# Visualizing course data using VizIT

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- Think of the MOOC you were the most engaged in. Did you...
  - Interact in any way with other learners?





- Think of the MOOC you were the most engaged in. Did you...
  - Get what you wanted out of this experience?
  - Pass the course?
  - Complete the course?





#### Learning in a MOOC is a solitary journey.





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### Goal: an Instructor-Facing Dashboard

- Acknowledges diversity of learners and goals.
  - Different intents.
  - Diverse backgrounds.
  - High learner agency.
- Offers meaningful measures of learning.
- Provide information, not data.
- Institutional view, comparing courses



## Design Principles

Actionable information







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- Actionable information
- Course structure <-> engagement
- Big picture and details where appropriate
- Semantic information



## Data Flow



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### Context





### Introduction to Marketing

UBCx - Marketing1x Started - Jan 05, 2016

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- SAC	

View Course



#### Climate Change: The Science

UBCx - Climate1x Ended - Jun 24, 2016

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View Archived Course



### How to Code: Systematic Program Design - Part 1



### 1. Overview

#### Course structure

How many different types of content do I have in my course?

This graph shows, for each module (e.g. Final Exam) the number of component types (e.g. video) in that module), across all modules in the course.



#### Back to top

Compare with other courses

Read more...







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### 1. Overview





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### 2. Involvement





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#### Engagement for the involved



#### Engagement for the passed

UBCx/Marketing1x/3T2015-

UBCx/Climate1x/2T2016-

UBCx/SPD1x/2T2016-









Density map illustrating pattern of video and problem activity for the involved





### 4. Value

Time elapsed between first time and last time students accessed course items





## What's Next?

- Discussion forum sentiment analysis, word cloud (common word by week)
- Page views
- Transition information -
  - While in the course
  - Where students drop out
  - Where students pick up
- Filtering by cohort groups (e.g., paying students, non-English speaking students)
- Cleaning up labels and legends



## Summary

- MOOCs require a paradigm shift.
  - A course? A resource?
  - Reports need to address learning context
  - Value measured differently
  - Comparative visualization useful
- Bring back to university courses
  - High learner agency
  - Meaningful assessments





## Questions?

### Github: https://github.com/ubc/vizit



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### Learning in a MOOC is a solitary journey

https://teachingcommons.stanford.edu/teaching-talk/ how-widely-used-are-mooc-forums-first-look



#### Forum posters as % of all registered students:

For students who score >.6, participation around 30%, mostly a single introductory post.



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### Learning in a MOOC is a solitary journey

Exit survey: What interaction did you have with your course peers?



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#### Solution approach

Ask, do not answer. Facilitate elaboration, do not terminate discussions.

Topical threads. Seed modules with relevant discussions.

**Encourage diversity**. Invite observational, personal, and contextual responses.

Your Personal Observations of Climate Change

discussion posted 5 months ago by SaraEHarris Staff

Pinned

This course offers a unique opportunity to hear from people around the world about how they are witnessing climate change in their own environment. The course assignments give chances for participants to write about this in depth, but this discussion is a place for more informal personal observations of climate change, in whatever format you wish. Have you





#### Top 5 Reasons for Taking this Course



#### How frequently do you plan to use the Discussion Forum?





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Hypothesis?

1. About "Youing elements": Earlier in the Minture

Tipping Elements in the Climate System

Thoughts about the Early Anthropogenic

Mature 6, there was an approval reading regarding Russ postment, What are pour thoughts about that in the

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Week

### Personal Assignments



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Does personalization of assignments impact engagement, perceptions, and learning?

Personal	Generic	
Choose two articles from a local newspaper, magazine	Choose three articles from the following list of 10	
Summarize		
Post to a map		
Peer assessment		



#### Both groups are equivalent at the get-go.

	Personal	Generic
Ν	683	667
% of students plan to stay entire course:	82%	81%
How many previous MOOCs?	3.07	2.92



Exit survey: Now that the course is over, how informed do you feel about climate change issues...



Students in the Personal condition feel more informed about the impact of climate change on their area.



## Impact on overall satisfaction: Would you recommend to a friend?

		Personal	Generic	Chi-square test of significance
All	students:	80% (N = 127)	68% (N = 117)	$\chi^2 = 4.54; p = 0.033$
S wh wei abo	Students ose goals re to learn out climate change*	80% (N = 97)	66% (N = 91)	<b>χ</b> <sup>2</sup> = 5.04; <b>p</b> = 0.025
Students in the Personal condition are more likely to recommend.				

\* as declared in Entry survey; excluding students whose goals were only to learn English, learn about MOOCs, etc.



### No impact on student behaviours.

	Personal (N = 683)	Generic (N = 667)
Assignment 1	99	93
Assignment 2	81	88
Overall	180	181



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	Personal (N = 683)	Generic (N = 667)
Final exam - Submissions - Score	158 70%	161 68%
Average course grade	20%	20%



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	Personal (N = 683)	Generic (N = 667)
Average number of course-events per student	555	612
Average number of days with log-in per student	9.1	9.1
Average overall time per student [minutes*]	167	170
	167.81	170.42





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