

Hot Topics Round Table
**Mobile Learning – How mobile
should it be, and what can be
learned?**

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Top 5 Mobile Learning Myths and Misunderstandings

- **Mobile learning is ‘anytime, any place’ learning**
- **Mobile learning is ‘just in time’ learning**
- **Walking along with a book is a form of mobile learning**
- **Mobile learning is an extension of e-learning**
- **Mobile learning is an extension of distance learning**



Top 5 (unique) ways you can learn with Mobile Learning

- **Augmenting reality with virtual information**
- **Placing your learning in a specific context**
- **Learning while communicating at a distance**
- **Having a learning tool in the palm of your hand**
- **Contributing to shared learning resources**
 - **What is different from e-learning?**



Top 5 Applications of Mobile Learning

- **Using a mobile device to...**
- **Apply maths, science etc. in the real world**
- **Simulate something that isn't really there**
- **As a learning scaffold in the classroom**
- **Capture learning experience in the wild**
- **Learn what you want, when you want, where you want (misunderstandings?)**



Top 5 Future Potentials for Mobile Learning

- **All students in a class can use their own device for learning**
- **We capture existing technology and practice for learning**
- **Everything you want to teach can have an App**
- **We reverse the death slide of student attendance by integrating technology**
- **We teach things in a practical way that could only previously be taught theoretically**



Top 5 Risks for Mobile Learning

- **Entrenched digital divides**
- **Digital distractions**
- **The opposite of a green manifesto**
- **Hawthorn and Dr Fox (Wikipedia) effects**
- **Huge effort and investment, no measurable benefit (see the 'IT productivity paradox')**



Useful Links

- **International Association for Mobile Learning**
 - <http://www.iamlearn.org>
- **International Journal of Mobile and Blended Learning (Massey has a subscription)**
 - <http://www.igi-global.com/ijmbl>
- **Learning without Frontiers, and its subgroup Handheld Learning, have some good recorded talks and debates on mobile learning**
 - <http://www.learningwithoutfrontiers.com>
 - <http://www.handheldlearning.co.uk>

