

TEACHING INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT (ISD) USING “VIRTUAL TEAM” PROJECTS

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we discuss our experiences in designing and implementing a “virtual team” systems development project that enabled us to incorporate the different types of knowledge relevant to teaching Information Systems Development (ISD) and the different stages of learning applicable to students in institutions of higher education. We outline some of the unique advantages as well as potential pitfalls that professors interested in adopting this project structure should be aware of. We also provide a framework that can guide the design and evaluation of ISD courses.