Information & Communication Technologies and the Changing Roles of Teachers

In this presentation:

- ICT Applications
- New roles for teachers
- Issues and problems
- Long term impact of ICT
- Future Technology

society

culture

technology

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pedagogy

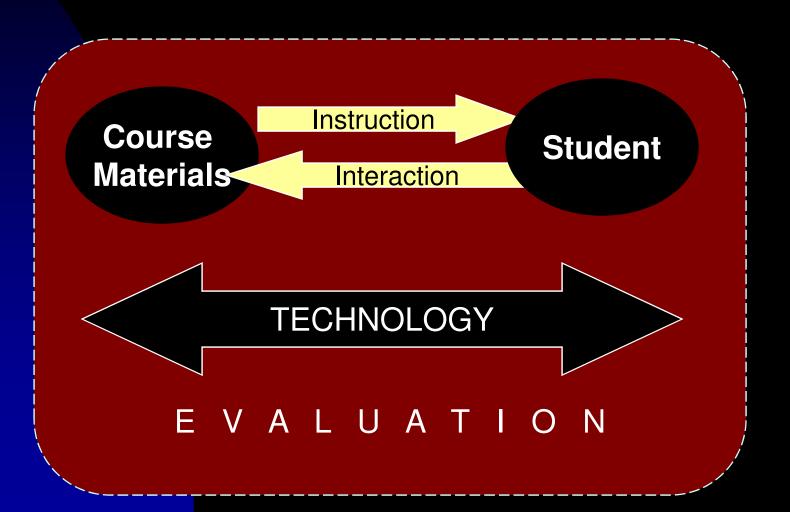
Change is occurring in all aspects of our lives

Information and Communication Technologies

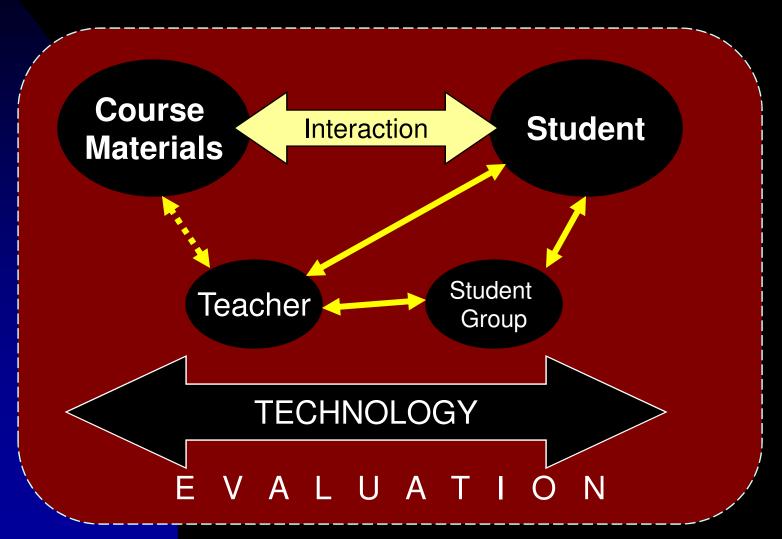
- Computers
- Networks
- Internet and WWW
- Telecommunications
- Video



Technology Supported Learning



Technology Supported Learning and Communication



SYNCHRONOUS

Same Time Same Place
Same Time Different Place

NO
CONTROL
TE

Different Time Same Place

Different Time Different Place

ASYNCHRONOUS

SYNCHRONOUS

Same Time Same Place

Real Time Encounter Model **Same Time Different Place**

Independent Study Model

R E M O T F

Resource Based Learning Model

Time Independent Model

Different Time Same Place

Different Time Different Place

ASYNCHRONOUS

LOCAL

SYNCHRONOUS

Same Time Same Place

Chalk board
Overhead Projector
Slides
Text

Same Time Different Place

Video Conference Audio Conference Satellite TV, Text

REMOTI

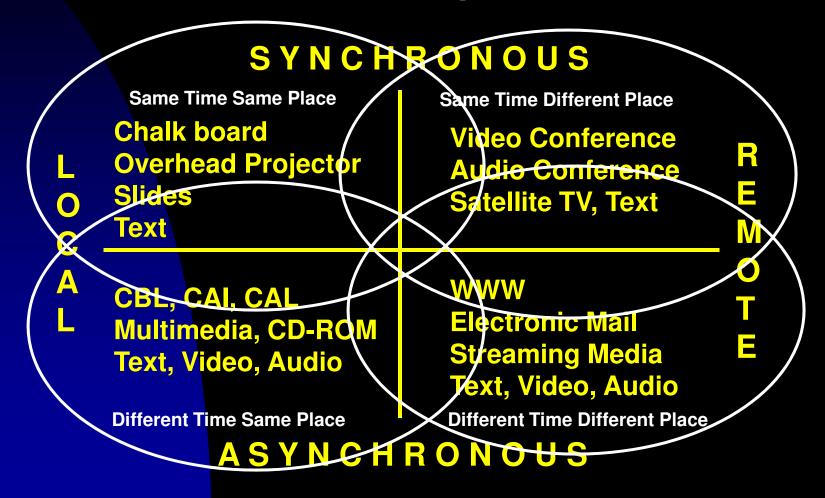
CBL, CAI, CAL
Multimedia, CD-ROM
Text, Video, Audio

Different Time Same Place

WWW
Electronic Mail
Streaming Media
Text, Video, Audio

Different Time Different Place

ASYNCHRONOUS



ICT Promotes Changes in...

- teaching methods
- assessment of learning
- record keeping
- resource development
- communication
- curriculum design
- evaluation



Issues to address

- Move towards shared working spaces
- Greater sharing of resources
- More collaborative learning
- Greater liberty for students
- Less control for teachers
- Motivation levels
- Technophobia
- Cost (purchase, updates, repairs, training)



New Teacher Roles

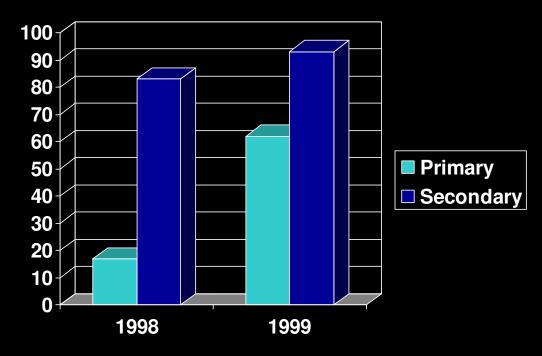
- ICT Co-ordination
- Integrating ICT into curriculum
- Specialist computer training
- New ways of assessing
- New ways of communicating
- New teaching resources
- New teaching methods
- More collaborative learning

Why Must Roles Change?

- Some resources will become obsolete
- Some assessment methods will become redundant
- Content knowledge is no longer enough
- Children need critical thinking skills
- Potential 'information overload'
- Human thought is non-linear

The UK Experience

1998/9 - National Grid for Learning



Percentage of UK schools with Internet access (Source: DfEE 2000)

The UK Experience

- Uses of ICT in UK Classrooms:
 - Web pages for news / information
 - Homework assignments
 - ◆ E-transfer of work
 - Collaborative working
 - ◆ Creative expression (e.g. music)
 - ◆ E-mail 'penpals' (USA, Australia)
 - Distributed learning



The UK Experience



- Children love computers
- Children enjoy working together
- Children like to compete
- Computers can be used to help children to work together
- 'Off Task' behaviour may be constructive and helpful for learning

The American Experience

- Widespread use of networked computers
- Mix of media and technology
- All ages involved
- Distribution of resources
- Project based work
- Library based systems



The Future...?

- 'One day every town in America will have its own telephone' - U.S. Mayor, 1880.
- 'I foresee a market for maybe 5 computers...' Thomas Watson, IBM, 1943.
- 'I predict a time when computers will weigh no more than 1.5 tons' - Popular Mechanics, 1949
- 'I foresee no reason for people to have a computer in their home' Ken Olson, Digital Equipment Corporation, 1977.

The Future

- Integrated technology
- Personal / mobile technology
- Tele-collaboration
- Digital books / paper
- Wearable computers
- Any-time, any-place learning

