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The technology boundary: a strategy to bridge the gap

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The technology boundary – some apparent characteristics

- Appears difficult to cross
- Confounded by a different language
- Constructed by IT specialists
- The classroom is becoming second best
- Risk of being left behind
- Student expectation (explicit)
- Institutional expectation (tacit)



The upshot

- Technology dominance
- Difficult to envision the potential of IT
- Lost opportunities for enhancing teaching and learning



The UWE strategy

- Reduce bottlenecks and dependencies on small numbers of technical staff
- Not require teachers to re-skill
- Teachers use the media with which they are familiar
- Let technology do conversions to web friendly formats

The tools

- Word to html – Transit
- PowerPoint to Flash – Pointe Cast Publisher
- Office documents to pdf – Active pdf
- All tools available on networked drives – upload files to source folders and pick up conversions from output folders.

