Digital Reading

Description

Digital reading is the ability to access and engage with written content in a digital format on devices such as desktops, mobile devices, laptops, or tablets. With a digital format, there are opportunities for interactivity which can increase engagement and enhance the overall reading experience.

Why is this important?

Studies have shown that print text is superior to digital text when it comes to students learning material; this phenomenon is known as screen inferiority. However, as virtual learning evolves, the educational space is becoming more and more reliant on digital content. Ensuring in-depth processing and a more thoughtful approach to digital reading is essential to close this gap.

Implementation Examples

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Self-guided, interactive learning modules	✔	
Class material paired with practice and reflection questions	✔	▷
Tools to track and monitor focus and eliminate distractions		▷
Mobile-first design in learning experiences	✔	▷
Highlighting or note-taking tools embedded in reading experience	✔	
Include prompts to identify keyword or summarize reading material		

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Practical Applications

✔ Include multimedia features and interactivity embedded within text to aid in comprehension and encourage engagement

✔ Activate in-depth processing by embedding tools such as practice questions and keyword generation, with opportunities for revision and editing to ensure active reading

✔ Eliminate or reduce time restrictions for digital reading, as it can take more time for learners to comprehend text read on a screen

✔ When designing for digital reading, consider how microcontent fits onto small screen mobile devices for ease of usability

Sources: Delgado et al. (2018), Lauterman et al. (2013 & 2014), Lee (2021), Sidi et al. (2017)

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