Outline

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BCcampus

- Student and faculty access to BC online learning programs & services
- BCcampus Portal (Student services)
- SOL*R (Shareable Online Learning Resources) for faculty
Objectives:

- Increase the number of online courses, programs, technologies and services available to B.C. students
- Create a shared pool of online learning resources for use by faculty across the province (SOL*R)
- Annual fund (2003-) with focus change each year
OPDF Application

- Project partners: SFU (lead institution) + UVic + Okanagan + Kwantlen
- Institutional & ELN support
- June 2006 – May 2008 timeline
- April 2006 submission / May notification
Overall Project Goal

- Development of “a basic toolkit of interactive tutorials, and perhaps more importantly, [...] a framework and collaboration for the ongoing contribution to those tutorials by BC postsecondary libraries and learning commons.”
Specific Goals (1)

A. Develop an Academic Resource Toolbox that contains interactive, online, instructional materials that will help students to:

- Understand plagiarism and learn strategies and techniques to avoid it
- Enhance their library research skills
- Evaluate web sites/online resources to ensure they are using appropriate and relevant sites in their research
- Assess and address their writing skills
- Improve basic learning skills [e.g. test taking, exam prep]
- Develop media literacy
- Understand information economics and production
Specific Goals (2-4)

B. Build on existing consortia of BC postsecondary libraries to further enhance and maintain the toolbox.

C. Develop a portal to provide access to the toolbox resources as a standalone learning support module.

D. Develop communication strategies to promote the inclusion of the tool box resources in online courses and programmes within BC.
Planning & Budgeting

- OPDF grantee orientation
- ART team meeting
- Submission of project plan (July 2006)
- Budget:
  - Replacement of librarians
  - Software developer
  - Screencasting software
# Definition/Division of Content

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2 additional modules (Reading & Academic Skills) in development by SFU Student Learning Commons
Design Guidelines

- Driven by CMS standards
- Animated tutorials
- Interactivity
- Assessments / Exercises
- Content separate from design
OPDF requires developers to choose one of:
- BC Commons License
- Creative Commons Share Alike License
SOL*R

- http://solr.bccampus.ca
- BCcampus repository of free online learning resources (courses, modules, objects, etc.)
- BC public post-secondary educators contribute and use resources
- ALPS LINK is a subset of SOL*R and can be searched or browsed
- ART should be in SOL*R within the next few days
WebCT / CMS Integration

- ART built for WebCT but exportable to other CMSs
- SOL*R is able to read and display IMS content packages independent of any CMS
- Co-op student responsible for putting content into WebCT and enhancing interactivity, exercises, animation, graphics
ART Demo
Looking Ahead

- Project end date: June 2008
- Use assessment?
- Sustainability: Maintenance / Update plan?
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