Integrated e-Learning Platform for Chemical Engineering Education

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OBJECTIVES

development of a software environment SeLFT

procedures delivery for SeLFT exploitation
content delivery for the education activity





System Features

friendly, easily adaptable and differentiated upon roles interface

groups, roles and users together with access privileges are easy to manage
based on MathML, SCORM, IMS standards
structure

application server based on Java platform
 a web browser type client application
 technologies used: Java Applets





System Architecture - Tiers



Database tier

offers data management services

Business tier (LOGICAL)

- runs functional components (modules),
- users access applications via LAN or WAN.

Thin clients tier

- several users access same application through a multithread process
- application server runs the corresponding application
- database server provides the necessary data management services





System Architecture - Advantages

- Extensible: addition of new functions without disturbing the existing ones and reorganization system data
- Scalable: one dimension increase
 automatic increase of remaining dimensions (compatibility)
 - horizontal (new client machines)
 - vertical (new servers)
 - database and application servers allow connection of several instances running on different machines.
- Distributed: uses one or several database servers
 - access restricted through the security module.











Educational Content Delivery

- Assisted lectures
- Non–assisted lectures
 - Seminar
- Laboratory
- Evaluation and self-evaluation





Interactive Teaching

- Similar content displayed on any station
- Running interactive activities
- Permanent monitoring of students' activity
- Good synchronization between student and academic displays











Library



academic staff



student

-designs interactive applications in other compatible formats or uses the library module 'html' editor -exports applications to lessons

'visits' the library to study allowed teaching resources





library

Virtual Classroom



 -sets location, topic, target groups
 -checks connections

launches application

virtual classroom



- 'enters' virtual classroom
- waits activity launching

surfs application





Student Refraining from Verbal Comments







Testing and Evaluation

Test design and editing
Support of different test-types
On-line testing and monitorization
Instant access to results
Survey support





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e-Learning Applications for Chemical Engineering Education

Running Subjects

Analytical Chemistry
Basics of Chemical Engineering
Computer Programming
Technical Thermodynamics
Transfer Phenomena





CONCLUSIONS

SeLFT is an integrated e-learning system for technical faculties, presenting administrative and educative functions. Complete implementation ensures better management of the teaching activity and a new, more attractive mode of imparting knowledge to students.





