

What is technology's place in the classroom?

An instructor's experience

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Abstract

Technology is pervading the classroom, but is it beneficial to learning? The author explores current literature in the field of educational technology and provides examples from his own experiences in the classroom. The conclusion is that while technology might be useful in the classroom, it must not be used for the sake of using technology. Rather, technology should be carefully implemented to reach the educational goals already established for a course. It is also suggested that technology cannot rescue a lesson that is already doomed by the lack of sound pedagogy.