When iPods Met RSS Feeds

‘Using iPods for RSS feed platforms in EFL reading and writing classes’

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Increase of using iPods (iPhone / iPod touch) for language learning

Pupils given iPods as language learning aid

Helen Mooney
guardian.co.uk, Thursday 20 July 2006 10.53 BST

A secondary school in Northumberland is to give pupils their own iPods in a bid to help them learn foreign languages.

Twenty-three pupils at Astley Community high school in Seaton Delaval will be given iPods in September at the start of their GCSE year in an attempt to encourage them to practice foreign languages outside the classroom.

The pupils, who are studying French and Spanish, will be able to download tailor-made study material to their iPods from the school's website.

They will be able to use the iPods for the duration of their two-year modern language GCSE course.

One Year 11 pupil at the school said that the scheme was a great idea. "I will listen to my podcasts on the school bus. You can look cool and revise at the same time. I'd never get a book out on the bus."

The programme has been developed by the school and is being funded by Northumberland council in an attempt to encourage more pupils.
1) Collaboration of RSS feeds and iPods for language learning
2) RSS?!?

- Really Simple Syndication
- Rich Site Summary
- RDF (Resource Description Framework) Site Summary
- Easily get updated news contents / online articles
- Keeping track of the changes and delivering them to users

"RSS is a family of Web feed formats used to publish frequently updated works – such as blog entries, news headlines, audio, and video – in a standardized format." (Wikipedia)
3) Pedagogical approach

- Two different approaches for teaching ‘Reading’


**Intensive**
- Comprehension (main ideas vs. details)
- Discussing what inferences a reader can reasonably make
- The order in which information is presented and its effect on the message
- Identifying words

**Extensive**
- Large quantities of texts of their own choosing
- Authentic materials
- The purpose of reading: to accomplish something else, such as a written summary, a written report, an oral report, a group discussion, a debate
- Read for general comprehension
3) Pedagogical approach

- iPods
- RSS feeds
- Reading (Extensive & Intensive)
- Writing tasks
4-1) How to subscribe RSS feeds

Internet Explorer & Mozilla Firefox

Desktop Gadgets / Widgets

Web-based Aggregators

iPods: iPhone & iPod touch
4-2) How to distribute RSS feeds

RSS feeds

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Software Blogs (Blogger.com)
1) Basic RSS feeds application
Apple Hot News
Last updated Feb 10, 2009 11:23:35 PM
Add Feed

Enter the feed URL

Enter feed url

Or simply by browsing the web

Enter starting url

You can also ...

Import Google Reader

Import Bloglines

Import Newsgator
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This is the VOA Special English Economics Report.

Leaders of the European Union met Sunday in Brussels to discuss measures to deal with the world financial crisis. But the emergency meeting showed growing divisions between western European countries and newer members of the European Union.

Economies in central and eastern Europe have been hit hard by the worldwide credit crisis and less demand for exports in western Europe.

Hungary’s prime minister, Ferenc Gyurcsany, has called for two hundred thirty billion dollars in aid for the weakest of the twenty-seven member of the European Union.
2) Net News Wire
NetNewsWire syncs via NewsGator, so you can read your news on your iPhone and on other computers.

Syncing is fast — and it’s free.

Use Existing Account

Create a New Account
Meet Mikogo: a new online collaboration tool

iPhone developer takes measures to combat piracy

Reports: Apple netbook to launch later this year

PC World: ‘Empty’ inkjet cartridges not so empty

Apple rejects Twitter app because there’s swearing on the Internet

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Mark All as Read
Reports: Apple netbook to launch later this year

Macworld
Mar 10, 2009 4:13:00 PM Gregg Keizer

Two reports point to a possible netbook launch from Apple in 2009.
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by Gregg Keizer, Computerworld

Editor's Note: This story is excerpted from Computerworld.
For more Mac coverage, visit Computerworld's Macintosh Knowledge Center.

Rumors of an Apple netbook gained momentum Tuesday as the Dow Jones financial news service confirmed earlier reports that the company will launch a touch-screen-based computer, perhaps as early as the second half of this year.

Sources tell Dow Jones Newswires that Apple is working with Wintek, a manufacturer of small- and medium-sized displays, to make touch-screen displays in the 9.7- to 10-inch range, with Quanta Computer to assemble the netbooks.

See all of Macworld's netbook coverage.

Both Wintek and Quanta are based in Taiwan, but have extensive operations in China, Quanta is the world's largest
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This week in our Foreign Student Series the subject is grades.

Most American colleges and universities use the grading system of A, B, C, D and F. An A is worth four points, a B three points, a C two points and a D one point. Getting a grade like a B-plus or a C-minus adds or subtracts a few tenths of a point. An F is a failing grade worth zero toward a student’s grade point average.
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Reading note2 Friday
Reading note 1 Friday
Title: studying in the US, grading grades

Summary
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Schools which rejects the traditional grading system: evergreen state college

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Reflections
Depending on the size of school. Classes

A large scale evaluation vs. A classroom evaluation
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VOA2) reading
Reading note from ipod touch

Posted by Hyejin at 12:46 AM • 0 comments

VOA1) Reflection on Evaluation system on the Evergreen State College

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Sample Reading reports
[Original Article]MySpace launches free music site The online music wars are heating up. Social...

CMC - Korean Traditional music
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Task 2: Fanfiction

1) Students subscribe the feeds from ‘FanFiction.Net’

2) Write follow-up stories in groups; In Class writing *OR* Google Docs

3) Post them in group blogs / class websites

4) Share the stories with other groups
Author: Firefly-Maj
Category: Lord of the Rings
Language: English, Fiction Rated: K+
Genres: Hurt/Comfort/Angst
Pairing: Aragorn & Legolas
Chapters: 7, Words: 17,379, Reviews: 40
Updated: 3-9-09, Published: 1-9-09
Status: In-Progress

Aragorn has finally managed to capture Gollum, but the latter is not to be subdued so easily, and as they arrive in Mirkwood, life-threatening events unfold which the Ranger could not have anticipated. Will Legolas be able to save him in time? No slash.
Task 3: In class activity; Debate

1) A teacher assigns an article students to read. e.g.) Argumentative topics

2) After reading the article (via RSS feed), students are asked to discuss pros / cons

3) Have students debate in groups

*Optional: Write a reflection paper*
Strengths

- Pedagogical strengths
  - Integrated language learning; Reading and Writing
  - Autonomous learning: motivated
  - Authenticity and effectiveness

- Technological strengths; RSS feeds & iPods
  - Easy to use
  - Portability; Wifi
  - Various applications
Weaknesses & Suggestions

- **Pedagogical weaknesses**
  - Constant teachers’ attention to motive students
  - Teachers’ guideline
  - Students’ proficiency
  - The follow-up tasks should well-prepared

- **Technological weaknesses**
  - Money! Money! Money!
  - Internet access
Q & A

Any Comments