

Extending the Boundaries of Higher Education through Digitalization:

On the best practices of Online- and Blended Learning

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Context



PA2552: Software Testing

- Traditional lectures
- Online teaching
- Hands-on assignments

Gothenburg

Karlskrona



Blended learning

- Traditional lectures
- Other teaching approach
 - Online
 - PBL
 - Flipped-classroom
 - Etc.

Key aspects of my approach

THEMES

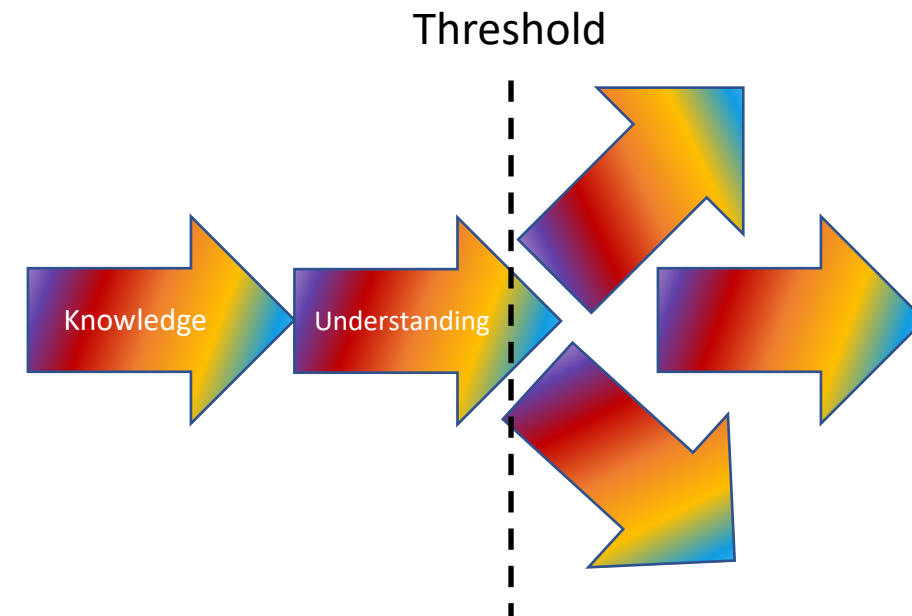
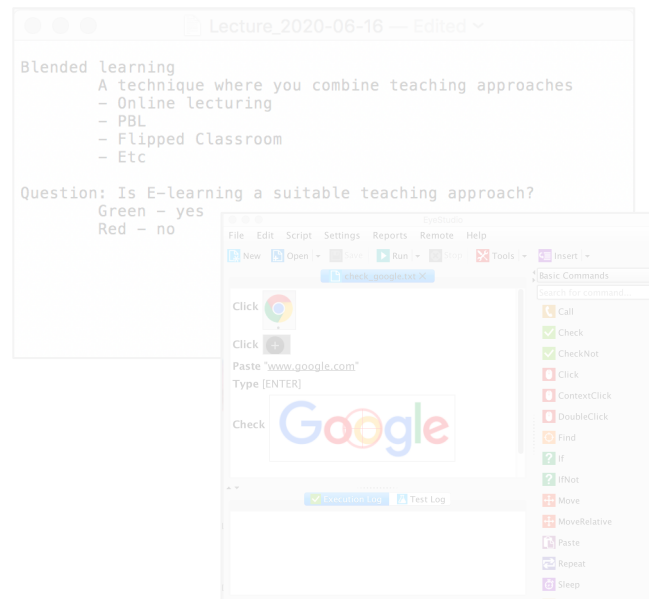
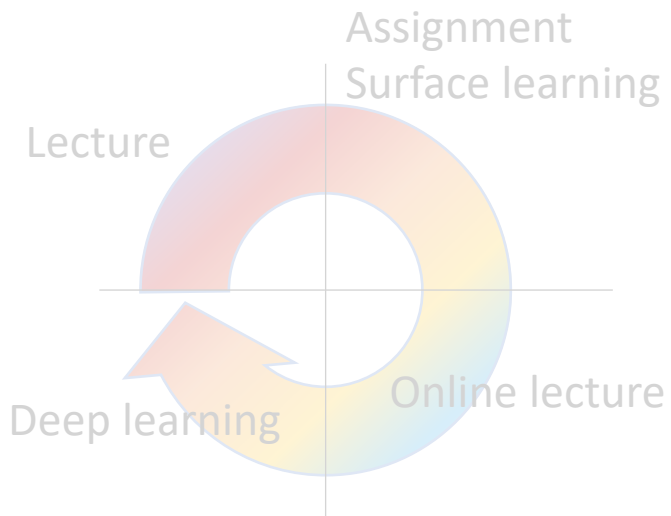
- 2 weeks
- Subject focus
- Assignment
 - Formative

BLENDED LEARNING

- Traditional classroom lecture
- Online lecture
 - Partially improvised
 - Focus on deeper learning
 - Student-driven
 - Technical

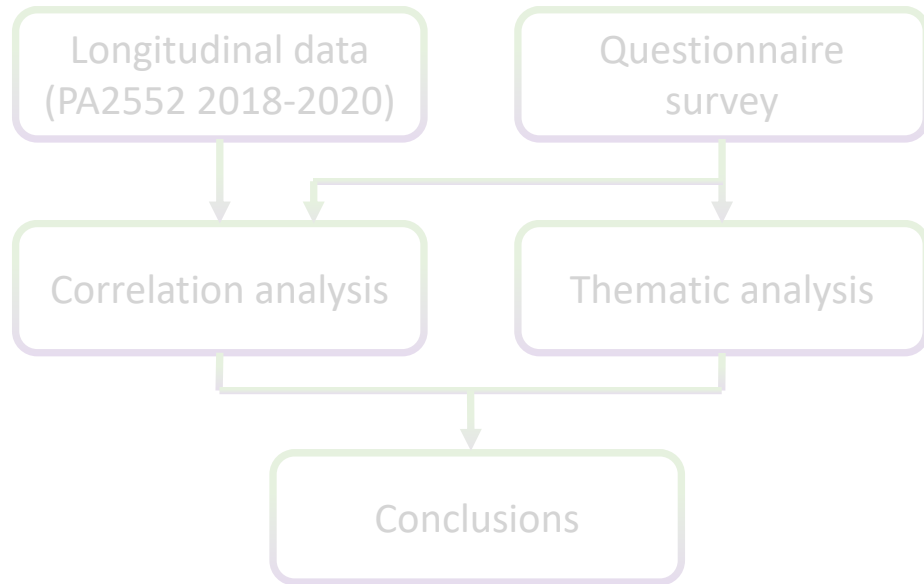
RAPID RE-ASSIGNMENTS

- 2 re-assignments per assignment
- Based on what most students failed
- Threshold concept understanding



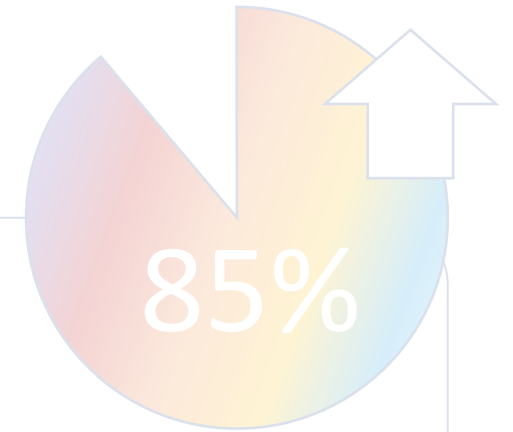
Study and results

- 78 questions
- Sample frame (N=42)
- Sample (N=19)



ARCHETYPE STUDENTS

- **Type 1:** Negative
- **Type 2:** Positive (new tech)
- **Type 3:** Positive (slow switch)
- **Type 4:** Positive (like 3 but has some experience)
- **Type 5:** Positive (experienced)



CHALLENGES

- Lack of physical presence (Communication with teacher)
- Keeping students engaged in online lectures
- Dependency on used tool for teaching
- Tools don't work on all platforms
- Writing questions
- Note-taking during lectures

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Best practices



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Questions and discussion

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