



eLearning and eTesting in a Pharmaceutical Biology Course

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eLearning

- Why eLearning?
- Pros and Cons of eLearning
- What types of training are available
- Lessons learned

Why eLearning?

- Vienna University forces implementation
 - Bologna and the challenges of eLearning and Distance Education

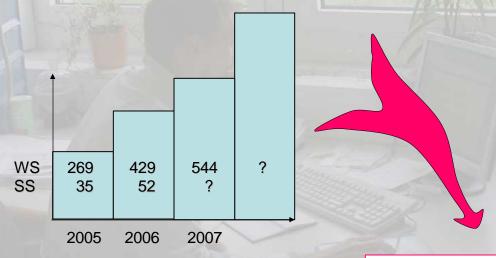
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Why eLearning?

- The directors of the studies programme suggested to test the eLearning environment
 - Administrative reasons
 - Didactic reasons

Administrative reasons

Increasing number of students



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Maximum: 120 workstations for our students/year

Administrative reasons

- Increasing number of students
 - Easier registration for examinations
 - Easier communication with students vie internal email facilities
 - Protected area for online discussions and communication

Administrative reasons

- Increasing number of examinations/teacher
 - Nearly 30% of our students need two or more examinations
 - e.g. Prof. Saukel has hade approx. 800 examinations in the year 2005/06
- Maybe we can reduce this time-consuming work by the increased application of online examinations

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Didactic Reasons: Pros

- Young generation is used to work with the computer
- Promoting digital literacy
- Maybe we can attract the most appropriate in this way ⇒ contradiction?

Knowledge Base of Students

- Increasing knowledge of very specialised facts (e.g. genetics, molecular biology)
- Knowledge base is very heterogeneous
- Decreasing knowledge about our environment
 - Ability of the identification of plants (not even useful plants), animals (pets) and wild mushrooms is undeveloped
 - Basics in physics and chemistry are non-existent or very low

⇒almost no understanding of causal relations

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Didactic Reasons: Pros

Cross-linked thinking less developed

For this purpose the eLearning platform provides the tools:

- ⇒ Hypertext format
- ⇒ Repeating self-study

Didactic Reasons: Pros

- Permanent and easy availability of efficient control
 - for the student
 ⇒ self-regulation and self-efficacy
 as well as
 - for the teacher

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eLearning in basic training of Biology?



Example 1



Question teacher: wherefrom does milk and cheese come?

Answer: From the supermarket!

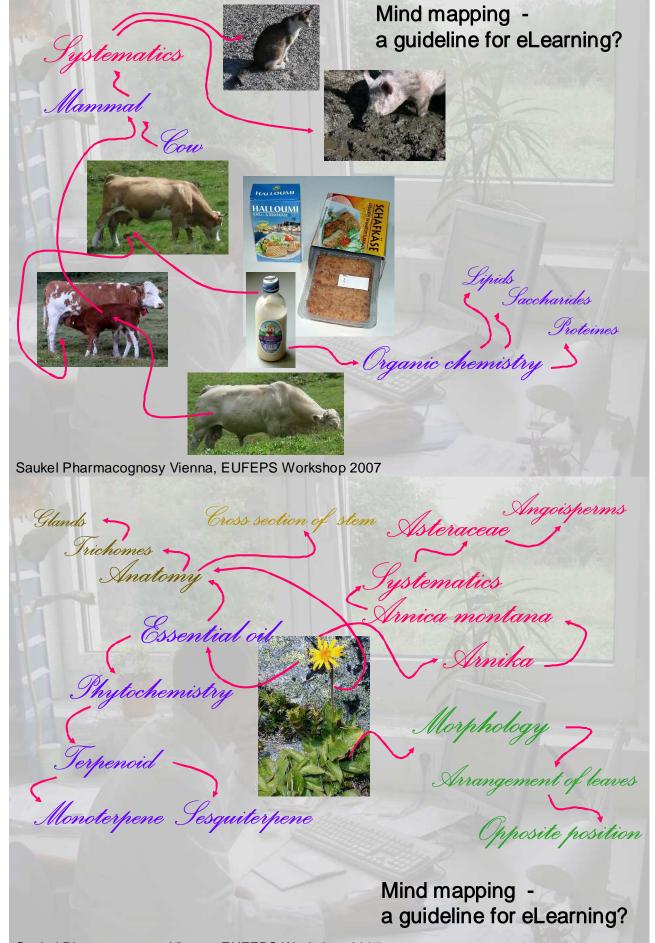
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Example 2

Question schoolboy: Is this made of plastic?



Answer:
No! This is a plant
– a creature!



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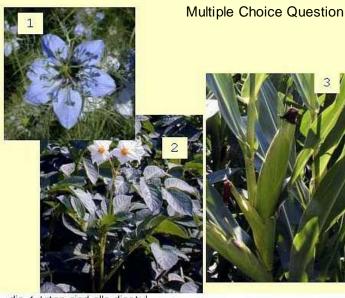
What types of training are available

- Accordances
- True/False Statements
- Missing Terms
- Multiple Choice Questions
- Most questions are supported by photographs

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Aims

- Enhance the knowledge base of learners
 - optical comprehension
 - technical terms
 - architecture of different organisms
 - basics in organic chemistry and physics
 - recognition of numerous organisms
 - principles of taxonomy
- Enhance cross-linked thinking
 - realise cross-linking of facts
- Boost the competences in the field of Biology







- A. die 4 Arten sind alle dicotyl
- B. die 4 Arten sind alle einjährig
- C. 1, 2 und 3 sind annuell, 4 ist bien
- D. die 4 Arten sind alle monocotyl
- E. die 4 Arten sind alle zweijährig
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- O 2. C, D O 3. A, B
- O 4. D, E

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Note

Schließen

Note für: Grundwissen 1

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Answer slide







Studentenants	wort Wert	Richtige Antwort	Feedback
∄ 1. A, C	100%		
2. C, D	0%		
3. A, B	0%		
4. D, E	0%		
Ergebnis:	100%		



Übereinstimmende Paare

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2	- Auswahl treffen -					
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3	dikotyl					
	Farn					
4	Pilz					
	Moos					
5	- Auswahl treffen - 🖹					
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Note für: Pflanzengruppenzuordnung 1

Welche Nummern gehören zu welcher systematischen Einheit?



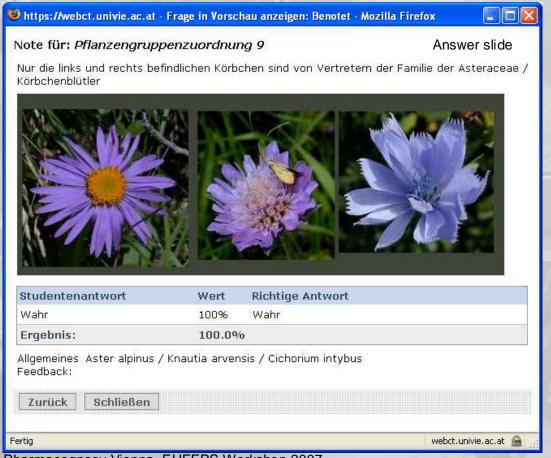
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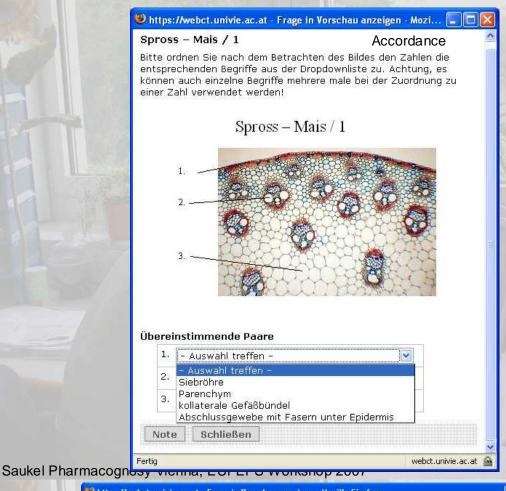
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Allgemeines 1) Euphorbia - dicotyl; 2) Orchidaceae - monocotyl; 3) Centaurea - dicotyl: 4) Salvia - dicotyl; 5) Poaceae - monocotyl; 6) Aster - dicotyl Feedback:

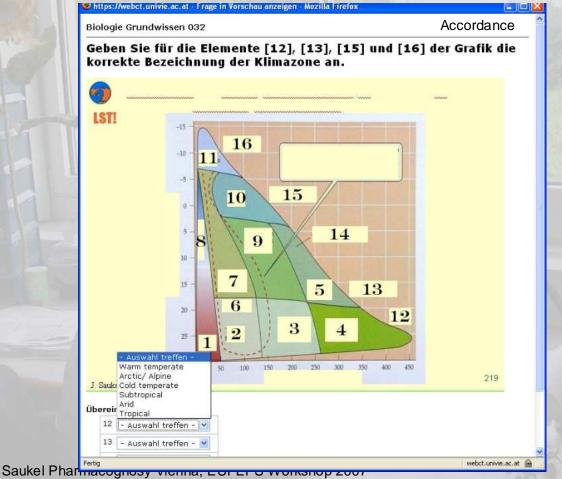


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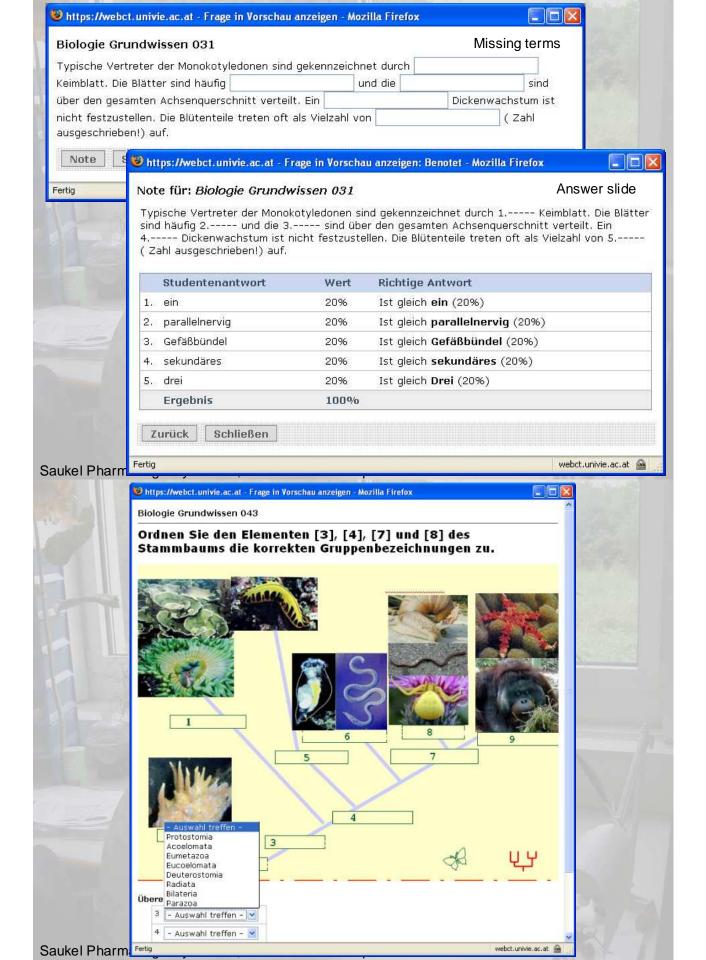
Multiple Choice Question

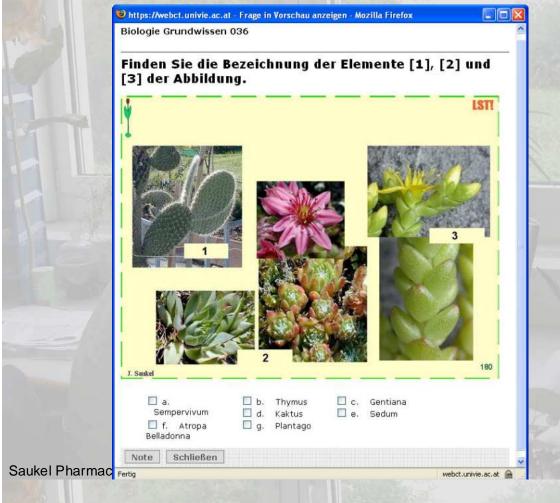
Finden Sie die Kombination der richtigen Aussagen.

- A. In der nivalen Zone wachsen nur besonders widerstandsfähige Bäume.
- B. "Zwergstrauch- und Grasheidenstufe" ist eine andere Bezeichnung für die alpine Zone.
- C. Bäume finden sich nur bis zur montanen Stufe.
- D. Die submontane Vegetation besteht vorwiegend aus Laub- und Laubmischwäldern.
- E. In der nivalen Zone gibt es kein pflanzliches Leben.

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Zurück Schließen





Lessons learned

- + Adequate tool for large audiences
- + Online tests are highly efficient (depending on workload invested beforehand)
- + Guiding structure vs. Google chaos
- Digital divide! (Solution: PC for rent or large PC-rooms)
- Differences in IT equipment of students problematic
- Broadband infrastructure needed
- Didactic attractive tools need technically advanced equipment
- Unclear setting of online examinations (tutors, friends, etc.)
- Virtuality vs. reality (look and feel)

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