Code-Switching Learning Outcomes Using Digital Badges: Opening Our Learning Outcomes to Our Learners

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CODE SWITCHING

In linguistics, "code-switching" means mixing languages or patterns of speech in conversation.

...code-switching is about dialogue that spans cultures. It evokes the conversation we want to have here.

NPR Code Switch Blog FAQ
LEARNING OUTCOME

Performance target that describes the real-world application of learning objectives.

From Char Booth's *Reflective Teaching, Effective Learning: Instructional Literacy for Library Educators* (glossary)

See also: Outcomes Assessment Model
A badge is a symbol or indicator of an accomplishment, skill, competency, or interest. Badges can be used to represent achievements, communicate successes, and set goals.

From Mozilla Open Badges FAQ Note: I'm focusing on the symbol and ignoring the underlying metadata & certification aspects.
THERE IS TENSION BETWEEN LEARNER CENTERED INSTRUCTION & OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT.
LEARNER-CENTERED INSTRUCTION

Student-centered learning; education that focuses on the effectiveness of learning and the student experience rather than the effectiveness of teaching and the instructor experience.

From the glossary in Char Booth's *Reflective Teaching, Effective Learning: Instructional Literacy for Library Educators* (glossary)
OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

Formal or informal appraisal or judgment of two- or four-year college programs or students in relation to institutional or public expectations of achievement or development -- often but not always measured against specific objectives.

ERIC Thesaurus

Subtext: It's important to note that program (or institutional effectiveness) assessment and student assessment (or assessment of student learning) are very different things. Beware the bait & switch.
ASSESSMENT VOCABULARY IS ABOUT STUDENT LEARNING, BUT STUDENTS ARE NOT THE AUDIENCE.
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• Better to light a candle than to make grumpy tweets about neoliberalism and Taylorism
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BADGES MAKE CLEAR AND FRIENDLY LINKS BETWEEN STUDENT WORK AND GOALS AND OUTCOMES.
USE VISUAL DESIGN ELEMENTS TO MAKE CONNECTIONS.

color, shape, icon, contrast, texture, text, size
GOAL

The goal is indicated by the outside shape of the badge.
OUTCOMES

Outcomes are indicated by the interior color of the badge.
COURSE TOPIC

Course topic is indicated by the icon and text of the badge.
Badges can be used as metadata to put assignments in context with the course concepts, learning outcomes and goals.
**EXAMPLE: CMDC PROGRAM GOALS & OUTCOMES**

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2. **B.** Demonstrate an understanding of how storage and retrieval systems control what information can be found.

3. **C.** Use a variety of advanced techniques, such as Boolean searching, subject(descriptor) searching, truncation, and proximity, to retrieve information effectively from a variety of electronic information retrieval systems, like subscription databases and the Web.

4. **D.** Understand the use of language and vocabulary in information retrieval by exploring thesauri, indexes, concordances, and keyword-matching, as well as demonstrate comprehension of the differences, uses, and strengths of these various ways of using language to retrieve electronic information.

*Compare without badges*
EXAMPLE: DTC356 COURSE TOPICS

- CNTRL VOCAB
- TAXONOMY
- FIELD SEARCHING
- OPERATORS
Part III: A Search Strategy

After you have completed the essay describing your database, write a 500-word narrative outlining a search strategy. Your narrative should describe how a well-designed search strategy would use the database’s tools and features to efficiently locate the required information.

Your narrative should include:

• A goal: a detailed description of your searcher’s information need.
• Several methods of meeting this goal. These should include the database’s features.
  o For example: “Start with a keyword search. Try synonyms and related words. Identify possible results. Find controlled vocabulary terms in the results. Broaden or narrow your search goal as needed. Use ____________ (search tools the database provides) to identify the best results.
• Your narrative should describe how to use the tools you identified in the first part to make an effective and successful search.
BUT WHAT ABOUT...?

- making badges work in one-shot instruction?
- tutorial, guides, screencasts?
- just making institutional effectiveness assessment student-centered in the first place?
- questions? Let's talk.
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