

# **ICT I Dansk Högskoleutbildning**

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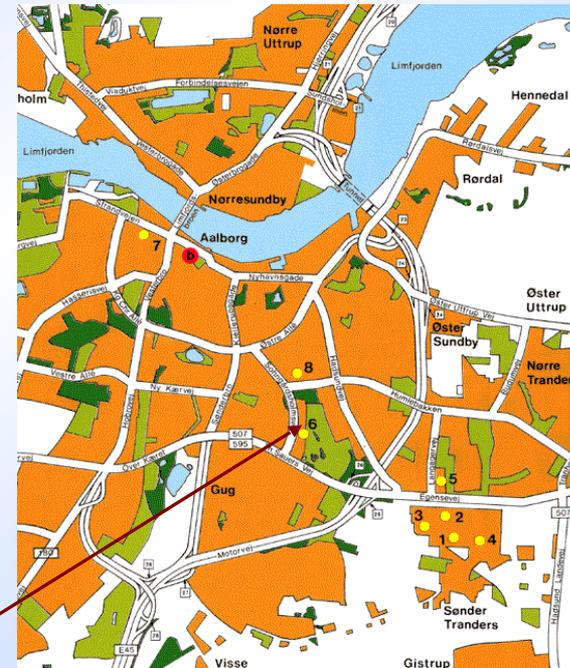


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# IT IN CIVIL ENGINEERING AAU



# IT in Civil Engineering AAU



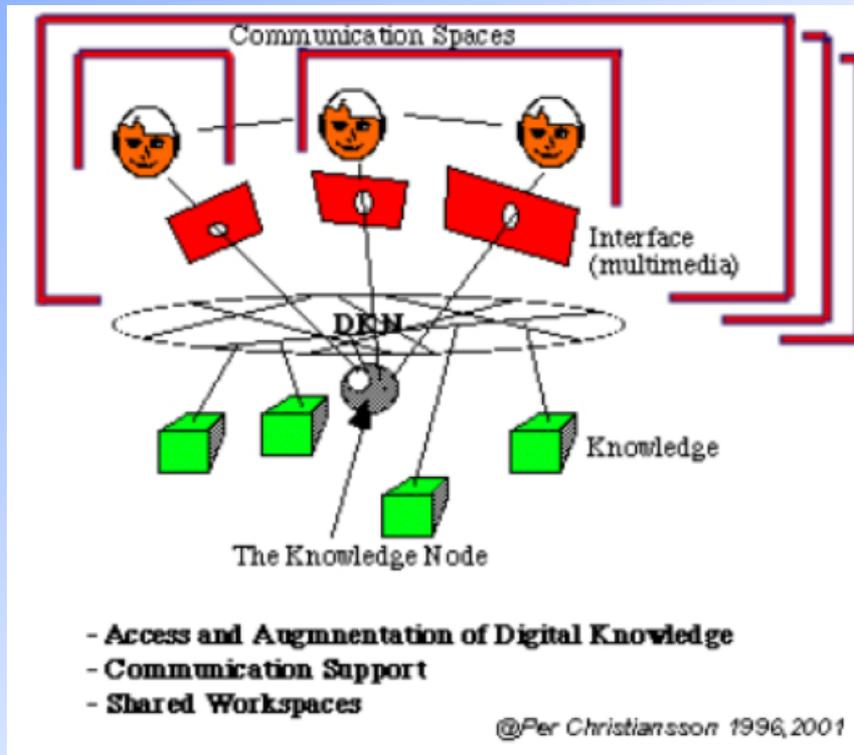
Inaugurated in 1974, Aalborg University now has about *13,000 students*. Teaching and research are conducted at the highest level in the fields of engineering, natural sciences, social sciences and humanities. The university's annual budget is in excess of *750 million Danish kroner*.



# **RESEARCH FOCUS**



# The Knowledge Node Concept



- **Participants**; number of, type (persons, agents)
- **Collaboration subject/context & Form of interaction**; design, reviews, purchase, learning, brainstorm, negotiation, discussion,
- **Communication content** to support interaction; e.g. speech, sound, images, music, video, whisper, body language, 3D objects, control information;.....
- **Meeting spaces** and room definitions; physical, virtual, static, dynamic, mobile and combinations.
- **Collaboration artefacts**; communication channels, user applications, and information containers



# R&D at IT in Civil Engineering Aalborg University



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## Research areas at IT in Civil Engineering

**VIRTUAL BUILDINGS AND IT-SUPPORTED COLLABORATION**

**KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER**

**INTELLIGENT BUILDINGS AND DIGITAL CITIES**

### Master thesis examples

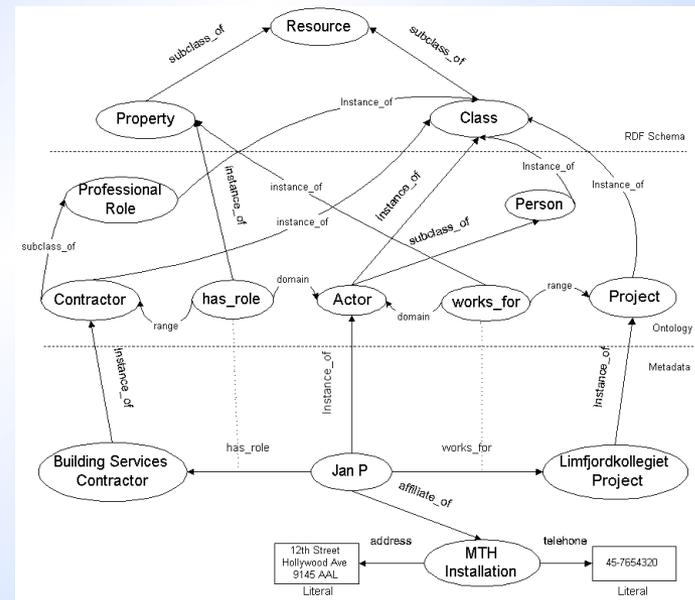
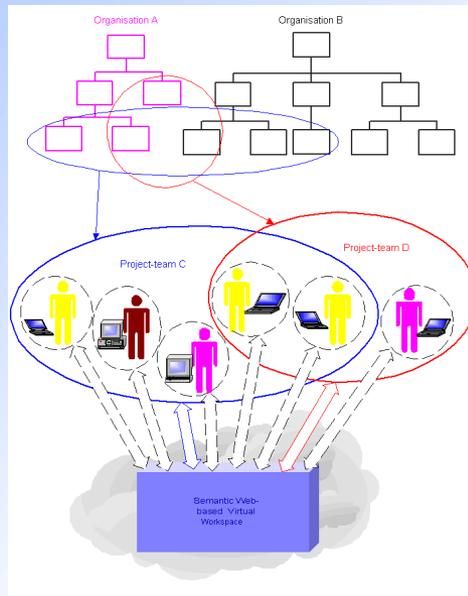
- Anvendelse af metadata I byggeprocessen
- Optimering af leverancekæden i byggeriet
- Knowledge Management in the building process
- Fremtidens digitale byer og bygninger



# R&D at IT in Civil Engineering 2/3

## VIRTUAL BULDINGS AND IT-SUPPORTED COLLABORATION

- **IT in Collaborative Building Design.** PhD project Yoke-Chin Lai within Danish Center for Integrated Design. CID



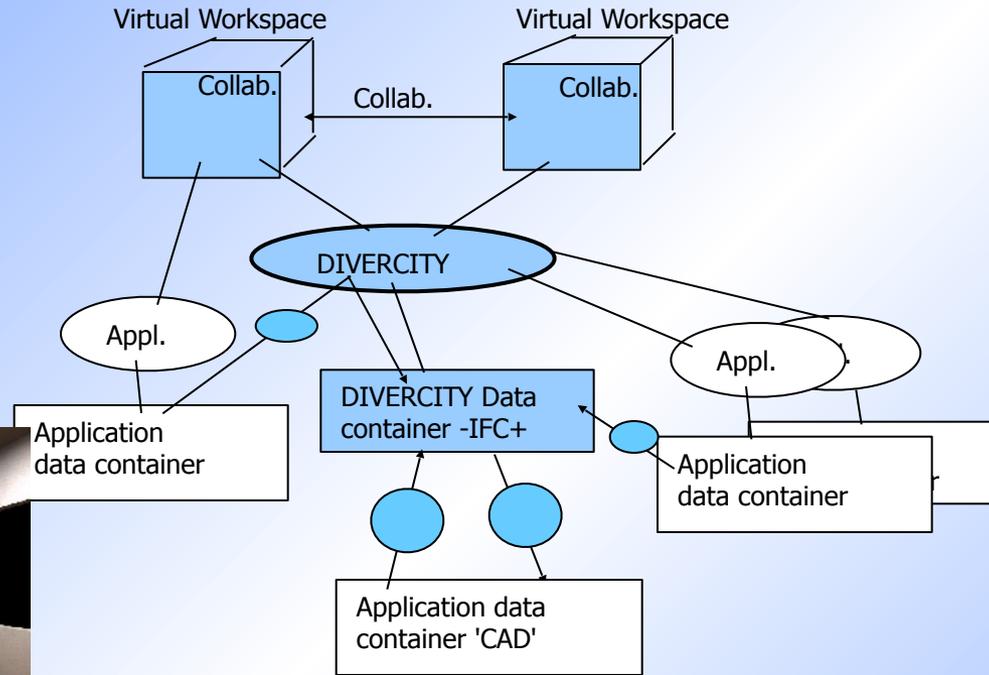
- **IFC-modelserver- en platform for integreret informationshåndtering i byggesektoren**
- **Distributed Virtual Workspace for enhancing Communication within the Construction Industry - DIVERCITY (EU project)**



# DIVERCITY project infrastructure



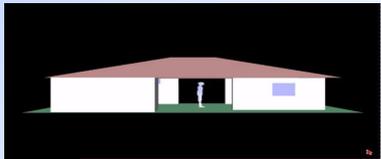
# DIVERCITY function, form, content, behaviour



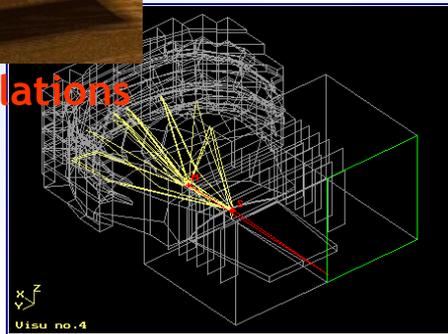
Client briefing



Lighting Simulations



Thermal Analysis



Acoustics

Building Model  
(IFC,...)



4D building site



# DIVERCITY project data

Distributed Virtual Workspace for enhancing Communication within the  
Construction Industry

EU 'IST-1999-13365

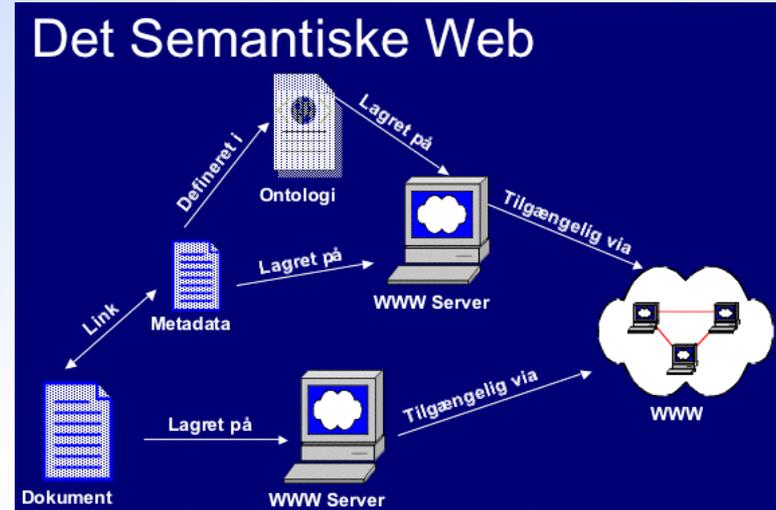
<http://www.e-divercity.com/>

- Shared cost RTD project - Key Action II.2.2  
(New Methods of Work / Workplace Design / Team Work)
- Project period **March 2000** - September 2002  
Expected duration: **30 months**
- Total cost: **3 M Euro** (app.) -  
Commission funding: 2 M Euro
- Consortium (10 partners - **5 countries**):
- **Objective** : Design & Develop a Distributed Virtual Workspace adapted for the Construction Industry



## KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

- **Future Building Industry Knowledge Management Systems.**  
(PhD project Mads Carlsen)



- **IT på byggepladsen** (Ministeriet for Videnskab).  
AAU, Vitus Bering, BYG Byggeriets IT,  
4 bygge- og anlægsvirksomheder

# NATIONAL COLLABORATION

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## **Det Digitale Byggeri (Erhvervs- og Boligstyrelsen)**

### **- Byggherrekrav**

”Byggherrekrav - Digitalt Udbud”,

”Byggherre krav - 3D modeller”

“Projektwebs for alle parter i et byggeri”

(Digital aflevering)

### **- Det Digitale Fundament**

### **- Bedst i byggeriet**

## **ERFA-gruppen objektorienteret bygningsmodel**

## **University collaboration**

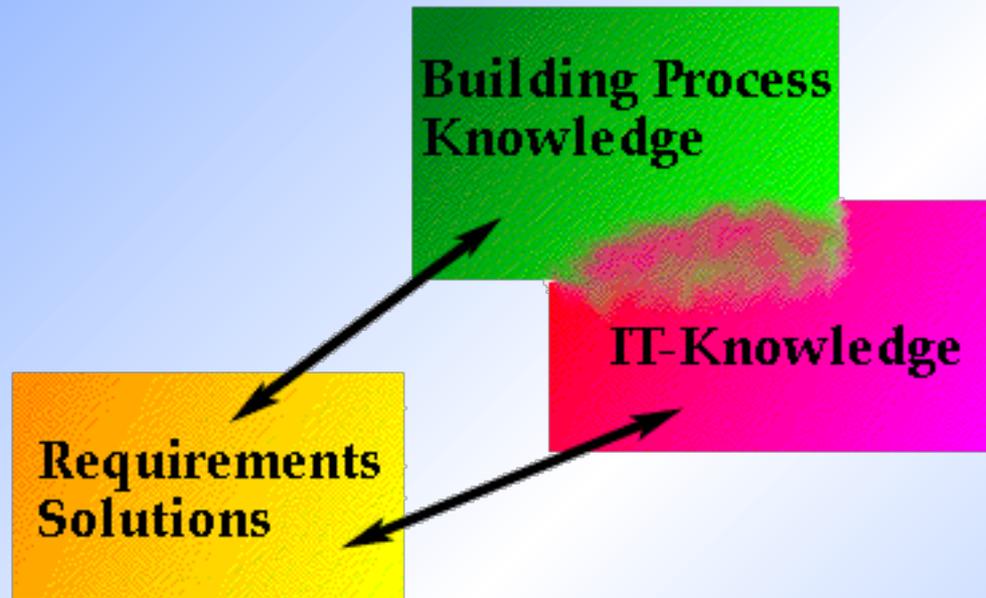
## **Collaboration with industry in projects**

## **International collaboration**



# **ICT BUILDING EDUCATION IN DENMARK**



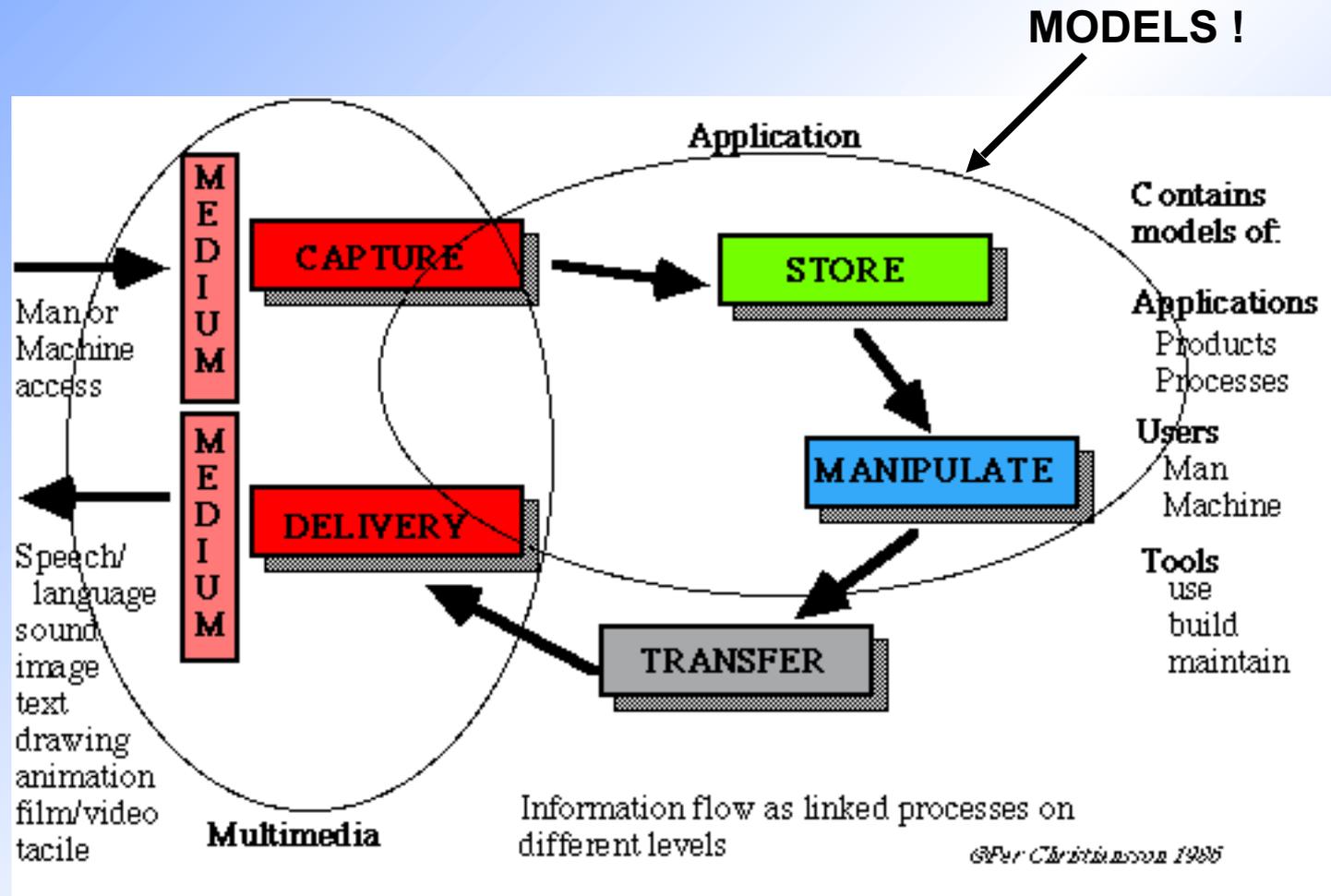


Builders must have ICT competence to be able to formulate requirements on and participate in the design and implementation of tomorrows building process IT-tools.

The IT community cannot (should not) by themselves build tomorrows AEC tools.



# IT (ICT) Definition



# ICT Building Education



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Arkitektskolen i Aarhus

<http://www.a-aarhus.dk/>



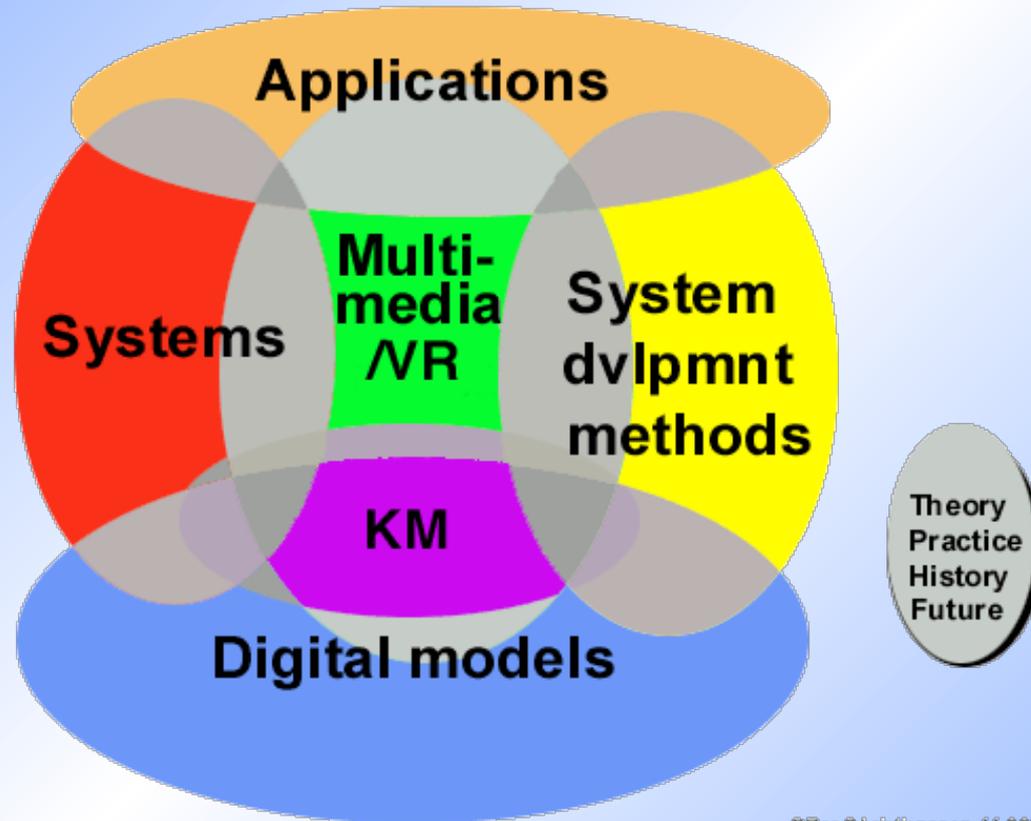
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# Learning Domains



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**Overall education domains across which ICT courses are defined.**



# Learning Domains examples

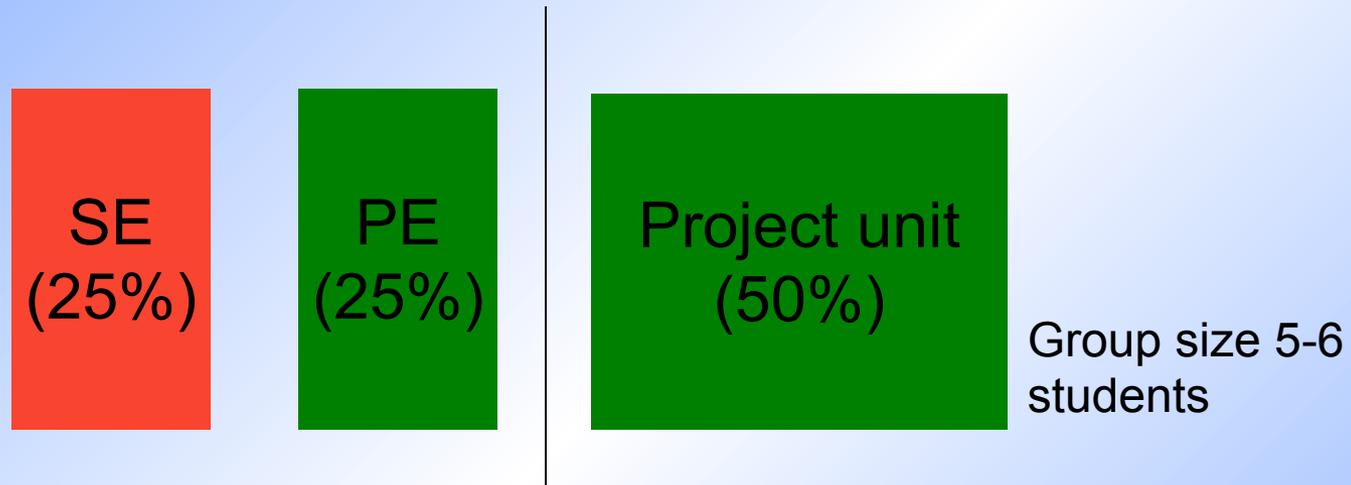
- General overview ICT in Building
- Virtual Buildings
- Building Process models and simulation
- User Environment Design, HCI, Usability Engineering
- System design
- CSCW
- Knowledge Management
- Intelligent Buildings



# **The AAU model and PPBL**



# Project and Course layout



**Studieenhedskurs (SE)** (with individual examination)

**Projektenhedskursus (PE)** (evaluated through project presentation)

[**Ex:** 2M = moduler (ECTS-point),  
10\*(2 hour lecture, 2 hour exercise, own work)]

# **‘PPBL’, Project organised Problem Based learning at AAU**

Studierne på Det teknisk-naturvidenskabelige Fakultet ved AAU er baseret på den problemorienterede og projektorganiserede arbejdsform.

**“På Aalborg Universitet er projektarbejdet problemorienteret. Det er ikke emneorienteret. Det går heller ikke ud på at løse opgaver.**

**Om problemorienterede projekter kan man sige:**

- **Et problemprojekt er en udfordring til hverdagsbevidstheden**
- **Et problemprojekt kræver tværfaglighed**
- **Et problemprojekt giver mulighed for at arbejde med teorier i en sammenhæng**
- **Et problemprojekt giver mulighed for at udarbejde nye teorier**
- **Der findes ikke en formuleret fremgangsmåde for løsning af et problem.”**

From Keiding T B, 1999, ‘Kompendium til kurset I samarbejde, læring og projektstyring’ (37 sider)

See also

Kjersdam, Finn. (1994). “The Aalborg experiment”. Aalborg: Aalborg Universitets Press.  
<http://www.auc.dk/fak-tekn/aalborg/engelsk/>



# **ICT BUILDING COURSES AAU**



# AAU ICT Building Courses Domains

Address: @ http://it.civil.auc.dk/it/education/index.html



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*Education*

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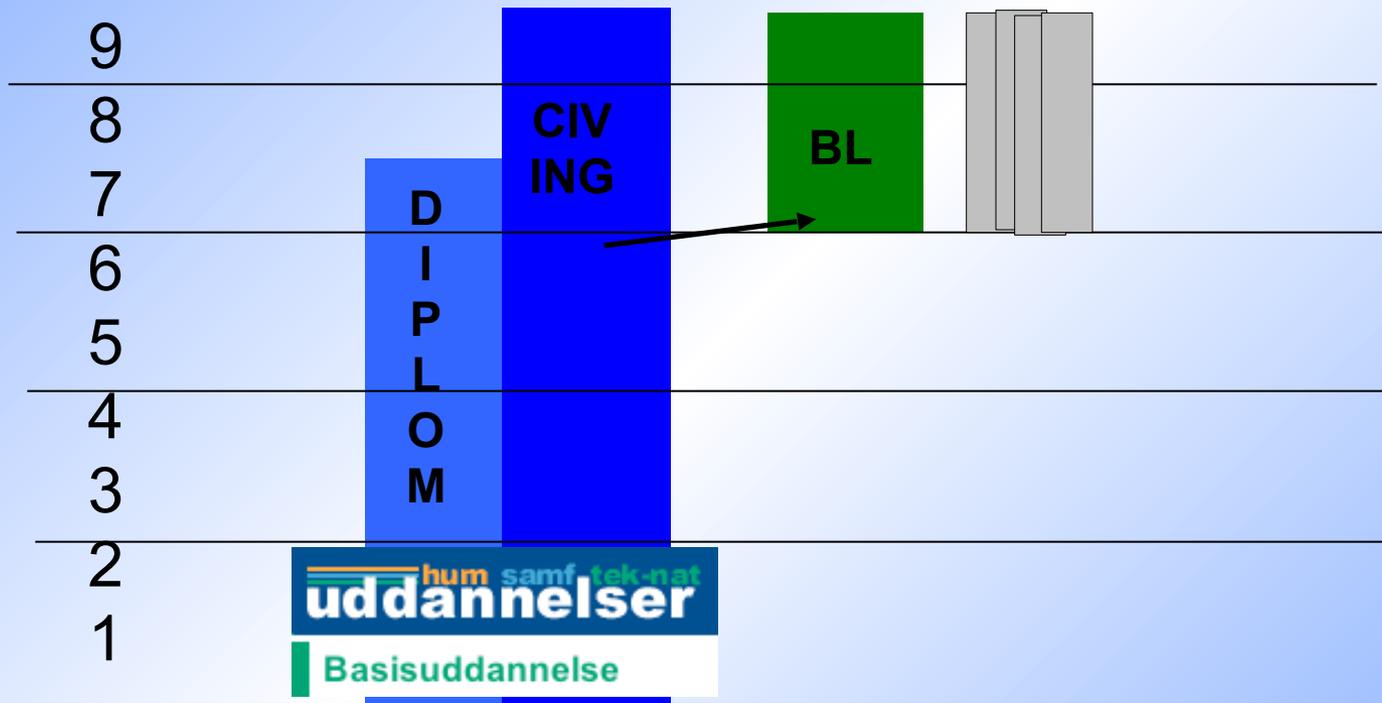
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# Civil Engineering AAU

See also <http://www.civil.auc.dk/b/>, B-STUDIENÆVNETS homepage.). .

Semester



Master  
of IT



# The Bologna Declaration

“Adoption of a system essentially based on two main cycles, undergraduate and graduate. Access to the second cycle shall require successful completion of **first** cycle studies, lasting a **minimum of three years**. The degree awarded after the first cycle shall also be relevant to the European labour market as an appropriate level of qualification. The **second** cycle should lead to the master and/or doctorate degree as in many European countries;”



# **BASIC YEAR ('BASIS')**

- **Fagets Informationsteknologi – IT som værktøj, 2M** (also on AAU streaming web server with slides)  
**(Unix, html, Excel, Access, SQL, MatLab, JavaScript, VisualBasic, PHP)**
- **Kursus i Samarbejde, Læring og Projektstyring - SLP**
- **Metodelære (ML)**

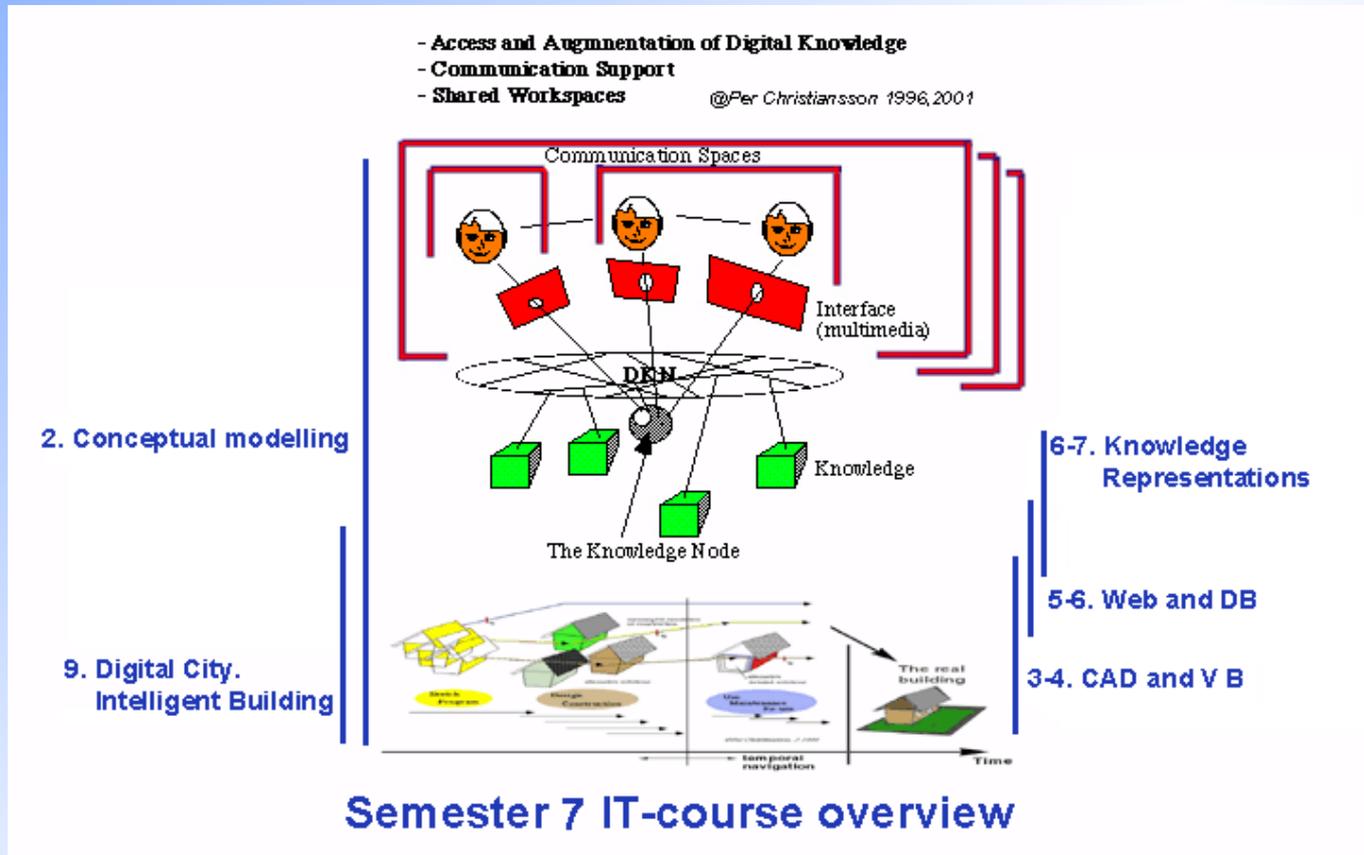


# IT in Civil Engineering courses

- **Civil Engineering**
  - IT in the Building Process (semester 6)
- **Building Management/Byggeledelse**
  - Virtual Buildings (sem7)
  - Udvikling af software (sem7 Produktion)
  - IT-tools, Multimedia & Knowledge Management (sem8)
  - Udvikling af Informationssystemer (sem8 Produktion)
- **Architecture & Design**
  - Intelligent Models (sem6)
  - Computer Aided Design



# Virtual Buildings course, Byggeledelse



The goal of the 'IT in the Building Process - The Virtual Building' course is to mediate knowledge about fundamental concepts, technologies and methods to analyse and develop models which describes a building, the building process and the digital infrastructures from design to application.



# Virtual Buildings course

cont!

Course homepage

Lecture scheme

Previous lecture

Next lecture

Exercises

http://it.civil.auc.dk/it/education/sem7\_2003\_vb\_it\_ingnrnt/knowledge\_representations\_7\_8/lectr.html

The VIRTUAL BUILDING. IT in the Building Process.  
sem7  
Knowledge Representations. 7-8

Contents

KNOWLEDGE CONTAINERS

modelling

2. slide

logic containers

3. cube

4. slide

Slides

## Knowledge Representations

CONTENT:

- KNOWLEDGE CONTAINERS
- CONTENT - ACCESS - XML
- DB - XML - DB
- KNOWLEDGE REPRESENTATIONS (MORE)
- RULE BASED REPRESENTATION EXAMPLE (induction and Prolog)
- KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT comments

Computers can be used to store information which will mimic or support our own knowledge stored in our brains. There is a spectrum of different computer software which can be used to represent different knowledge handling routines and knowledge domains. For example in connection with decision support, information retrieval and storage, experience capture, collaboration, and design syntheses.

We will look at the following computer stored knowledge representations. (We will also in this connection comment on knowledge acquisition methods.)

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- Conceptual modelling
- CAD and virtual buildings
- WEB and databases
- Knowledge representations (XML, html)
- Digital city and Intelligent Buildings



# VB sem7 Byggeledelse cont!

## Exercises

[Exercise A](#) on your scenario of the future ICT supported building process

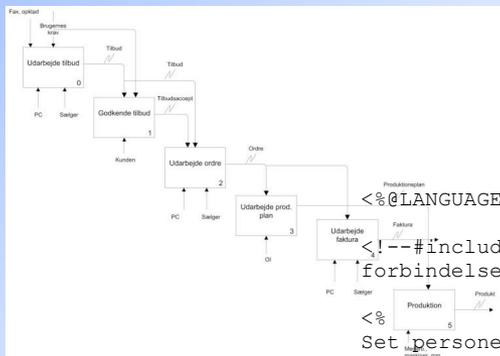
[Exercise B](#) on conceptual modeling of your semester 7 project

[Exercise C](#) on building and handling IFC based product models and components

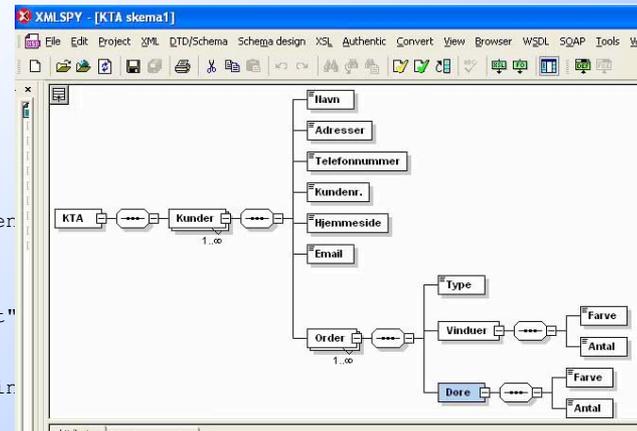
[Exercise D](#) on database design and web access

[Exercise E](#) on meta structuring of information using XML and RDF

[Exercise F](#) on new services in digital cities and intelligent buildings



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<%@LANGUAGE="VBSCRIPT"%>  
<!--#include file="forbindelse.asp"--> <!--Her her  
forbindelsen-->  
  
<%  
Set personer=Server.CreateObject ("ADODB.Recordset"  
personer.Open "SELECT personoplysninger.navn,  
firmaoplysninger.firmanavn,  
stillinger.Stillingsbetegnelse FROM (personoplysnir  
firmaoplysninger ON personoplysninger.Firmaid =  
firmaoplysninger.Firmaid)  
INNER JOIN stillinger ON personoplysninger.Stillingsid =  
stillinger.Stillingsid", database  
%> <!--Her beskrives hvilke "keys" der skal bruges-->  
  
<html>  
<body>  
... .
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# VB sem7 Byggeledelse cont!

## Miniproject

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### Andelsboligforeningen Ladegård i Visse

Velkommen Per

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[Projektet](#)

Andelsboligforeningen Ladegård  
Klokkebo, Visse  
20 andelsboliger



En smuk bebyggelse  
tæt ved by og natur

Indtast dit personlige ID:

Bruger ID:

Adgangskode:

[Tryk her](#)



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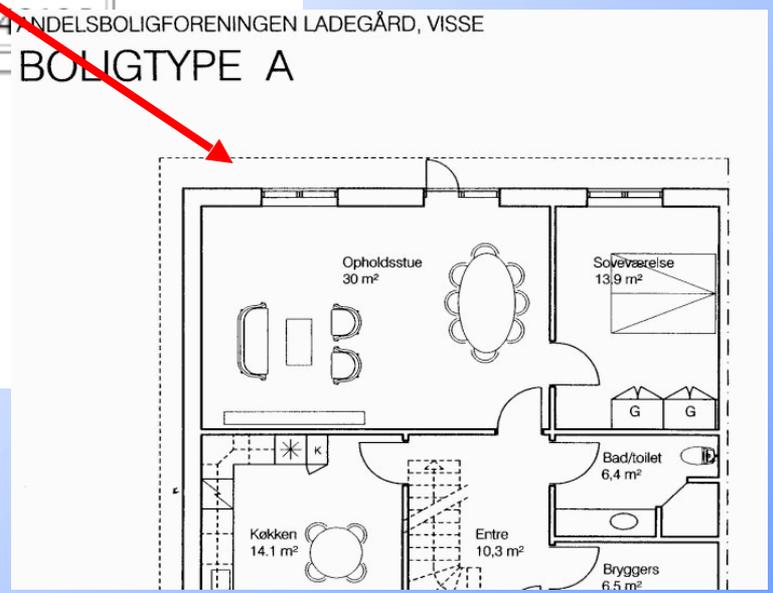
- [Projektet](#)

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C	<a href="#">Se beskrivelse</a>	<a href="#">Se tegninger</a>	347000

Nu skal du vælge hvilken type du vil have:

Valg af Lejlighedstype :



## **Partner 2001**

**Velkommen til "Partner 2001"**

**"Partner 2001" er et IT-system til understøttelse af erfaringsopsamling fra byggesager.**

**Det er rammerne for en systematiseret registrering af erfaringer og en videre opsamling af disse.**

**Der kan noteres erfaringer med udgangspunkt i problemområder og problemparter.**

**Der kan søges i allerede nedfældede erfaringer og knyttes kommentarer hertil.**

**Der kan løbende tilføjes nye problemområder.**

**Systemet venter blot på dine erfaringer!**

[Tryk her for login!](#)

(Bruger ID: mc, mm, kst, rme, lko, rvf  
tilsvarende adgangskode)



### Personlige oplysninger

Faggruppe: Bygherre

Initialer: mm

Dato: 05/12/2003

Problemområde:

Samarbejde

Medvirkende  
problempart:

Vælg problempart

Forfatter:

Vælg forfatter

Søg

Nulstil

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Problempart:

Forfatter:

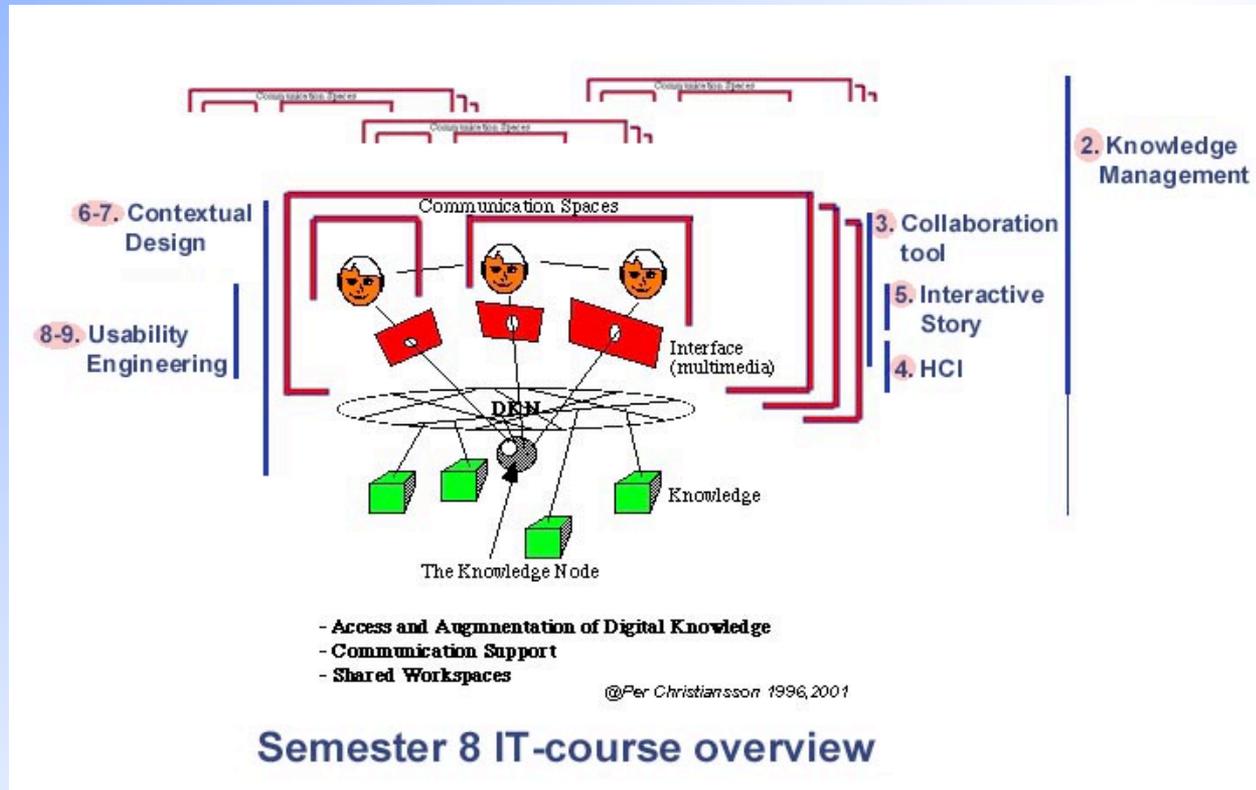
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<a href="#">89</a>	Samarbejde	Bygherre	Mads Carlsen	Brugerinddragelse	15/01/2002
<a href="#">88</a>	Samarbejde	Ingeniør	Malene		14/03/

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<b>Problempart:</b>	Ingeniør
<b>Emne:</b>	Interesser
<b>Tekst:</b>	Ingeniør hytter sine egne kartofler
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# Multimedia and Knowledge Management course, Byggeledelse sem 8



The goal of the 'IT in the Building Process - IT-tools' course is to mediate understanding of methods and technologies for multimedia human machine interface design, computer supported collaborative work, graphical decision support as well as mediation of knowledge about how the future services, systems, and infrastructures for information transfer (knowledge management) can be built and integrated.





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- Knowledge Management
- User Environment design
- Collaboration tools
- Human Computer Interaction
- Interactiv Story Telling
- Usability Engineering

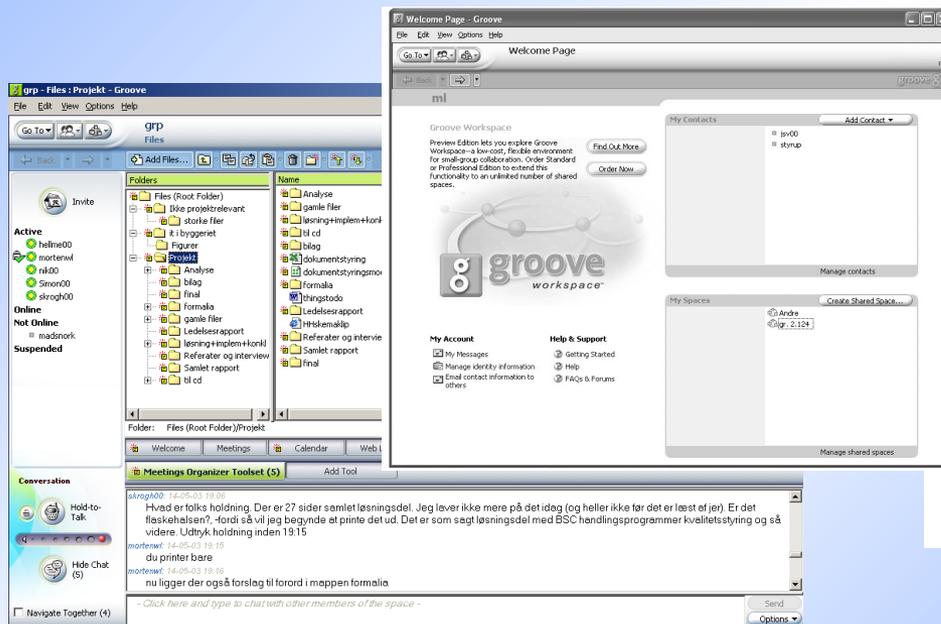
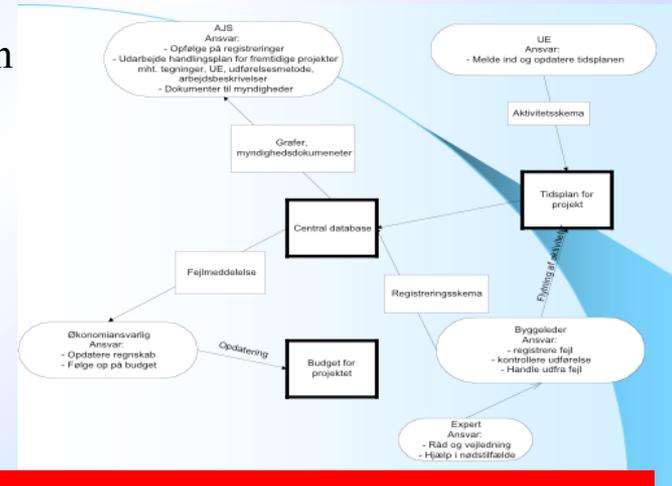


# MM and KM course

## Exercises/Miniproject

cont!

- \* Contextual design methodology
- \* Human computer interaction, HCI, and user interface design
- \* Collaboration tools
- \* Usability testing
- \* Web 3D
- \* Handling multimedia content
- \* Interactive story telling



IT i byggeriet

- Hjem
- produkter
- projekter
- laggrund
- Links

### Lille hal

kan ses ved at trykke på billedet

Gigantium består af to haller forbundet med et cafeteria.

Fra cafeteria er der altså mulighed for at gå ind i den store hal

eller i den lille hal

For at danne sig et indtryk af den store hal er her lavet et 360 graders panoramaview, hvor forskellige detaljer kan vælges.

Og ligeledes af den lille hal

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# Master of Informationsteknologi

<http://www.mii.auc.dk/>

it-vest

<http://www.it-vest.dk/>

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar containing <http://www.auc.dk/aaben/udd/masterit.htm>. The page header features the Aalborg University logo and the text "Åben uddannelse" and "AALBORG universitet". The main content area displays "Master i Informationsteknologi, Industriel IT (MIT)" and "- Udbydes under it-vest samarbejdet". On the right side, there are two orange buttons labeled "Generel Info" and "Studieform".

- Proceskontrol
- Byggeriet
- Distribuerede Realtidssystemer
- Industriel Produktion
- Systemadministration



# Master of Informationsteknologi - MII, distributed open education 1/3

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(3\*1/2 years -> 2\*1/2 years)

- Human Computer Interaction, HCI (year 1)
- CSCW Computer Collaborative Work (year 1)
- Multimedia Interface Design and (year2)
- Knowledge Management within Companies and Projects (year2)
- Intelligent Buildings and the Digital City (year3)
- Virtual Buildings (year2-3)
- Building Simulations (year 3)

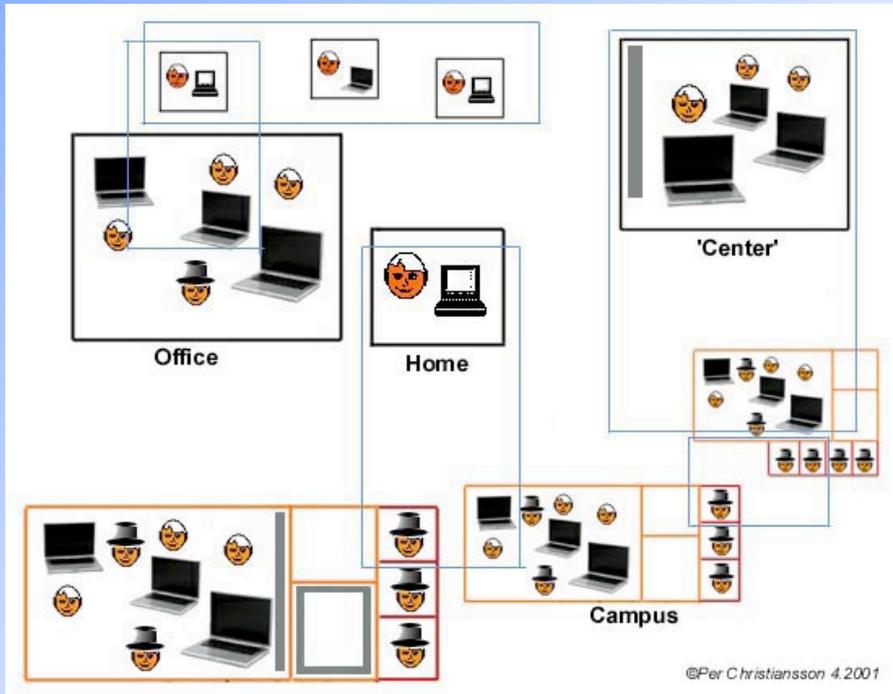




# EXPERIENCES



# Distributed learning



## WHAT IS DISTRIBUTED LEARNING?

"Distributed learning takes place in a virtual learning space that expands the conventional study chamber and classroom in time and room with regard to learning style and interaction modes as well as learning material and learning methods".

Per Christiansson 6.1999



# Teaching the teachers



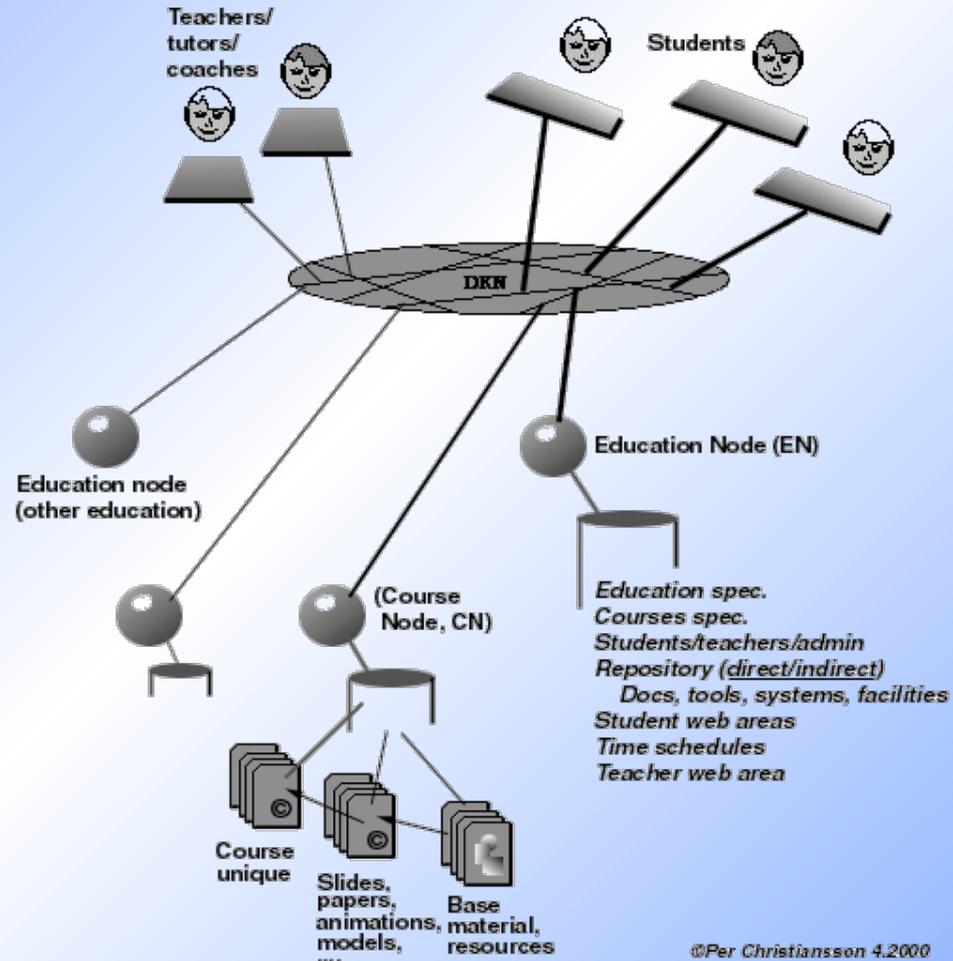
Remote lecture and application sharing between Aalborg and Lund Universities 1999 in teacher/secretary course (parallel ISDN based video communication and Internet based application)



# Structuring Learning Systems

## CHALLENGES

- Virtual learning spaces
- Distributed project groups
- New interaction tools
- Changed pedagogy
- Changed tutor roles
- Adapted learning material
- Distributed learning material
- New management tools



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- \* students and teachers are not all **familiar** with the possibilities ICT -supported collaboration provides (e.g. groups continuously documenting project progress, teachers using the student project web to follow progress),
- \* **guided exercises** are still important for students learning by doing in small steps
- teachers must be highly **accessible tutors** and problem solvers especially during project kick-off and to make injections when group activities fade (search the problems). This poses special problem in a highly physically **distributed environment**,
  
- \* some groups want to have **intranets** only **available** for the group (they see a risk for improper result spread before the project is ready),
- **discussion forums** will not be used unless actively triggered by tutors.
  
- \* **follow up costs is often underestimated** (e.g. new skills needed, change of working methods and organization structures, server maintenance, long term course material and student documents storage),
- \* strive for client computer **platform independence** (Mac, PC and Unix).
- \* it may be necessary to differentiate between **video** (ISDN) and **shared workspace** (TCP/IP) physical communication channels . TCP/IP best handles only sound and still images today,



- be aware of the very **different requirements** posed by learning context, pedagogical methods and knowledge content,
- \* create **four user levels** for the learning environment - students, teachers, course administrator, system admin,
- **course material** typically supports self study and assessments, lectures, individual and group exercises, project work, and social contacts,
- \* **teacher HTML knowledge** is required for optimal course development performance (high level WYSIWYG HTML editors are not good enough),
- **student HTML knowledge** is required to make project webs (not enough with copy-paste from good examples on the WWW),
- \* be open for using English instead of your national **language**,
- create good **user feed-back** facilities,
- system availability must be 100% (**QoS**)
- actively involve **end users** in the **needs** and **requirements** phase of system design
- end user **competence** to support requirements formulation is often low (both on IT and methodological issues),



**MOTIVATION**

**UNDERSTANDING  
COMPLEXITY**

**PARTICIPATION IN  
CHANGE PROCESS**



- ICT **must not** be regarded as one of these tools that we only have to learn to use but as an integral part of the company and project knowledge management system.
- Increased knowledge transfer and **ICT competence. Knowledge communication** crucial (companies, schools, public services).
- Acquire **deep understanding** of ICT influence on organisation, work methods, user environments, information handling, and ICT strategies.
- Increase of **awareness** on fundamentals and methods for a beneficial change of building processes and organisation (knowledge exchange and management, demonstrations, implications, participatory design).
- Increased **international** project participation.
- Basic research, applied research and development activities are **all** required.

We are all involved in a continuous change process and **design of the future** together (with constant re-assessments). Great possibilities and time to do some creative, bold, and holistic inceptions at both universities and industries



# Success Criteria

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- The formulation and refinement of digital *models* of the building process must be driven by the end users. (Products, processes, components, tools, users/teams)
- Participatory design (industry - university) of new *tools* and *services* that in many cases are not yet defined.
- *User participation* in User Environments and systems development The *building community* must and will actively participate in the *needs and requirements capture*, *design*, *try out*, *evaluation*, and *implementation* of *new IT tools* (for collaboration, communication and information handling ) to support high quality building products in a life cycle perspective. *Client*, building product *users*, and *suppliers* with increased influences in the design process.

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# Success Criteria

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- Development of *scenarios* (from idea to demolition of building) encompassing credible ICT tools.
- Utilisation of changed *communication networks* on all levels.
- Utilisation of increased possibilities to build (low cost) *Virtual Worlds/rooms* and *Virtual Buildings* (with partly redundant knowledge representations, meta data, temporal and 'intelligent' properties).
- Agreements on *vocabularies* and *concepts* within and between stakeholders starting with meta project level and more detailed team and component deliverers specifications.

We are all involved in a continuous change process and **design of the future** together (with constant re-assessments). Great possibilities and time to do some creative, bold, and holistic inceptions at both universities and industries



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