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Developing Web Based Model (Disblogwik) in Informal eLearning

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Abstract— The discussion forum is one of most popular technologies used in the delivery of online learning. Unlike text, audio and video conversation, the discussion forum is an unsynchronized technology, which does not require all participants to be online simultaneously and one of the strengths that the discussion forum provides to the online learning community is the ability to allow learners from a variety of time zones to interact at time that suits the individual learner.

'Web 2.0' technologies, which place learners at the centre of online activities and facilitate supposedly new forms of creation, collaboration, and consumption.. Discussion forum is one of the most capable web2.0 tool used for communication on internet by posting a question and waiting for comment or answer. A lot of information in form of discussion forum generated by user gets stored at different places.

The purpose of the paper is to critically review the methods of posting a question and a comment on discussion forum. Various related works that have been done and their gaps in the use of online discussion forums for e-Learning are also discusses.

Key Terms: - Crawling; Discussion forum; Forum portal; Informal learning and Web 2.0 applications; blogging

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