# A „memory palace" for English in Virtual Worlds: edMondo

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# edMondo: the Italian Open Sim for school

☐ INDIRE Opensim for schools
☐ 1000+ teachers in edMondo
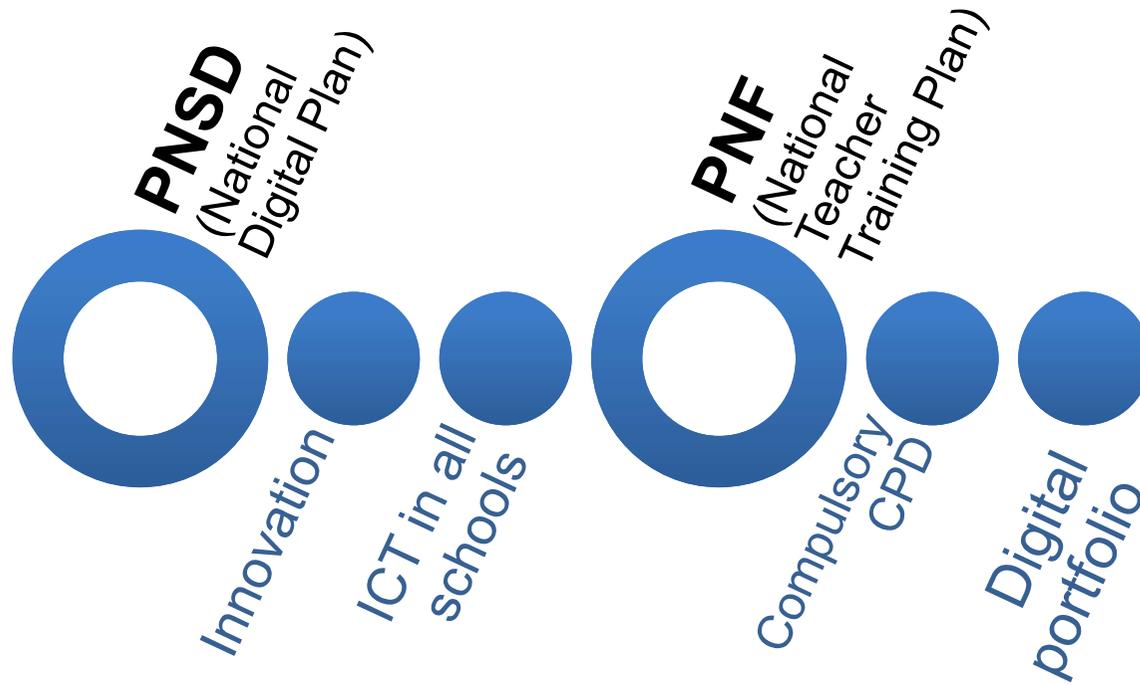☐ 100+ projects activated by the schools

# English ViLLAGE in edMondo

ViLLAGE stands for Virtual Language Learning and Gaming Environment

# The Italian context (Law 107/2015)

# Teacher training and research project

Regular meetings in edMondo

**Language courses of EFL**

**Methodological courses on immersive teaching of EFL**

Asynchronous tasks and activities in Moodle

*What is the potential of immersive methodology for language learning and CLIL?*

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**LANCELOT**

**avalon**

EduNation Islands

7th SLanguages 2014

**CAMELOT**

| 2003 | Jan | let's talk online started as live online language school |
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| 2005 | Sept | EU funded LANCELOT, 23 EU partners to develop a |
| 2007 | Sept | teacher-training course for language teaching in virtual classrooms |
| 2009 | Nov | EU funded AVALON 26 EU partners to explore Second |
| 2010 | Dec | Life for language learning |
| 2010 | Sept | SLanguages Annual Symposium |
| 2011 | Oct | EduNation Islands, 30 residents incl. 6 Universities |
| 2013 | Dec | EU funded CAMELOT 9 EU partners explore the use |
| 2015 | Dec | of machinima in language teaching and learning |
| 2017 | Dec | EU funded GUINEVERE 8 EU partners develop games in virtual worlds |

# Collapse of a building



**In the 5th Century, Simonides of Ceos, a Greek poet, went to a banquet one evening**. He left for a moment and stepped out of the building. At that moment, the palace collapsed killing everyone at the banquet. No one knew exactly how many people had been in the palace. Simonides was approached by the families who wanted to know if their loved one was inside. Knowing the families were anxious to know who had attended the banquet. Simonides did a creative and unusual thing. **With his eyes closed he imagined the scene in the palace. He visualized his arrival and departure going through the palace in his mind.** He saw himself entering the banquet hall and remembered the scene in which he thought "Ah, I nodded hello to Pseudolus on the way in, and remember wondering how he had gotten a date with that cute Philia." He recreated in his mind's eye the scene and the seating arrangements. In this way, **he was able to recall an amazing number of those in attendance**.

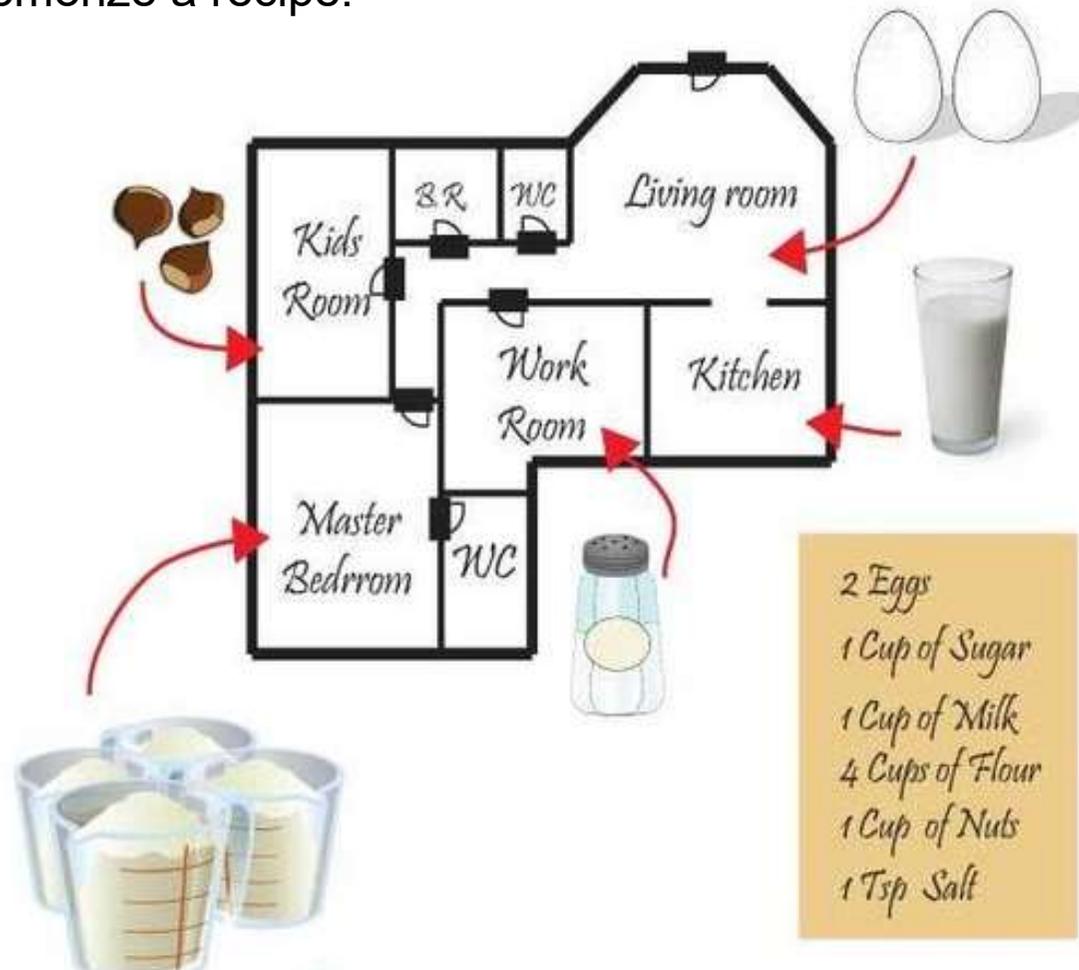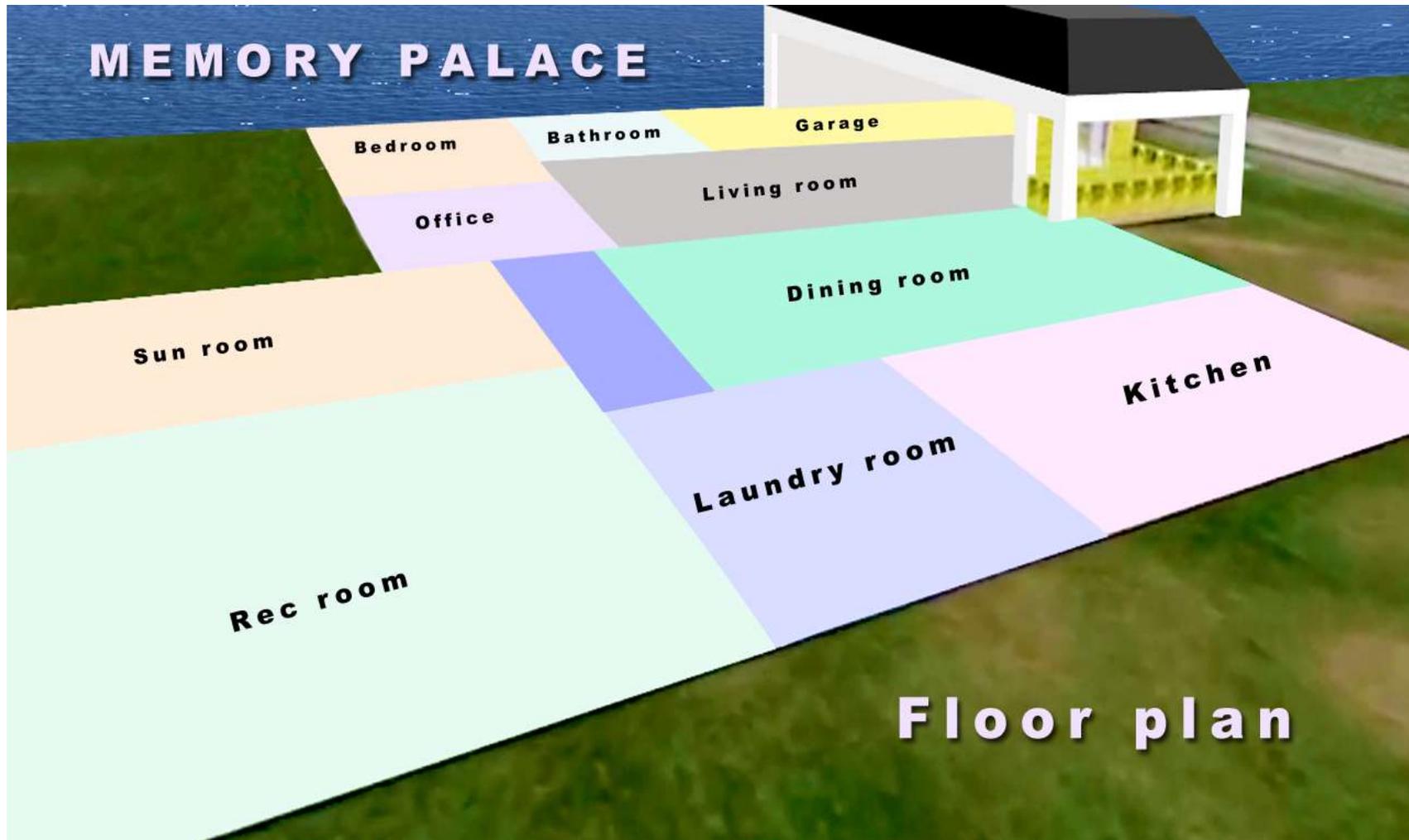# The method of loci

How to memorize a recipe.



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developinghumanbrain.com

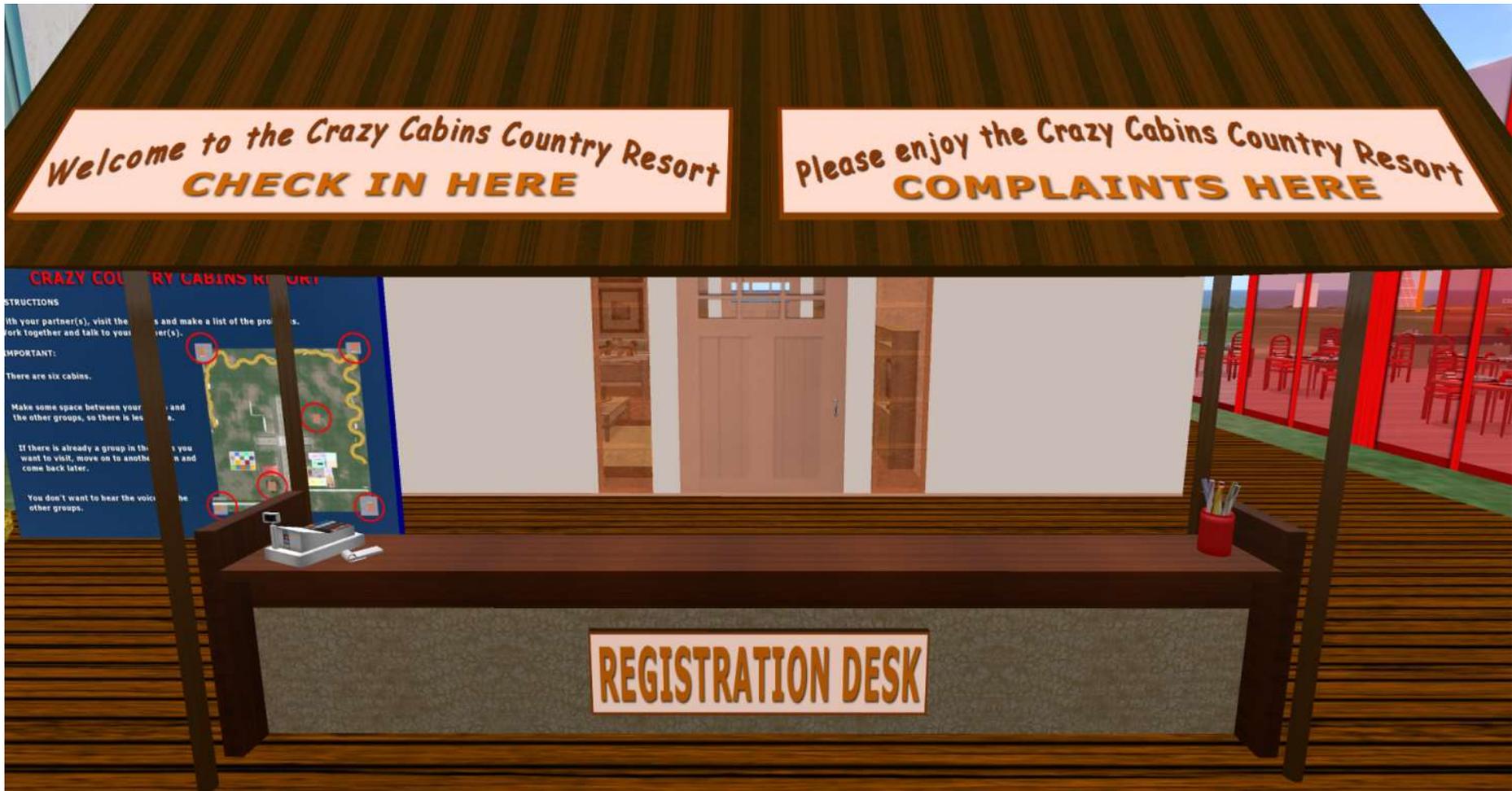# A 2D floor plan

# Dining room

# Kitchen

# Office

# Bathroom

# Sun room/ conservatory

# The method of loci with a gist

# The crazy cabin

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# The problem palace restaurant

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# Coming up: vLanguages Annual Symposium 3-4 February 2018 on EduNation in Second Life

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