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eVideoTransfer - a digital approach to conveying basic education

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Abstract:

eVideoTransfer is one of the projects funded through the "Nationale Dekade für Alphabetisierung und Grundbildung" by the German ministry of education. The pilot project approaches literacy/basic education in the work environment through developing industry specific web-based trainings (eVideos). Up until now there has been a lack in teaching materials digitally conveying both literacy and professional learning contents. eVideoTransfer aims to close this gap, and thereby supports the development of new educational approaches.

Each eVideo takes place in a different industry e.g. logistic and transportation, hotel and restaurant, cleaning etc., and illustrates a typical workday. The user interacts via short video sequences with colleagues, completes typical job tasks, and in that way trains his basic education e.g. (digital) literacy, numeracy, understanding workflows. There are up to 31 exercises per eVideo, which can be played at three levels of difficulty, depending on the users' abilities. The eVideos' storylines as well as the interactive exercises are particularly encouraging for target groups, which previously have had negative learning experiences. eVideo offers a low-threshold access for various learner types by providing different forms of instruction (audio and written), continuous feedback, icons guiding through the game, there are complementary worksheets, and the option to progress at one's own pace and level of difficulty. To attain the best learning outcomes, it is recommended to use eVideo in a blended learning context. Upon request eVideoTransfer also offers train-the-trainer workshops to qualify teachers to successfully integrate eVideo in their classes.

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