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The Future is Beautiful

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Beautiful!



Customized!





Real!



Beautiful! Customized! Shared! Real!





Beautiful? Ugly. Customized? Standardized. Shared? Withheld. Real? Fake.



1) Beauty

Things become BEAUTIFUL through design





Lee Sheldon's Grading Procedure: You will begin on the first day of class as a Level One avatar. Level Twelve is the highest level you can achieve.

Level	XP*	Letter Grade
Level Twelve	1860	А
Level Eleven	1800	A-
Level Ten	1740	B+
Level Nine	1660	В
Level Eight	1600	В-
Level Seven	1540	C+
Level Six	1460	С
Level Five	1400	C-
Level Four	1340	D+
Level Three	1260	D
Level Two	1200	D-
Level One	0	F

PUNISHED

The Trouble with GOLD ST TRS, INCENTIVE PLANS, A's, PRAISE,

and Other Bribes

With a New Afterword by the Author
ALFIE KOHN

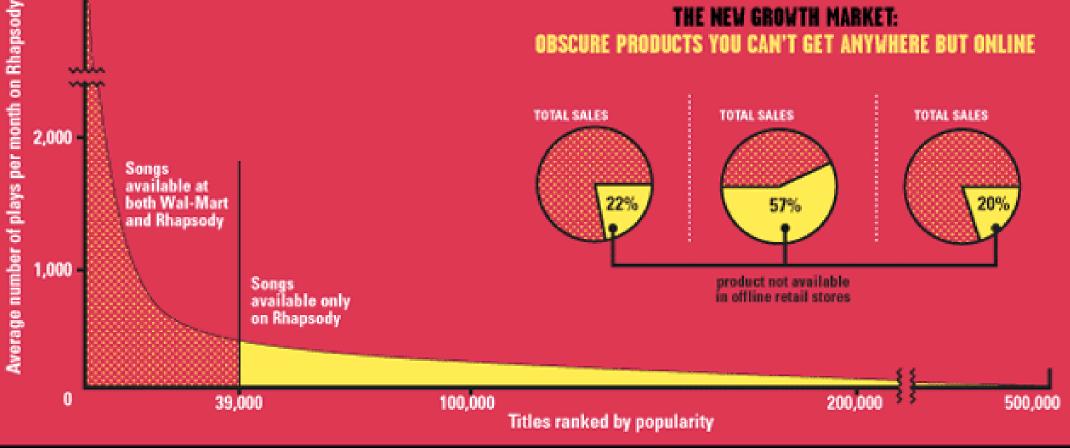
Author of No Contest and The Schools Our Children Deserve

2) Customization

ANATOMY OF THE LONG TAIL

Online services carry far more inventory than traditional retailers. Rhapsody, for example, offers 19 times as many songs as Wal-Mart's stock of 39,000 tunes. The appetite for Rhapsody's more obscure tunes (charted below in yellow) makes up the so-called Long Tail. Meanwhile, even as consumers flock to mainstream books, music, and films (right), there is real demand for niche fare found only online.



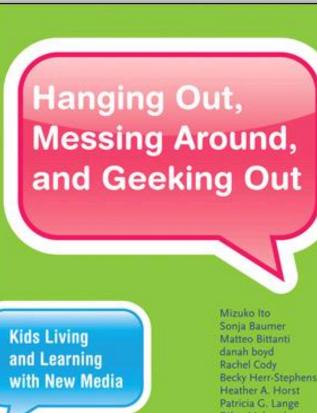


Sources: Erik Brynjolfsson and Jeffrey Hu, MIT, and Michael Smith, Cernegie Mellon; Barnes & Noble; Netflix; RealNetworks

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CUSTOMIZING respects the learner



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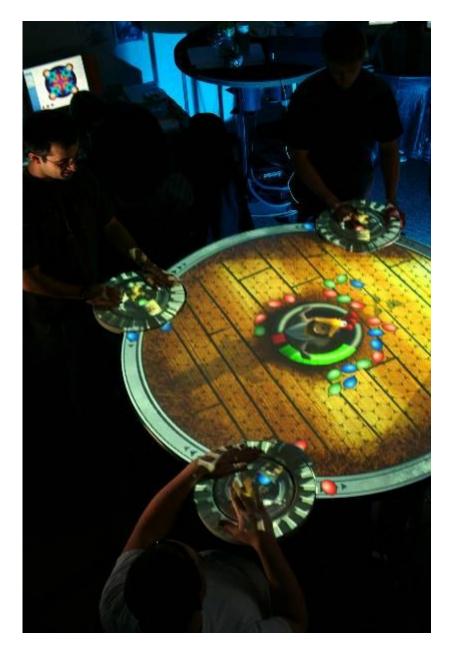
The curious will win



3) Sharing

Create situations that demand SHARING









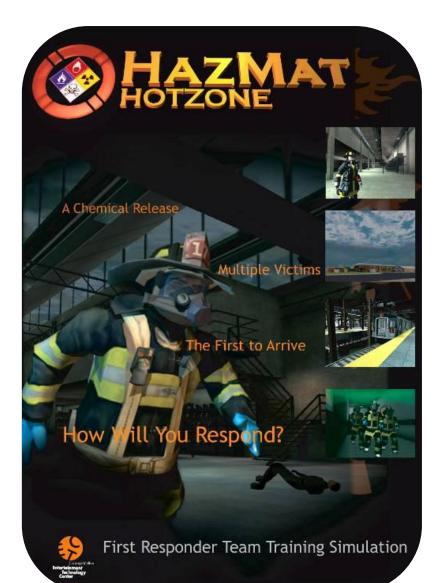


4) Reality

Pair REAL teachers with REAL students



Use simulations to get close to REALITY



Tony Mussorfiti Lieutenant, Haz-Mat Operations Fire Department of New York

If you can make education... Beautiful, Customized, Shared, and Real Everybody wins.



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