

Tracking and Reacting to the Evolving Knowledge Needs of Lifelong Professional Learners

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- Professional learning is an important subset of lifelong learning and a burgeoning area of advanced learning technology research.
- This research aims to support the lifelong learning needs of professionals by detecting gaps in their knowledge which they are not aware of.
- Traditionally, the majority of support provided to professionals is oriented around their job role.







"We didn't do anything wrong, but somehow, we lost"

- They didn't do anything wrong in their business however the world changed too fast.
- They missed out on learning
- They missed out on changing



Knowledge States





Research Goals













SASKATCHEWAN Experiment 1: Diagnosing of Knowledge States











Experiment 2 - Effects of Help and Peer Influence on the

Knowledge States



Knowledge States

Knowledge States	Help Receiving	Self Learning	Help Giving	Peer Influence
Known Knowns	$\hat{\mathbf{T}}$			$\hat{\mathbf{U}}$
Unknown Unknowns		$\overline{\Box}$		$\overline{\Box}$
Known Unknowns		$\overline{\Box}$	$\overline{\Box}$	

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN Experiment 3 - Evolving Knowledge Interests

Time Frame	Recall	Precision
Long Term	0.70	0.61
Short Term	0.93	0.81

System Architecture

- Ultimately, we would like to build a support system that provides feedback to the professional learner about their knowledge states, an open learner model for them to peruse.
- We would like to predict forgetfulness in knowledge.
- Also, in future we envisage the possibility of augmenting the online forum with other information about the professional: their resumé or e-portfolio, their LinkedIn profile, job performance evaluations etc.

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