





Academic Digital DNA: Mapping Learning Outcomes Using E-Portfolios

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A story...

- Architectural Engineering and CLT
- Accreditation
- Faculty commitment
- E-portfolio initiative



Why mapping?

Addressing Needs

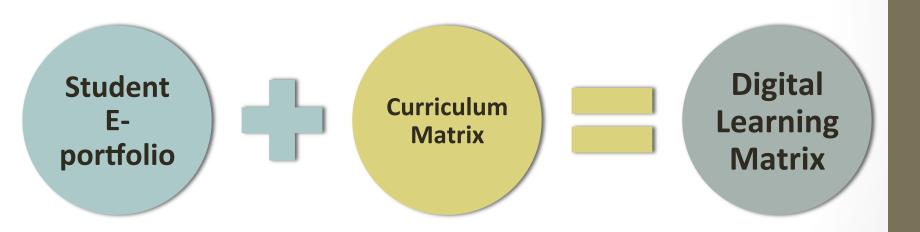
- Students
- Faculty
- Departments
- Schools/programs

Needs?

- Evidence based assessment
- Curriculum development
- Accreditation and validation
- Student placement/study abroad/career opportunities
- Program showcasing

Introduction of E-portfolios

- Piloting of student E-portfolios in AENG program and AUC
- Conventional curriculum mapping (matrix)



Lessons learned

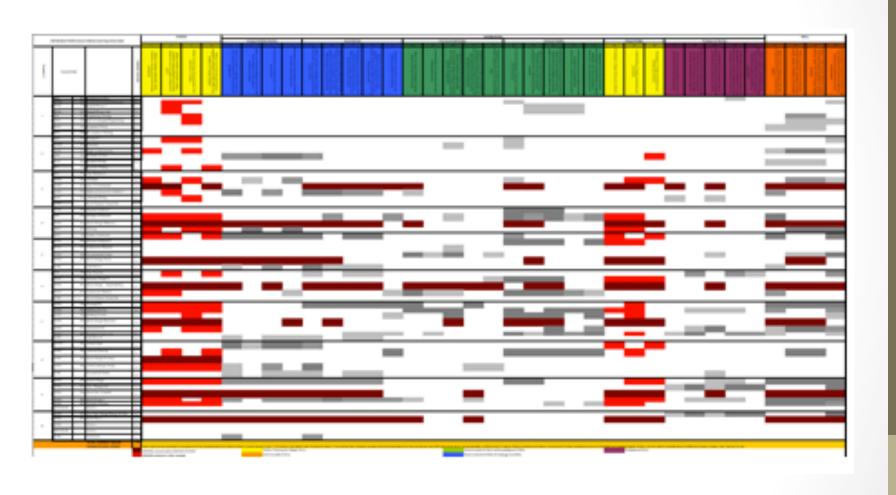
- Faculty were resistant to use of E-portfolios as part of assessment process
- Student engagement and use of E-portfolios was remarkable with a positive impact on placement and career opportunities
- Static nature of conventional matrix only reflected learning in a binary manner.
- Identification of a need for a more versatile outcome-based form of curriculum mapping

INTEGRATING THE DIGITAL PORTFOLIO WITH CURRICULUM MAPPING

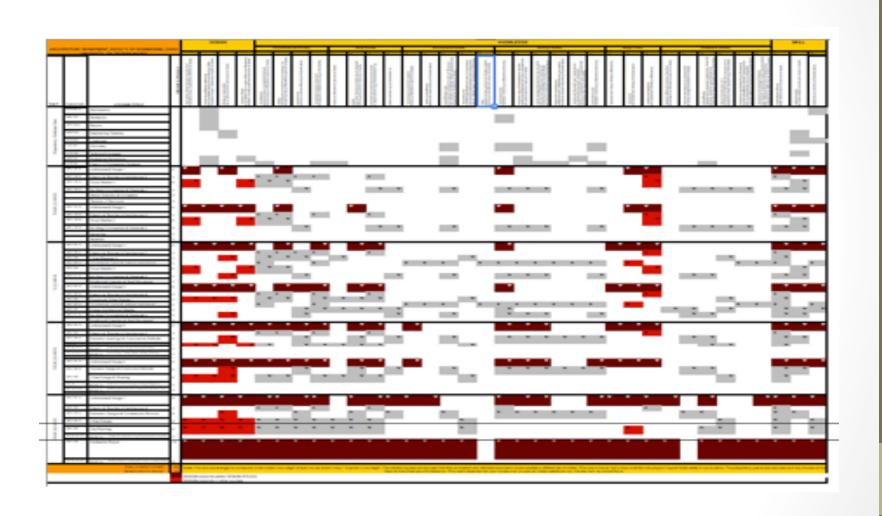
Advantages of the Digital Learning Matrix

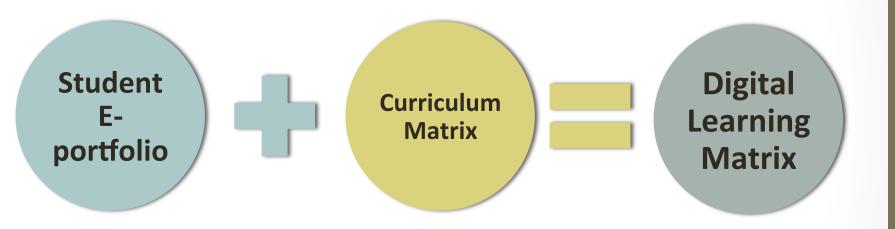
CONVENTIONAL MATRIX	DIGITAL LEARNING MATRIX
Quantitative impact on curriculum mapping	
Only allows quantitative curriculum development	
Static	
Asynchronous	
Familiar widespread use, low-tech demands	
Individual	
Descriptive	
Accreditation processes	

Conventional Mapping and Curriculum DNA



Conventional Mapping and Digital DNA

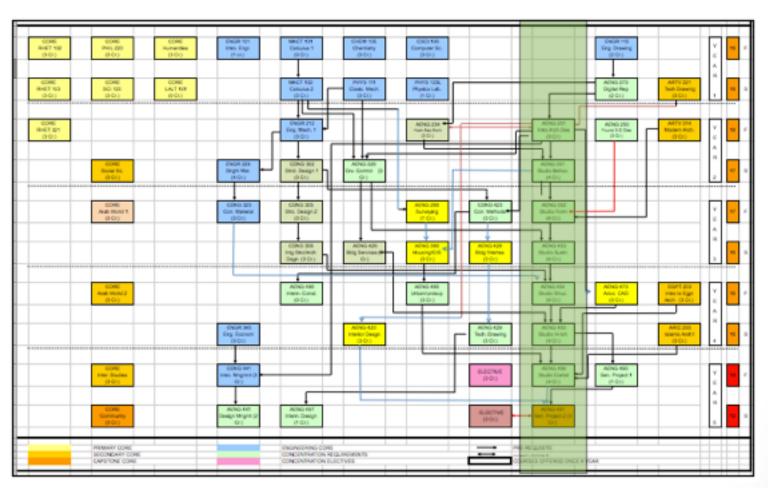




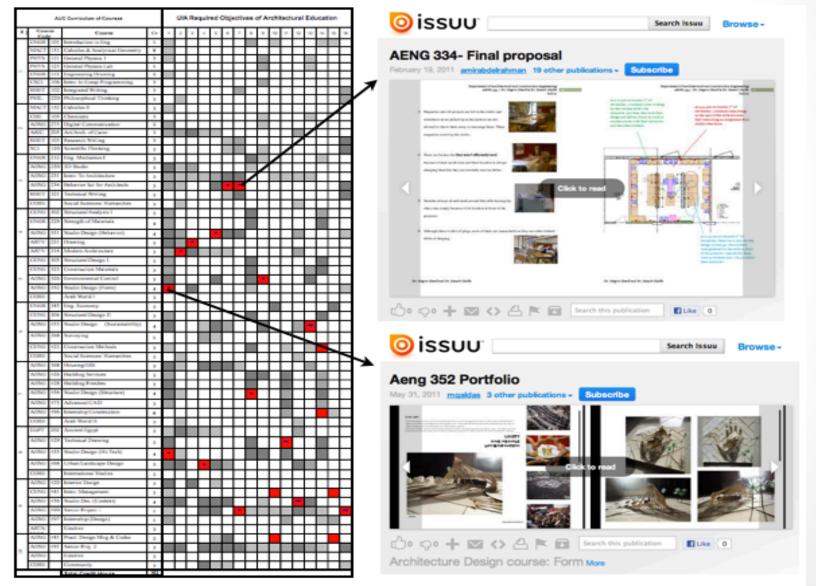
DIGITAL DNA

YEARLY PROGRES

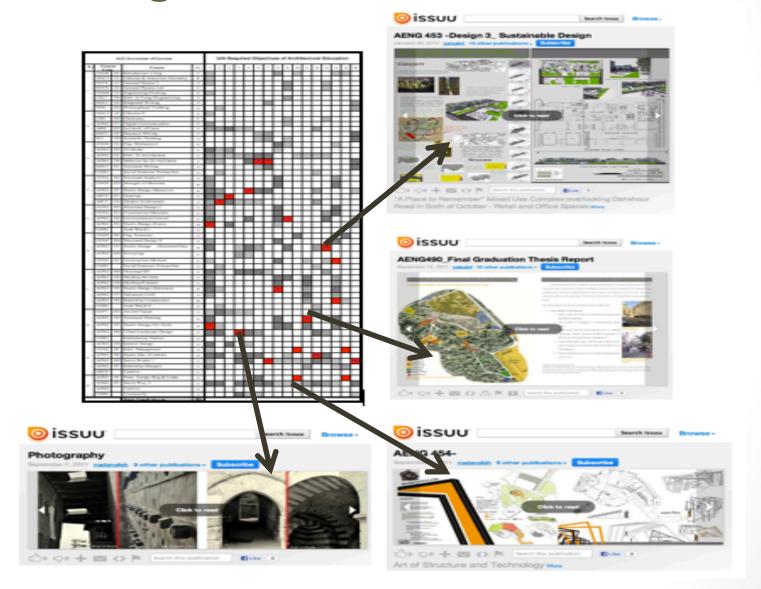
Evidence based intra-curricular sequencing



Illustrating Outcomes with the Digital Learning Matrix



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Digital DNA mapping using links to students work

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		131	Calculus & Analytical Geometry	0																
			General Physics 1	3																
			General Physics Lab Engineering Drawing	1		_														
	CSCI		Intro. to Comp Programming	3		_														
	RHET		Integrated Writing	3	1	1														
	PHIL		Philosophical Thinking	3	1								—							
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	CHEM	105	Chemistry	3		_					1							_		
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	RHET		Research Writing	3																
	SCI	l	Scientific Thinking	3																
	ENGR	212	Eng. Mechanics I	3																
	AENG	250	3D Studio	3																
	AENG	251	Intro. To Architecture	3																
~	AENG	234	Behavior Sci for Architects	3						6.	Z									
	RHET	321	Technical Writing	3																
	CORE		Social Sciences/ Humanities	3	l															
	CENG	302	Structural Analysis I	3							1				l					
	ENGR	229	Strength of Materials	4							1									
_	AENG	351	Studio Design (Behavior)	4							_									
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	CENG	323	Construction Materials	3																
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~	AENG	352	Environmental Control Studio Design (Form)	3									- 2							
	CORE	352	Arab World I	4	1															
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	CENG	306	Structural Design II	3																
90	AENG	453	Studio Design (Sustainability)	4													4.3.			
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	CENG	423	Construction Methods	3																
	CORE		Social Sciences/ Humanities	3									_							
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Student Portfolio Examples

Final Project Designing on Architectural element (Light feature)

Concept

Using linear elements to create solid volumes of different proportions and and manipulate their surface slopes.





Composition Using mituals volunes to preate a flootile dynamic compositions of the consisting in the same space and many, lating light variety.





Matenal

Straws. The choice of material was based on the use of an everyday available resource that can be used to make something creative and unique.



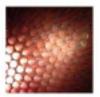


Pinal Product Placing of solid straw volumes or a light box with LED lights.



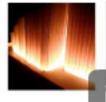


Objective Creating a hight future that benefits from the light reflection and refraction properties of the material.











New lessons learned with digital DNA

- Student E-portfolios added a new dimension to
 - Documenting Student learning/achievements (program specific needs)
 - Career opportunities
 - Faculty collaboration and cooperation
 - Accreditation path
 - Learning Community
 - Program showcasing



Thank-you

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