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The Living Arts: The Future of Learning Online

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Traditional Online Learning



The concept of online learning usually revolves around a computer...

The Future of Online Learning



- **May be in Mississauga**
- **Probably does involve computers at all**



The School of The Future...



... is a living arts centre (or some such thing)

The Concept...

- **Learning is centered around the interests of the learner (which may be arts, history, computing...)**
- **This learning is immersive – learning by doing – and takes place not in a school but in an appropriate environment (such as a living arts centre)**
- **The computer connects the student to the rest of the world, no matter where they are**

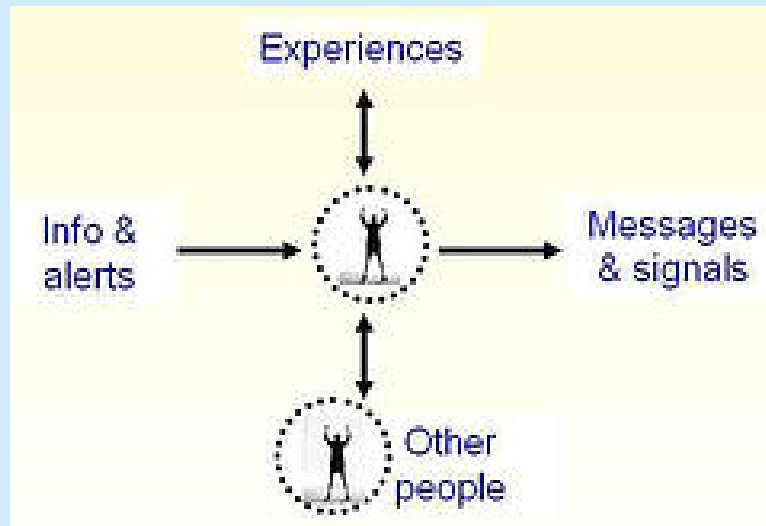
Game Based Learning



Types: Branching, Spreadsheet, Game, Lab...

<http://www.downes.ca/cgi-bin/website/view.cgi?dbs=Article&key=1116274375>

Workflow (Informal) Learning



**Types: Community of Practice, Environment,
Visualization...**

<http://metatime.blogspot.com/>

Online Learning at the Crossroads

- On the one hand – we have developed tools and systems intended to support traditional classroom based learning
- On the other hand – we *could* (should?) be developing tools and systems to support immersive learning
- My take: we should be developing for dynamic, immersive, *living* systems...

First Iteration: User-Produced Media

- **Blogs and Blogging**
- **Podcasting and Vodcasting**
- **Game mods and other multimedia**



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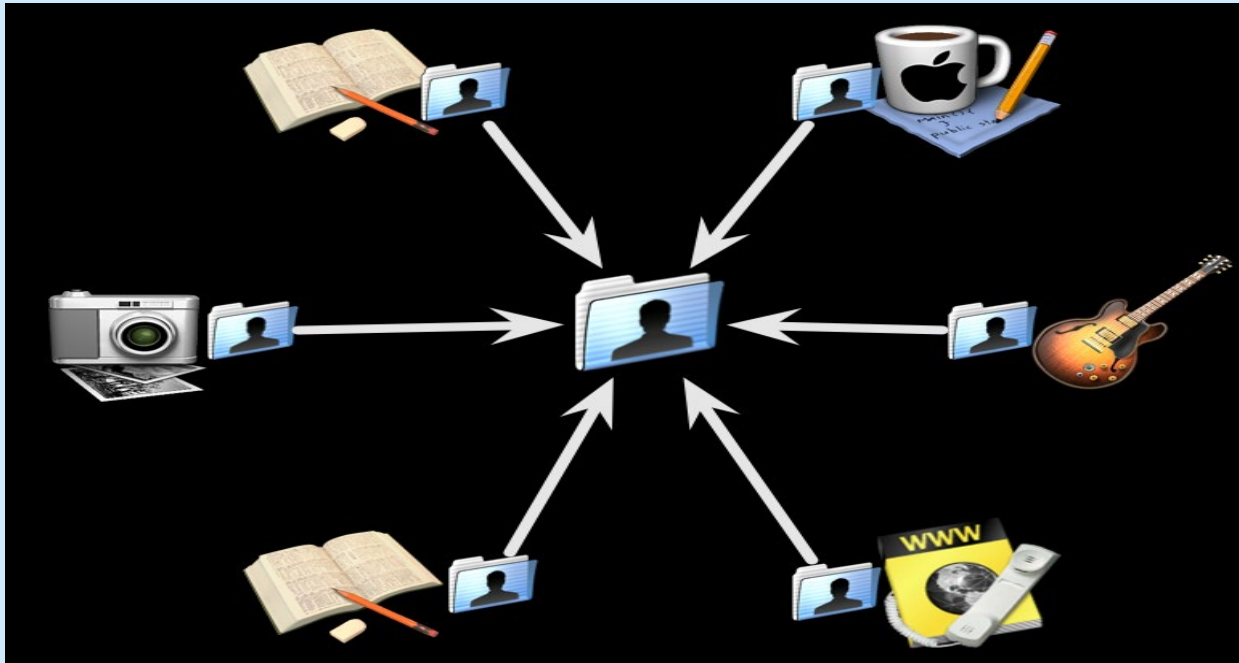
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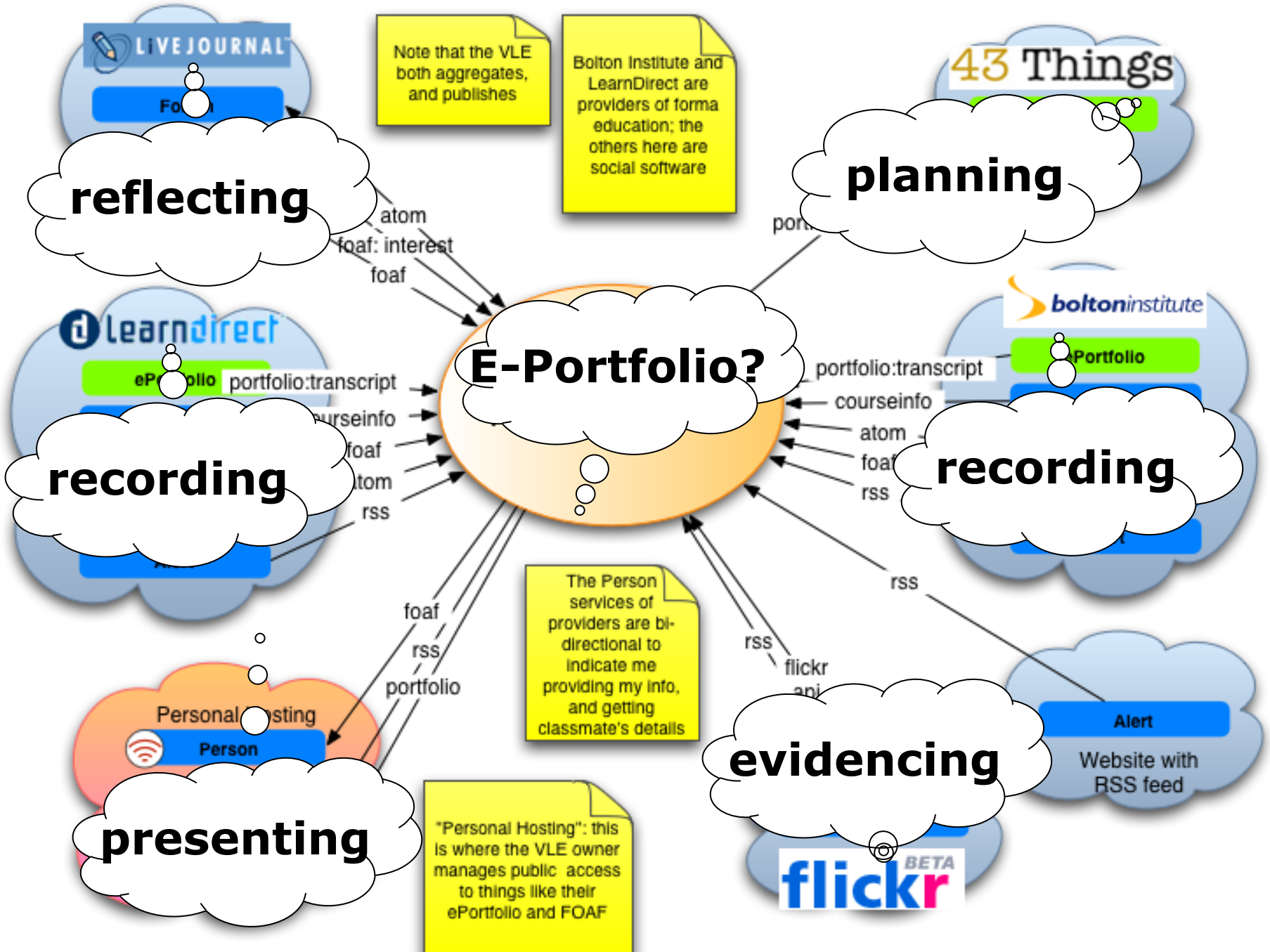
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The Learning Network: Basic Concepts

- **Distribution – Learning Online**
- **Disaggregation – Learning Objects**
- **Decentralization – Web Services**
- **Disintermediation – Creating Conversations**

The *Living* Network - Aggregation





Note that the VLE both aggregates, and publishes

Bolton Institute and LearnDirect are providers of formal education; the others here are social software

The Person services of providers are bi-directional to indicate me providing my info, and getting classmate's details

"Personal Hosting": this is where the VLE owner manages public access to things like their ePortfolio and FOAF

reflecting

planning

recording

recording

presenting

evidencing

E-Portfolio?

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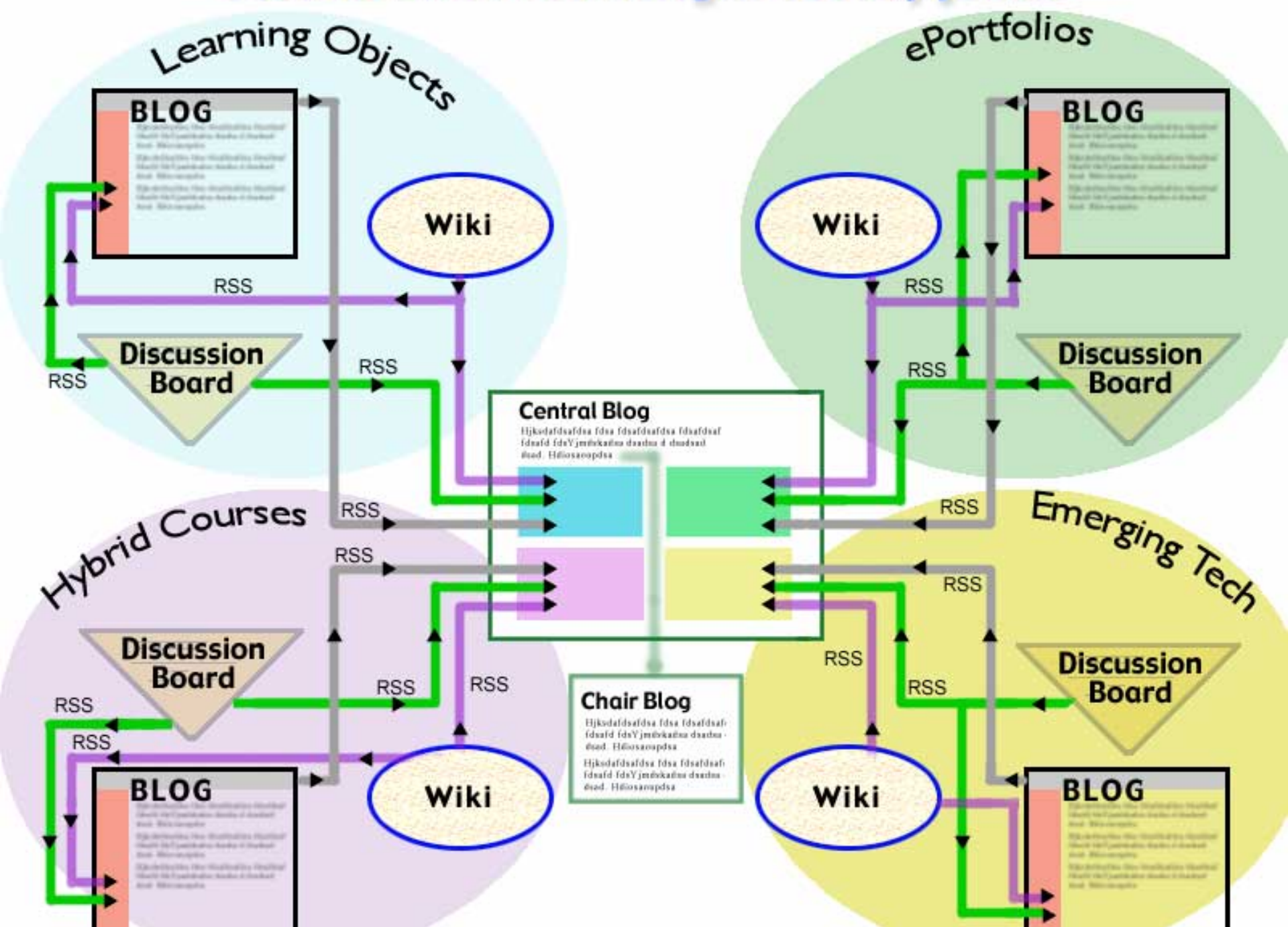
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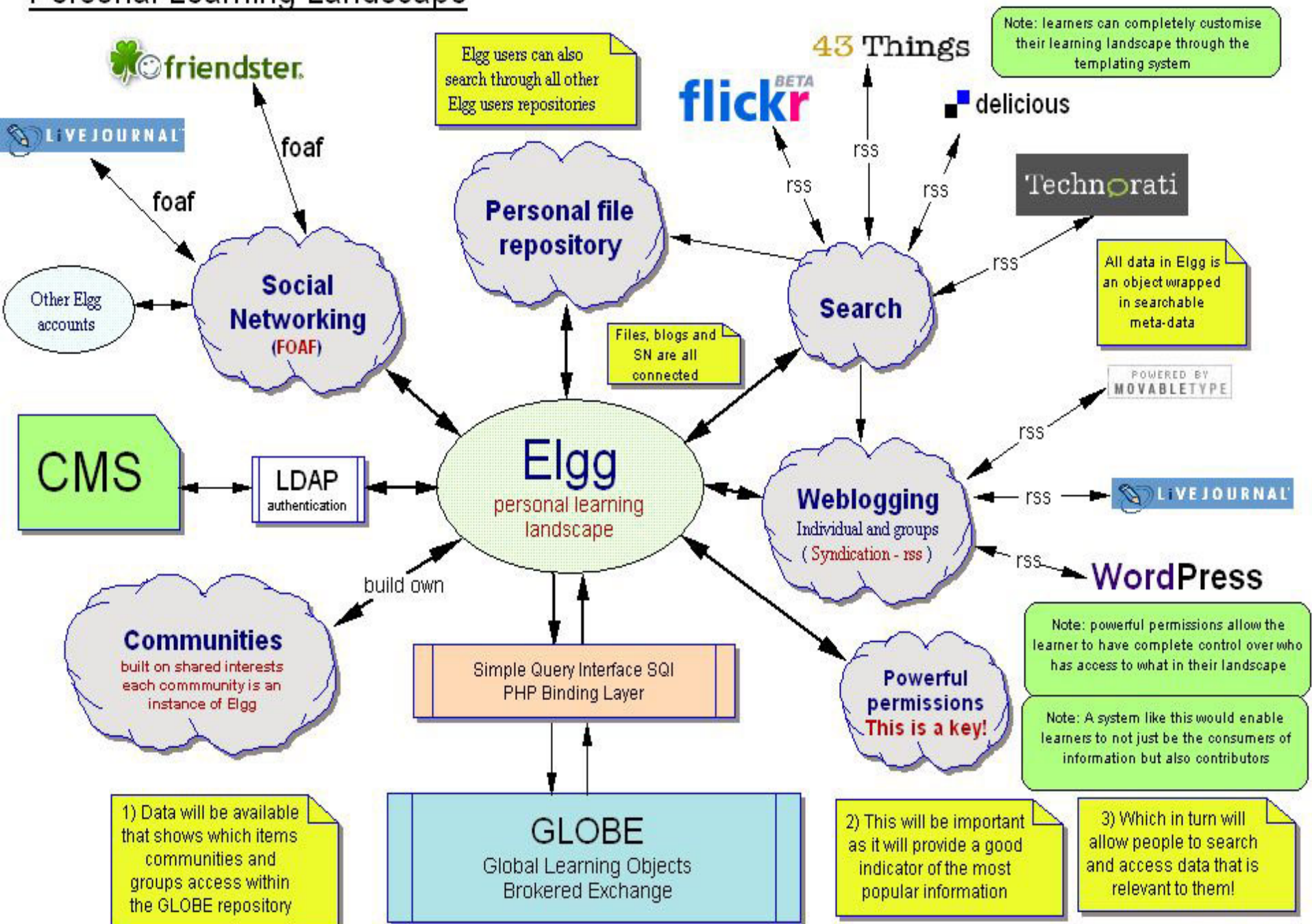
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Ocotillo: Small Technologies Loosely Joined



Personal Learning Landscape



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