The Future of Education

m-Learning Manager Training Program

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m-Learning



 The m-learning is emerging as a new sector in education and training provision, side by side with face-to-face education, distance education and e-learning. For the first time in the history of the use of technology in education and training, there is a technology that will cost the learners nothing, because they own the technology to be used.

m-Learning



 The new mobile learning arena imposes significant new design requirements for training programs - the ways they are structured and maintained. The quality assurance should be an integral part of the management of m-learning providing institutions.

m-Learning Manager



- Our study shows that managerial level in the field will act as premise and stimulus for development of job-roles in the design and development levels.
- m-Learning Manager is a manager but should know about specifics of mLearning pedagogy, mLearning technology and mLearning application development.

m-Learning Manager



- mLearning Manager is not a developer, or teacher – he or she has to organize and manage mLearning design, development, evaluation and implementation into his, or her, organization.
- In this light he or she needs to get a picture of development and teaching processes of mLearning.
- mLearning Manager should be aware of the benefits and potential of mLearning, staff needed for mLearning development, resources and organization.

The training program...



 This paper presents the training program for an emerging profession - m-Learning Manager. The multimedia learning resources are presented in the form of task for performance in four languages (english, bulgarian, italian, german).

The training program...



- The training program is the one of the main objectives of the m-Learning Manager project http://mleman.dipseil.net.
- mLeMan answers to the need of establishing European level standardization of the quality assurance framework of m-learning management and thus lays down a foundation stone for the profession of m-learning manager.

Performance-centered approach



 The teaching in the training program is Internet-based and performed in the DIPSEIL system.

http://www.dipseil.net/

 The instructional design of the DIPSEIL courses was based on the principles of performance support system (PSS).

The structure of DIPSEIL



 The structure of DIPSEIL system has: courses, containing modules, containing tasks. Students can obtain modules contents into the learning task. As in modules design, all the tasks are designed in the same format.







The training program - DIPSEIL solution



- DIPSEIL contains all the information necessary to pass successfully the m-Learning Manager exams, needed for obtaining a certificate. m-Learning managers must obtain knowledge about best practices in the following areas:
 - Pedagogical Aspects of mLearning
 - Mobile Learning Tools and Technologies
 - mLearning Management.

Structure of the Courses



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Modul1: Mobile learning characteristics and design principles

Modul2: Devices and Content

Modul3: Learning theories & approaches in mLearning

Course1:
Pedagogical Aspects
of mLearning

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Module1: mLearning Content Development – main concepts

Module2: Technological Layers in mLearning

Course2:

Mobile Learning Tools and Technologies

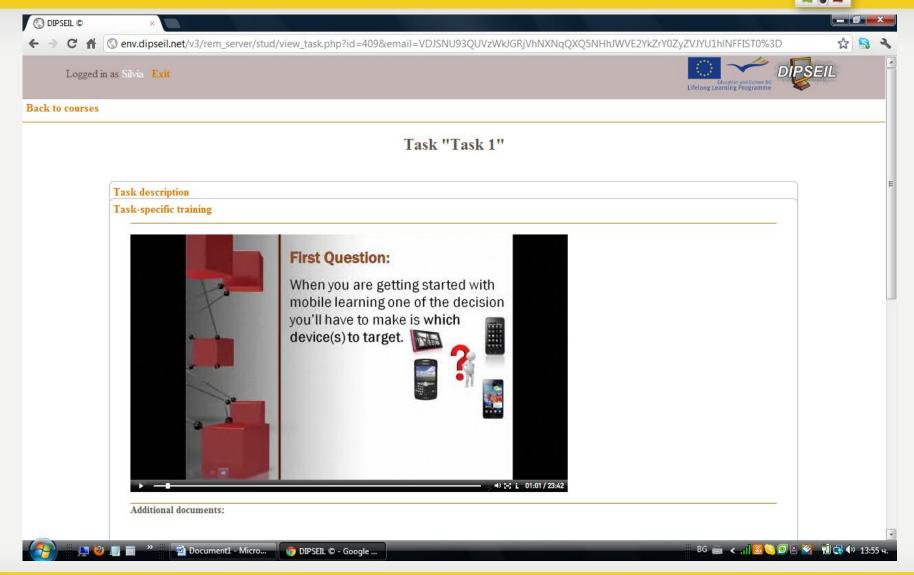
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Module1: Needs analysis

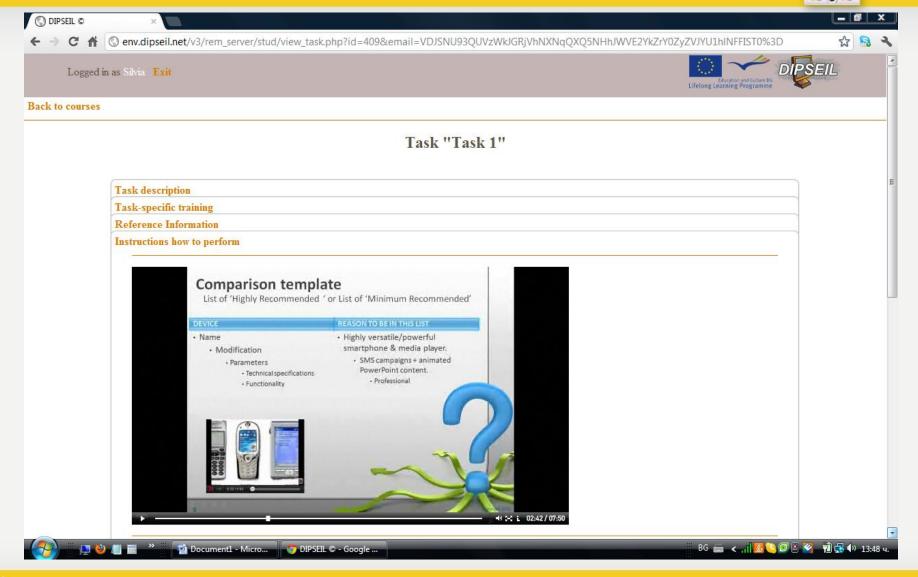
Module2: Innovation and Business Management

Course3: mLearning Management

Task specific training screen for Task1 from Module "Devices and Content"



Instructions how to perform screen for Task1 from Module "Devices and Content"



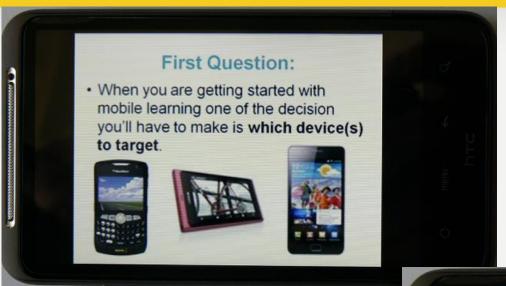
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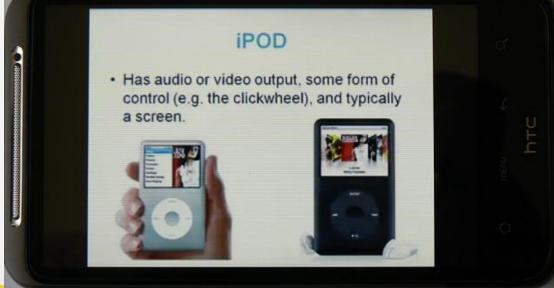


- The courses from the training program are developed according to the principles of mobile learning performance support system.
- mDIPSEIL is the mobile version of the DIPSEIL system. mDIPSEIL is closely integrated with DIPSEIL.

Task specific training screens for Task1 from Module "Devices and Content"







Instructions how to perform screen for Task1 from Module "Devices and Content"





Conclusion



- To become an ECQA Certified m-learning Manager and to be listed within the pool of experts (available at www.ecqa.org), participants have to take an exam.
- DIPSEIL will contain all the information needed to pass successfully the m-Learning Manager exams, needed for obtaining a certificate. Capability Adviser will successfully point out, which fields the user lacks knowledge of, and thus should learn better.

Conclusion



- The exam is done electronically, using a central exam pool of multiple choice questions.
- Participants, who pass the ECQA exam for the certified m-learning Manager successfully, will be able to justify their skills with a Europe-wide, market recognised certificate. This certificate will prove their skills and will serve as a reference for employment or for providing services on the market.