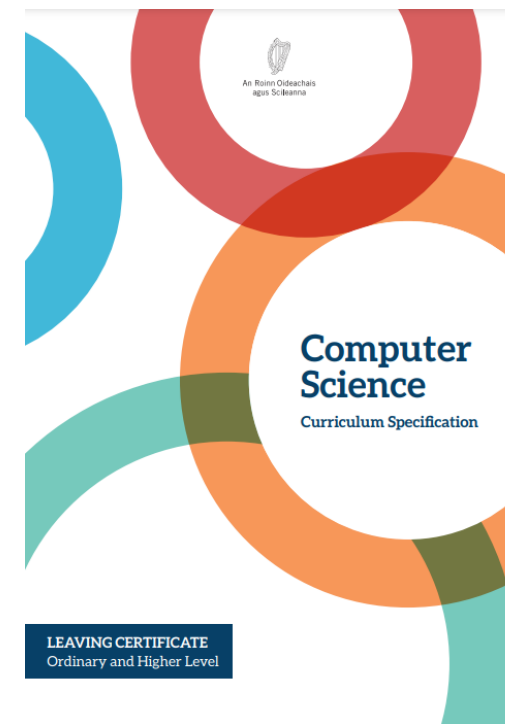


From the Specification

Initial reports could be in the form of structured presentations to the whole class.

As students progress, reports should become detailed and individual.

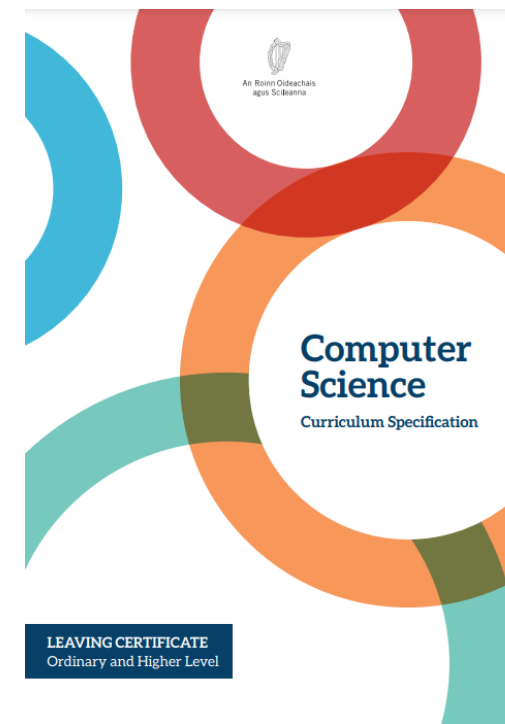
Reports are collected in a digital portfolio along with the computational artefact and must be verified as completed by both the teacher and the student.





Create Evaluate Document From the Specification

Students are expected to document, reflect and present on each applied learning task.



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CREATE
implement
the plan



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