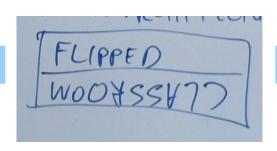
Flipping Computer Architecture





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Principle of the Flipped Classroom



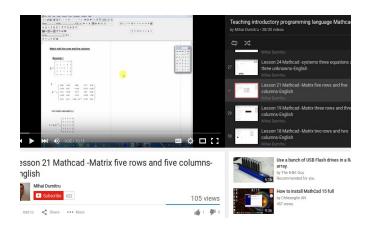
No dissemination funnel.

Basic content is better learnt individually.

Higher-level concepts can be learnt through discussion.



Typical Mechanics

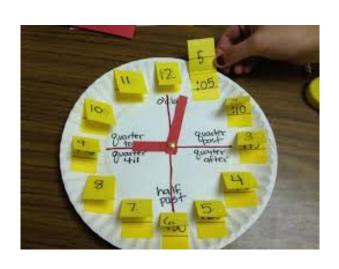


Online pre-lecture 10min video for content.

Discussion in class.



A Low Cost Implementation



No funds for production.

Low cost to students.

Test before commitment.

Need cheap scalability.



The Classroom



Computer Science 2

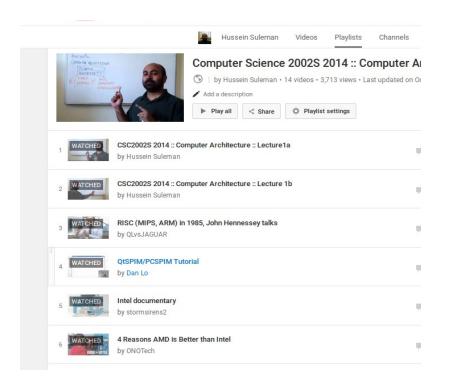
Computer Architecture

175 students

14 lectures



Videos and Readings

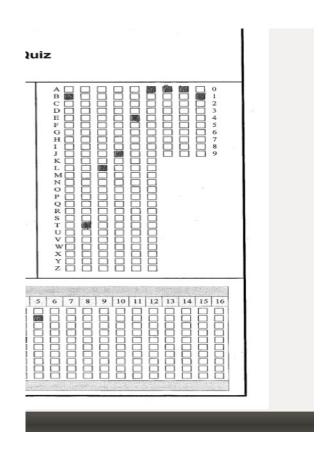


Mostly Youtube videos Wikipedia+Free content

Why? subject matter videos for excitement readings for detail



Quizzes



To ensure readings and viewings are done!

Done on paper.

Marked on computer.

Low-tech in class.



Demonstrations

Link back to practical aspects of course.

Common tech (e.g., phones).

Virtual machines and

emulators.

Laptop+webcam.





Classroom Orchestration



Organize multiple aspects of the course.

Single tool to simplify and manage class activities.



Evaluation – Student Reaction

	Readings	Videos	Quizzes	Demos	Discussions
Positive	19	46	31	58	49
Neutral	25	21	30	15	22
Negative	32	9	15	3	5

Evaluation - Comments

- "the theory was too much and it is difficult to understand without having done the things practically"
- "some pre lecture readings took quite a long time to go through the day before a lecture"
- "needs to give better notes and not just wikipedia pages"
- "I feel like no effort was put in with making our readings wikipedia pages ... And the fact that it was wikipedia was slightly off putting"



Observations

- Many students have preconceptions about:
 - the course and what it entails
 - how courses should be taught
 - what type of text should be used
- Many students do not and cannot read
 - cannot select and cannot understand
- Many students can only learn in one way
 - need to learn how to learn



Where to now?

- □ Same technique used in 2015
 - Similar results, more reading issues, class ended suddenly because of protests
- Need interventions for reading, note-taking, etc.
- Need to move students out of comfort zone earlier in degree.
- Need to train specific graduate attributes into a varied student audience.



questions, comments, ...



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