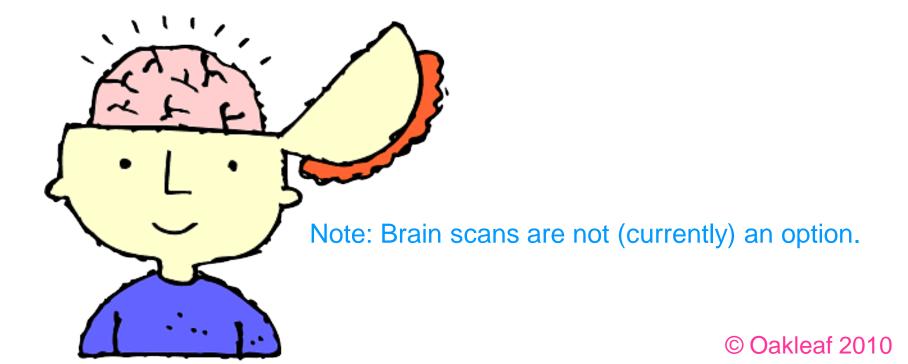
Information Literacy Assessment in a 2.0 World: **Changes &** Challenges

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# Why are we here?

- We want to know what students know and don't know so we can help them learn.
- So, how do we find out what students know?



# We can ask questions. (1.0)

#### The Ultimate Bicycle Quiz



Where were bicycles first introduced?

Europe

Africa

North America

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What's the core of a bicycle called?

👝 seat post

bracket



What do bicycles use to reduce friction?

🔊 frame

aerodynamics

🕤 ball bearings



The Ultimate Bicycle Quiz



What are the pedals connected to in a penny-farthing bicycle?

the front wheel

the rear wheel

The fork tube

# What are the hallmarks of the 1.0 world?



- Receiving passively
- Reading
- Listening
- Responding within parameters

What's wrong with 1.0 assessment... namely, surveys & tests?

### Surveys

 Difficulties of selfreport

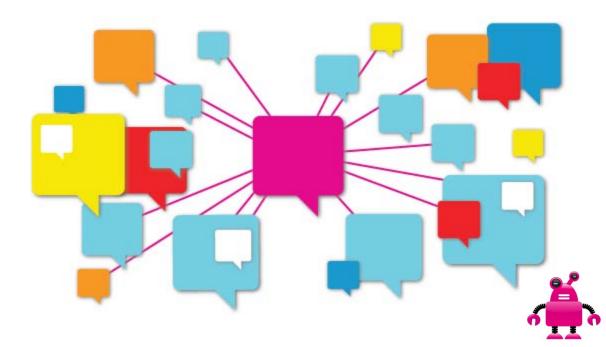
### Tests

- Simple questions in a complex landscape
- Limited to facts, recall, rather than higher-order thinking
- Issues of score spread or score bunching

But there's a lot that's right too!

# How is 2.0 different from 1.0?

- Connecting
- Participating
- Engaging
- Creating



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# We can watch students' processes or examine products of their processes.

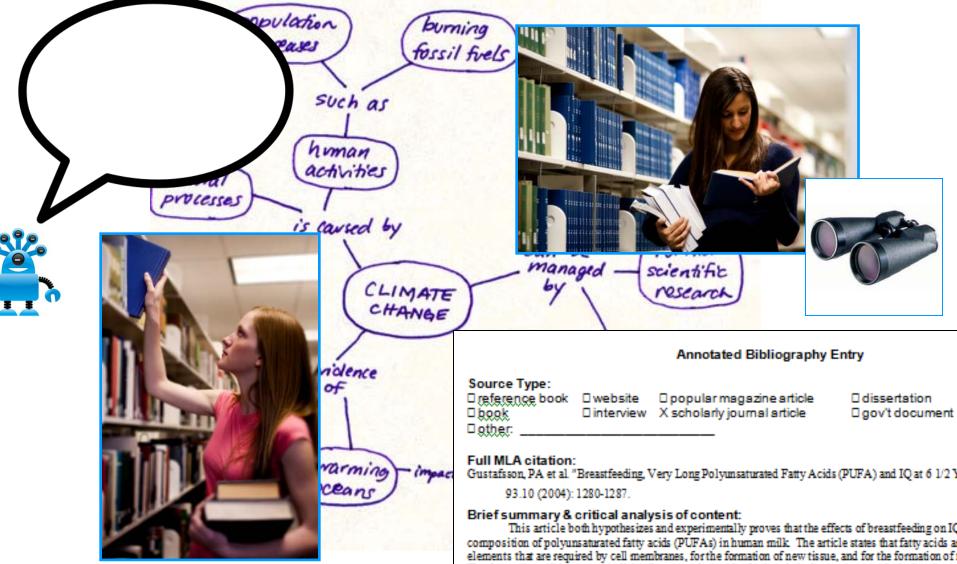


# What does Assessment 2.0 look like?

- Engaged
- Performance-based
- Authentic & realistic
- Embedded
- Valid
- Reliable
- Motivated



# So...what does bike riding look like in Information Literacy Land?



The formation of neurons and glial cells occurs during the fetal period of pregnancy, and a lack a the ne

# What are good artifacts of student learning for assessment?

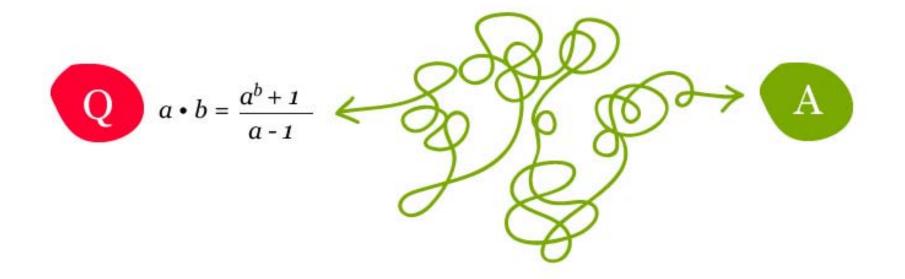
- research journals
- reflective writing
- "think alouds"
- self or peer evaluations
- research drafts or papers
- open-ended question responses
- works cited pages
- annotated bibliographies
- speeches
- multimedia presentations
- posters
- exhibits

- group projects
- performances
- portfolios
- library assignments
- worksheets
- concept maps
- citation maps
- tutorial responses
- role plays
- lab reports
- blogs
- wikis



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# How do these artifacts affect the results of assessment?



### (Process vs. Product)

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### **Tools for Assessing Artifacts**



# Assessing Bike Riding



- Use proper hand signals.
- Select a safe route to your desti
- One seat = one rider.
- Walk your bicycle across busy i
- Watch out for pedestrians.
- Stop at all stop signs, yellow and flashing railroad signals.
- Avoid busy streets and intersec
- Look both ways before crossing driveways.
- Always be aware of the traffic and
- Do not swerve in and out of par
- Stop at the end of driveways and
  - before entering the sidewalk or

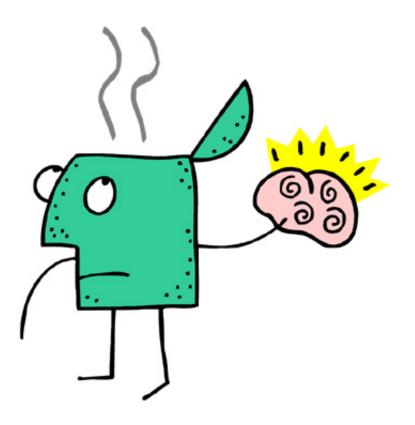
## What's a Rubric?

### Rubrics...

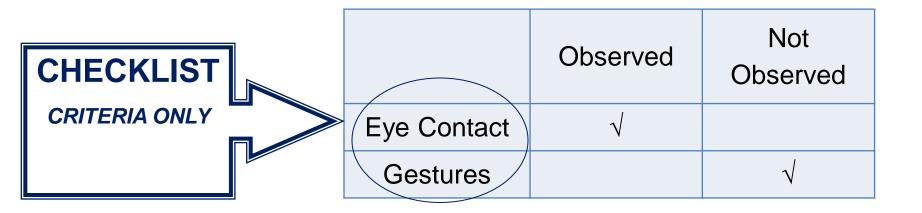
- describe library service impact in 2 dimensions
  - 1. parts, indicators, or criteria and
  - 2. levels of performance
- formatted on a grid or table
- employed to judge quality
- used to translate difficult, unwieldy data into a form that can be used for decision-making

# Why do we write rubrics?

- We want students to know what we expect so they can learn more easily, thoroughly, etc.
- Brain scans are (still) not an option.

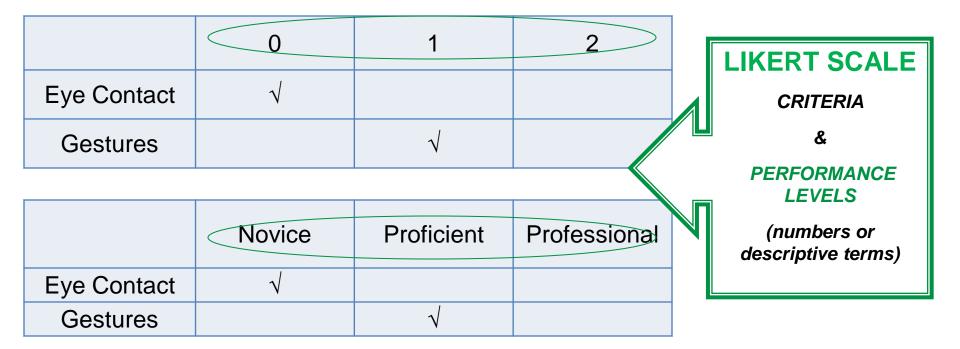


### Checklists

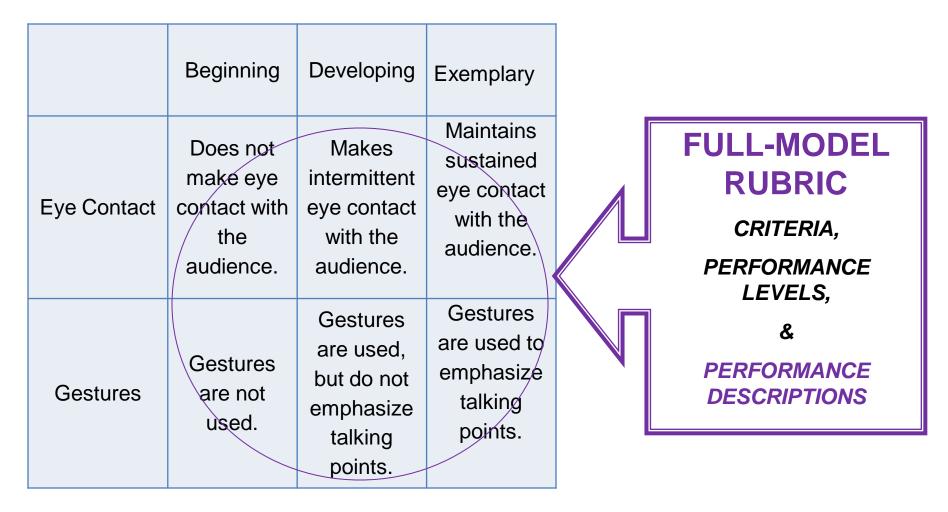




## **Likert Scales**



## **Full-Model Rubrics**



## **Rubric Norming Process**

- 1. Think aloud through scoring several examples.
- 2. Ask raters to independently score a set of examples that reflects the range of services libraries produce.
- 3. Bring raters together to review their scores to identify patterns of consistent and inconsistent scores.
- 4. Discuss and then reconcile inconsistent scores.
- 5. Repeat the process of independent scoring on a new set of examples.
- 6. Again, bring all raters together to review their scores to identify patterns of consistent and inconsistent scores.
- 7. Discuss and then reconcile inconsistent scores. This process is repeated until raters reach consensus about applying the scoring rubric. Ordinarily, two to three of these sessions calibrate raters' responses.

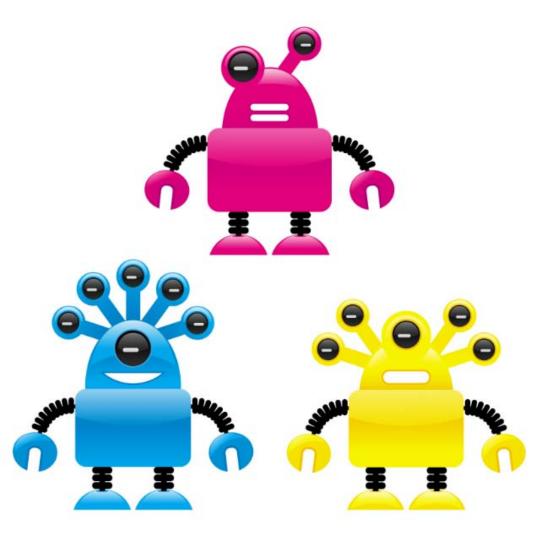
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Average Kappa	Rank	Participant Group	Status
0.72	1	NCSU Librarian	Expert
0.69	2	Instructor	Expert
0.67	3	Instructor	Expert
0.66	4	Instructor	Expert
0.62	5	NCSU Librarian	Expert
0.61	6	Instructor	Non-Expert
0.59	7	Instructor	Non-Expert
0.58	8	Student	Non-Expert
0.56	9	Student	Non-Expert
0.55	10	NCSU Librarian	Non-Expert
.055	11	Student	Non-Expert
0.54	12	Student	Non-Expert
0.52	13	Student	Non-Expert
0.52	14	NCSU Librarian	Non-Expert
0.43	15	External Instruction Librarian	Non-Expert
0.32	16	External Reference Librarian	Non-Expert
0.31	17	External Instruction Librarian	Non-Expert
0.31	18	NCSU Librarian	Non-Expert
0.30	19	External Reference Librarian	Non-Expert
0.30	20	External Instruction Librarian	Non-Expert
0.27	21	External Reference Librarian	Non-Expert
0.21	22	External Instruction Librarian	Non-Expert
0.19	23	External Reference Librarian	Non-Expert
0.14	24	External Instruction Librarian	Non-Expert
0.13	25	External Reference Librarian	Non-Expert

expert status does not appear to be correlated to educational background, experience, or position within the institution

### Or just create the rubric as a group.

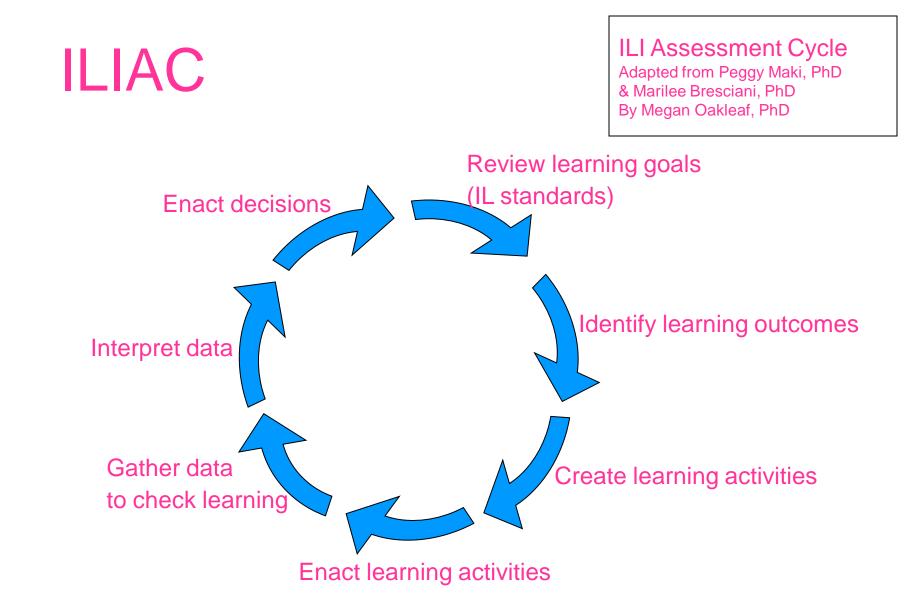




# Problems & Pitfalls

What common mistakes do librarians make when employing Assessment 2.0 strategies?

- Not identifying clear outcomes.
- Not articulating agreed-upon outcomes to students.
- Acting alone.
- Assessing too many outcomes simultaneously.
- Trying to assess outcomes using artifacts that don't reveal them.
- Not balancing task vs. general, analytic vs. holistic approaches, or making other rubric errors.
- Not integrating assessment into regular workflow.
- Not following through on the assessment cycle.



Oakleaf, Megan. "The Information Literacy Instruction Assessment Cycle: A Guide for Increasing Student Learning and Improving Librarian Instructional Skills." *Journal of Documentation*. 65.4. 2009.

### Too Vague? True Developmental Differences?

- Effectively defines, competently defines, defines, too broadly defines
- Effectively determines, determines most, determines some
- Selects, selects but lacks sophistication, selects but lacks in depth, selects inconsistently
- Sophisticated, lacks sophistication, lacks depth and sophistication
- Clarity and depth, clarity but lacking depth, may be clear but not achieved, not achieved and not clear.
- 1 of 4, 2 of 4, 3 of 4, 4 of 4

# What are the best ways to avoid these mistakes?

- Work together to articulate agreed-upon student learning outcomes.
- Make outcomes transparent to everyone.
- Embed assessment in regular academic work; ensure that artifacts match investigated outcomes.
- Continue with the assessment cycle...don't get stuck at "interpret data" or "enact decisions".
- Fit assessment into regular workflow; assess one thing at a time.
- Remember why we're bothering!

## Barriers to Assessment For Faculty

- From the literature: (Bresciani 2009)
- Too little time/resources
- Lack of knowledge or skills
- Lack of process coordination
- Lack of conceptual framework for assessment
- Lack of collaboration with faculty
- Lack of trust
- Difficulties managing expectations

## Barriers to Assessment For Librarians

From the survey:

- Too little time/resources
- Lack of knowledge or skills
- Lack of process coordination
- Lack of conceptual framework for assessment
- Lack of collaboration with faculty
- Difficulties managing expectations
  - Difficult finding assessment options that adequately and accurately assess information literacy

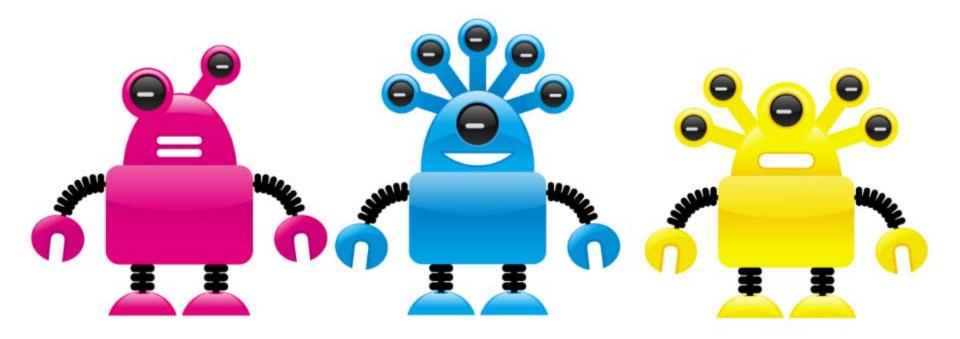
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### Alternatives to Assessment

Given the barriers to outcomes assessment, what alternatives to assessment exist for the ultimate goal, which is the improvement of teaching and learning?



# The Way Forward...



## Educate

Train faculty & librarians about

- learning assessment in general,
- tools for assessing learning adequately (and in detail),
- tools for producing data, and
- tools for facilitating the use of assessment data.

Inform administrators about

- the time and
- resources required to assess learning, as well as produce and use assessment results.

# Clarify



Clarify the role of faculty/librarians in assessing student learning as well as producing & using assessment data.

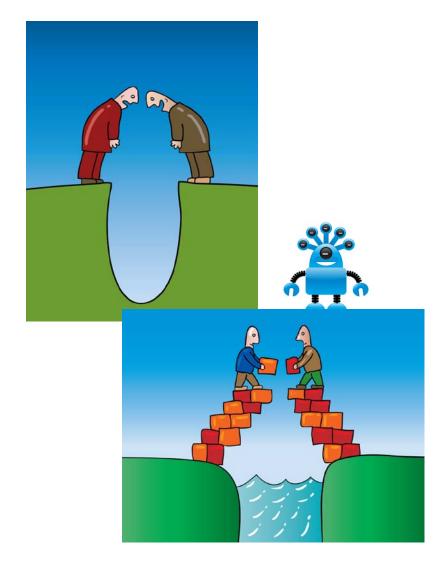
### Collaborate



Collaborate with other librarians, faculty, centralized campus assessment support processes, and personnel.

Participate in collegewide efforts to act on assessment results.

## Coordinate

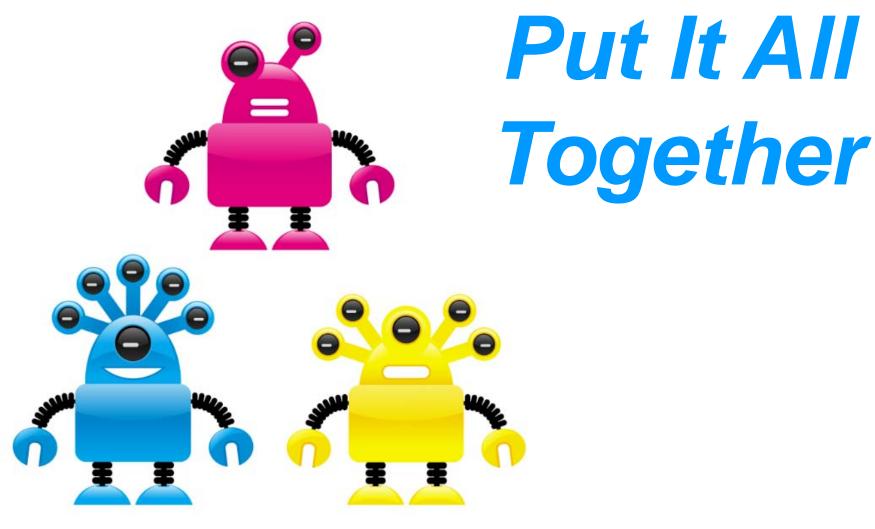


Coordinate assessment efforts within the library or academic departments by creating structures to support learning assessment.

## **Be Flexible**



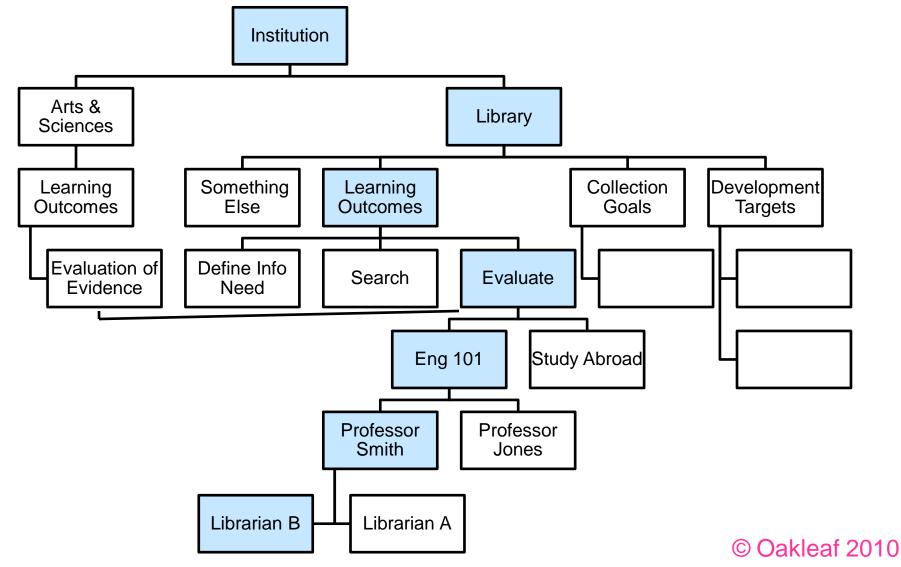
Re-allocate job responsibilities of those tasked with assessment duties.



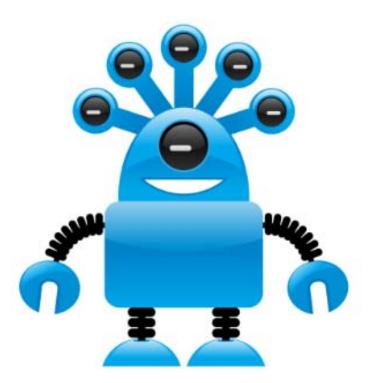
How can we "roll up" individual assessments for institutional reporting?

- Articulate agreed-upon student learning outcomes.
- Collect assessment data for those outcomes wherever available.
- Input data into an assessment management system.
- Run reports: by outcome, by student group, by department, by institutional unit.

# Can an aggregate assessment serve as institutional assessment?



How can we institute effective institutional assessment given the rapid pace of change?



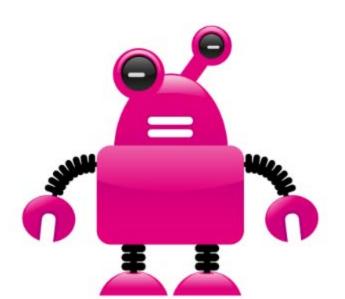
- Technology changes.
- Personnel changes.
- Teaching changes.
- Outcomes change...but very slowly.

So...

Design & report assessments around outcomes.

## Can we use Web 2.0 tools to assess student learning?

#### Of course.



When we assess, what are we looking for?

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### La Guardia Outcomes, 1 of 2

- Define the scope of a research question or thesis.
- Determine key concepts.
- Selects relevant information related to the key concepts, research question, or thesis.
- Accesses information in a variety of relevant sources.
- Evaluates information to uncover assumptions and understand contexts.

#### La Guardia Outcomes, 2 of 2

- Communicates, organizes, synthesizes, and analyzes information from sources.
- Uses information to achieve a purpose.
- Uses citations and references; chooses between paraphrasing, summary, or quoting; uses information in ways that are true to original context; distinguishes between common knowledge and ideas requiring attribution.

Group Participation	Observable Behavior	Individual Participation	Emotional Intelligence Attributes
Creation of Shared Pool of Prior Knowledge	Connection to Prior Knowledge	Articulation of Individual Prior Knowledge	Self-Awareness
Archive of Knowledge Gained from Experience	Reflection on Experience (constructivism)	Personal Review of Knowledge Gained from Experience	Self-Awareness
Acknowledgement & Assimilation of Group Members' Experiences	Adjustment to Accommodate New Experience (constructivism)	Acknowledgement & Assimilation of Others' Experiences	Mood Management & Empathy
Use of Group's Experiences for Creation of New Meaning for Group	Construction of Meaning (constructivism)	Use of Others' Experiences to Create New Meaning for Self	
Problem Solving by Group	Problem Solving (constructivism)	Problem Solving by Individual	Self Motivation
Interaction of Group Members (Novice or Veteran) with Others (as Learner or Model) Learning Enacted in Similar Ways by Group Members	Interaction (social constructivism)	Interaction by Individual (Novice or Veteran) with Others (as Learner or Model) Enacted Learning (Individual Puts Learning into Action)	Managing Relationships
	Action (communities of practice)		Self Motivation
Group Values and Behaviors are Rewarded by Repetition	Creation of Culture (social constructivism & social learning theory)	Adoption of Group Values and Behaviors by Individual	Managing Relationships
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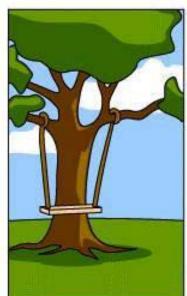
# Reminder!

## Why are we here?

- We want to know what students know and don't know so we can help them learn.
- We have to assess their learning to find out what they know and don't know.
- We have to assess their learning in order to learn to teach better, reflect on our practice, be responsible for resources, and answer to students, parents, employers, graduate/professional schools, and communities.



How the customer explained it



How the Project Leader understood it



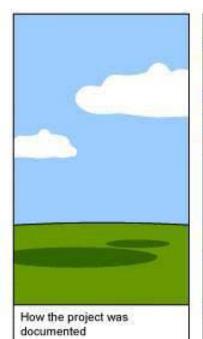
How the Analyst designed it

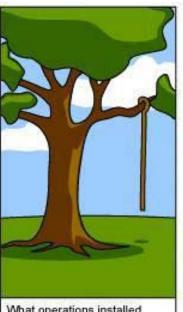
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Our customers?

Employers... Grad schools... Communities... Parents...

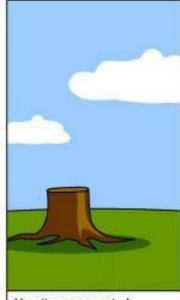




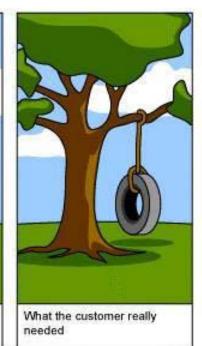
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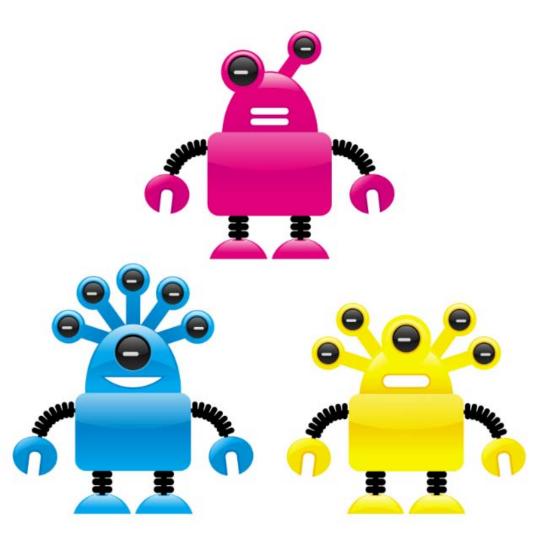


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## Analytic vs. Holistic

Analytic

- Better for judging complex artifacts
- Allow for separate evaluations of artifacts with multiple facets
- Provide more detailed feedback
- Take more time to create and use

Bottom line: Better for providing formative feedback Holistic

- Better for simple artifacts with few facets
- Good for getting a "snapshot" of quality
- Provide only limited feedback
- Do not offer detailed analysis of strengths/weaknesses

Bottom line: Better for giving summative scores

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