Appendix D - Facebook Activity

Trends in Online Library Instruction, report to HOPS
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Has anyone taken a close look at the University of Arizona Guide on the Side open source tutorial development software? We're experimenting with various options for installing and using it at UCI. If it makes creating tutorials as easy as Screenshot made creating library guides, it could transform our lives! The one challenge is that, unlike Screenshot, the software has to be installed on a local server.

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I have been introduced to this open-source tool for creating online tutorials. I think it is great that the pop-up window with Information/question/status allow users engage with "live" they are in the library's actual website/catalog (rather than watching a screencast).

Desire: http://www.library.arizona.edu/library/about
Demo: http://www.library.arizona.edu/apps/quick-tb/tutorials/learning-the-usc-library-catalog

About | Guide on the Side
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1. What is a Guide on the Side?
The Guide on the Side software is a freely available...

We are also experimenting with it at UCI, but we haven't created a tutorial yet. It looks like a great solution to sharing tutorials and incorporating local branding.

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I've been looking at it (well, just the sample they provide). My quick review is that, as a framework, I think it functions really well and I love that it can be shared. However, if implemented on its own, I feel that it lacks some sound instructional design principles. Some of this could be fixed if implemented differently than the sample (e.g., add some introductory material, use outcomes, something to stimulate recall of prior learning). But it doesn't look like it can accommodate other things, like a demonstration (probably a short video demo). I also think that the feedback provided for incorrect answers could be improved. I would probably use the tutorial to complement other online learning, especially since I think it is great for providing an opportunity for students to practice what they learned.

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