

Building Community in the Online Space

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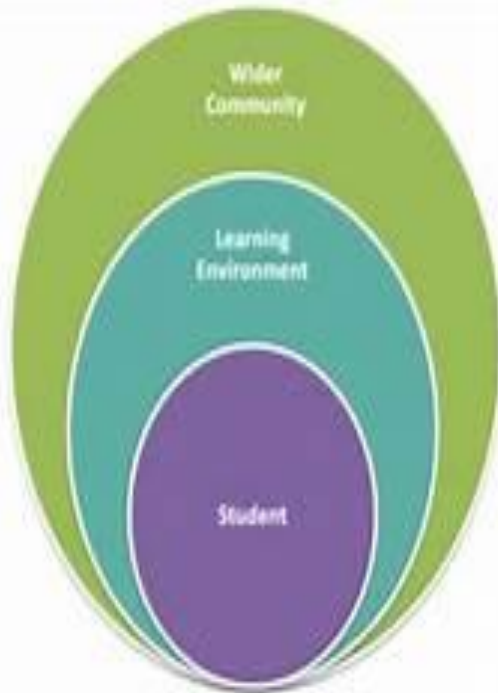
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Yellowdig is an effective tool for building a community of learners in online spaces.



Community is vital to the social construction of knowledge

BACKGROUND



Moving from a hybrid (synchronous and asynchronous) to a fully asynchronous program, created the need to insure the development of community in the program.

Students in the Adult Education Master's Program are often *adult learners returning to school after many years away* and report that **community** is what **got them through**.

Added Yellowdig to our Digital Toolkit

COURSE CHANGE

Yellowdig

During the spring semester of 2021, prior to the move to a fully online accelerated calendar, I piloted Yellowdig as a tool to help develop community in the class.

Yellowdig is a ***gameful learning digital solution*** to improve student engagement by building learning communities for any course modality.

A look at Yellowdig

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When an Instructor or student posts a topic, they have many options.

The “look” of Yellowdig is familiar to students who use social media platforms in their daily lives.

Students can earn points for their posts if the Instructor chooses that feature.

The screenshot displays the Yellowdig community interface for a course titled "EDC584: The Adult & the Learning Proc_0001_SPR21" at The University of Rhode Island. The main area features a post creation form with a title field, a rich text editor with formatting options (Normal, Bold, Italic, Underline, Bulleted List, Numbered List, Link, Quote, Code), and a media toolbar with options like Poll, File, Video, Image, Audio, Pin to Top, Topics, Emoji, Draw, Record Video, and Formula. A "POST" button is visible at the bottom right of the form. The sidebar on the right shows a "Points Earned" section with a current total of 9005 and a "My Period Max" of 10405, with a "Total Goal" of 15000. Below this are sections for "How to earn points" (My participation, My grade), "Sort" (By Recent Posts or Co...), "Collapse", "Filter", and a list of filter options: By Member, By Date, By Hashtag, By Topic, By Accolade, and My Content.

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Yellowdig is different than Discussion Boards in that students can post visuals, links, video record their responses or posts, use emojis to provide input to other student's posts, use polls, etc.

yellowdig - Swagbucks Search

What is Depreciation?
@Olivia Student 07/13/2020 EDT

Also, there are four different depreciation methods: **straight line, double-declining balance, sum-of-years-digits, and units of production.**

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Depreciation

Depreciation is a systematic and rational process of distributing the cost of tangible assets over the life of assets

It is a process of allocating Costs

Cost to be allocated = Acquisition Cost (Purchase Price) – Salvage Value

Depreciation Methods

1. Straight Line / 2. Declining Balance / 3. Sum-of-the-year's-digits / 4. Unit of Production

Sophie Student

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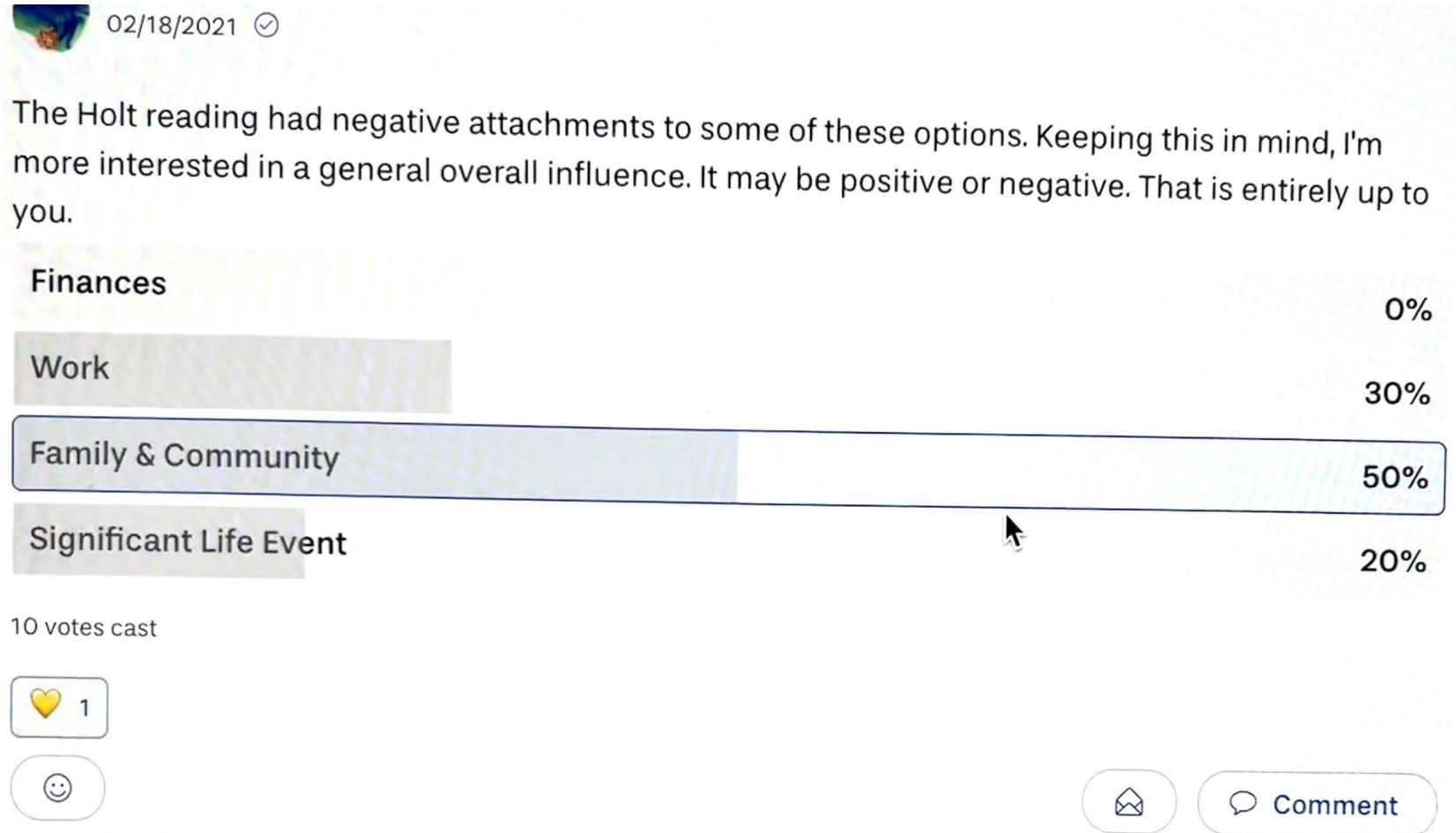
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Example of a Poll based upon the week's content



So, how is it going?

DISCUSSION

- Students are enjoying it for the most part. They like that they can record their posts, leave an emoji about someone's post, easily add links to external sources, use visuals, etc.
- The platform looks like the social media they are used to
- As the instructor, I learned more about the students in the first two weeks than I usually do in 2 semesters

What do students think about Yellowdig?

A few student comments

“I enjoy the sense of community, I like the feedback, interesting conversation that Yellow dig provides to the class” -Wendy

“I believe this platform is more social and allows us to comment on posts I typically wouldn't in a (name omitted)... because here I'm comfortable leaving a reaction (like a thumbs up emoji) or a one-line comment to let the author know I read and appreciated their sharing” -Robert

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Questions?

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