

## LEADERSHIPSCHOOL

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## Alternative assessment methods

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### Our current context

- European Higher Education Area
- Knowledge and Information Society
- ICT intensive (Hybrid and VLE)



# Purpose of assessment

Purpose of assessment	DIAGNOSTIC	FORMATIVE	SUMATIVE
Product	<ul> <li>Identification of needs</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Information</li><li>Progression level</li></ul>	<ul><li>Certification</li><li>Accreditaion</li></ul>



## Traditional assessment models

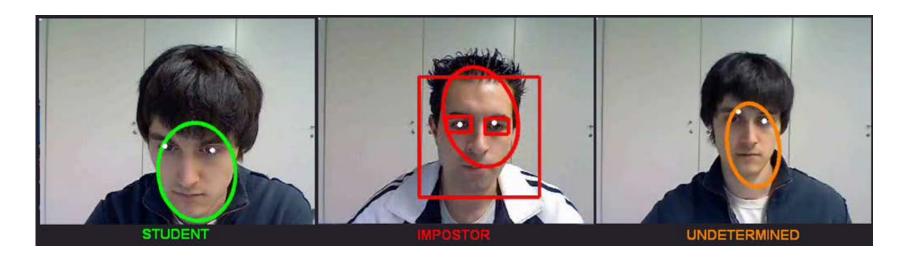
- Information retrieval
- Carefully elaborated tests (manual or automated)
- Quantitative models (positivist approach)



## Biometric measurement tools







(González Agulla, 2009)





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### Automatic Assessment Tools

#### Classification by specialization:

- Tools specialized in Contests
- Tools specialized in Quizzes
- Tools specialized in Software Testing

Most of the tools are though for engineering and programming purposes

#### Examples:

- <u>EasyTestMaker</u>
- Online Quizz Creator

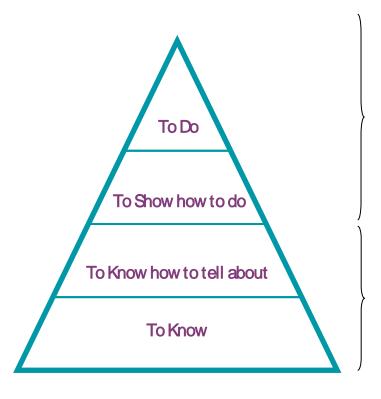


# Strenghts and weaknesses

Type of tool	Strenghts	Weaknesses
Contests	Students encouraged to develop efficient and robust programs.	Usually, the feedback does not provide detailed information which can help students to improve their solutions.
Quizzes	Usually, students can provide only the fragment of code correspoding to their algorithm.	It is difficult for the instructor to apply assignments in which the students have to design programs composed by many units.
Software Testing	Students are encouraged to train their programming comprehension and analysis skills.	Demand more efforts from both the instructor and students.
Non specialized	It is not necessary to deal with special features, when there are not a special context or purpose.	Lack features that can be interesting in specific contexts or purposes.



# New implications for assessment



New strategies:

Performance assessment

Traditional assessment strategies



# The key question

What are we intended to assess?





- "My teacher told me I have improved my calligraphy since I do my homework with a laser printer..."

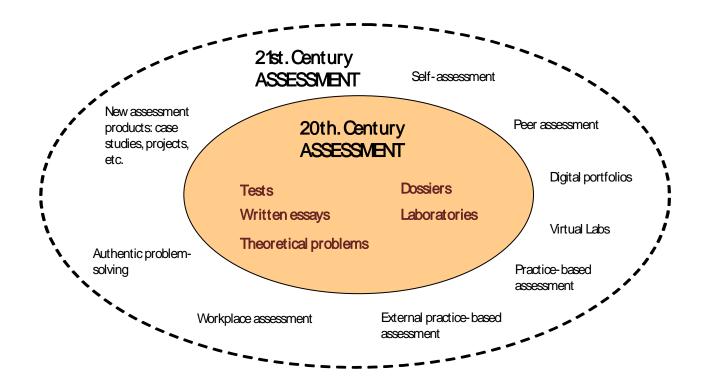


## Alternative assessment models

- Performance-based
- Authentic situations
- Qualitative models (interpretive approach)



# Evolution in assessment strategies





# Strategies for Learning Assessment

## **Assessment for Learning**

**Five Key Strategies** 

Sharing Learning Expectations

Eliciting Evidence

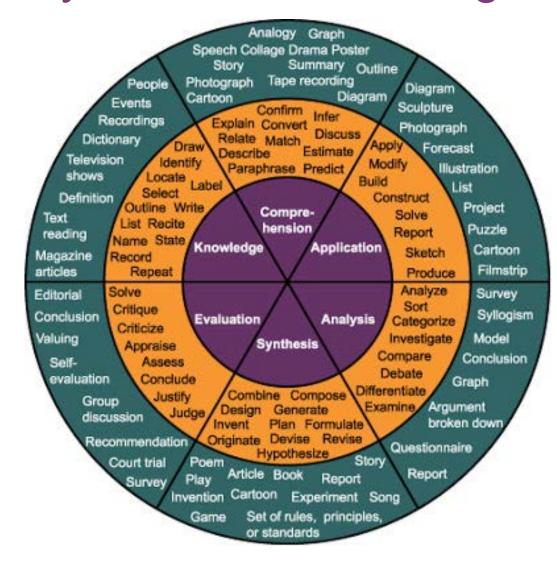
Feedback

Self Assessment

Peer Assessment

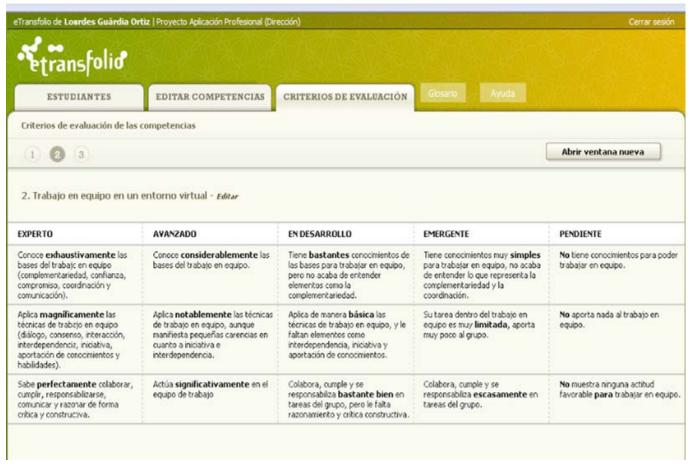


# Diversity of assessment strategies



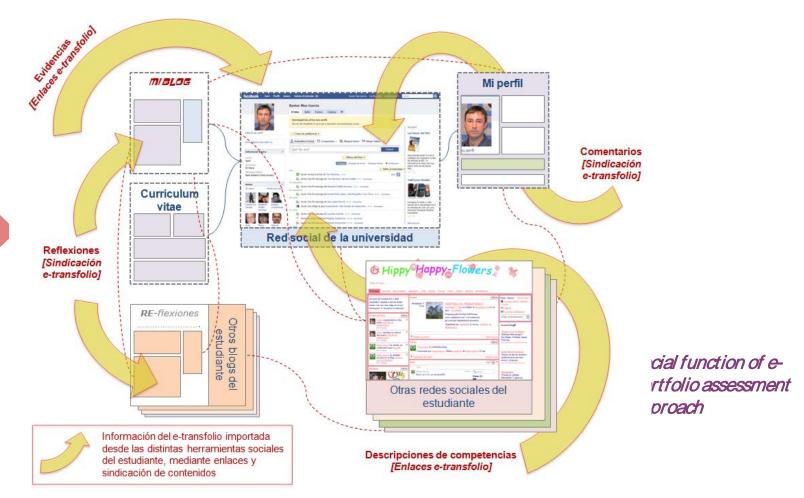


# Digital porfolios and rubrics





# Towards an integrative approach





### Final remarks

- Assessment methods are conditioning and shaping study methods and learning styles
- Assessment methodologies should be re-thought to make them matching with real learning
- Diversity of strategies may contribute to better learning
- ICTs do not have to replicate traditional assessment methods, but help to carry out more innovative approaches



# Thank you very much

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