

## Use of the Collaborative Wall to Improve the Teaching-Learning Conditions in the Bachelor of Visual Arts

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### Abstract

This mixed research analyzes the use of the Collaborative Wall to improve the teaching-learning conditions in the Bachelor of Visual Arts considering data science and machine learning (linear regression). The sample is made up of 46 students who took the Geometric Representation Systems course at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) during the 2019 school year. The Collaborative Wall is a web application that facilitates the organization and dissemination of ideas through the use of images and text. In the classroom, the students formed teams and used mobile devices to access this web application. The results of machine learning indicate that the organization of ideas in the Collaborative Wall positively influences the participation of students, motivation and learning process. Data science identifies 3 predictive models about the use of this web application in the educational field. Also, the Collaborative Wall facilitates the learning process in the classroom through the comparison and discussion of information. Finally, technological advances allow organizing creative activities that favor the active role of students.

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### INTRODUCTION

Technological advances are causing the creation of new school activities inside and outside the classroom (Costantino, 2018; Mannathoko & Mamvuto, 2018; Pavlou, 2020). As a result, teachers use technological tools, educational platforms and web applications to facilitate the participation of students at any time (Marshalsey & Sclater, 2019; Tadayonifar & Entezari, 2020; Wilks, Cutcher, & Wilks, 2015).

During the 21st century, teachers are transforming the educational context with the support of technology (Salas-Rueda, 2020; Wargo, 2020; Wet, 2017). These changes are causing that students acquire a leading role during the learning process (Gonzalez *et al.*, 2020; Kite *et al.*, 2020; Strycker, 2020).

Today, the roles of students and teachers are changing due to the emergence of new technological tools (Gopalan, Fentem, & Rever, 2020; Kerr & Lawson, 2020; Marshalsey & Sclater, 2019). Therefore, students

have the possibility to consult the information, use the educational platforms and review the course contents from anywhere (Brown & Fridman, 2020; Chen *et al.*, 2020; Rathner & Schier, 2020).

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) has improved the teaching-learning conditions in the Faculties of Arts and Design through the use of mobile devices (Souleles *et al.*, 2017), Learning Management System (Strycker, 2020), reality augmented (Kerr & Lawson, 2020), technology applications (Brown & Fridman, 2020; Marshalsey & Sclater, 2019) and social networks (Marshalsey & Sclater, 2019).

This mixed research proposes the use of the Collaborative Wall to improve the teaching-learning conditions in the Bachelor of Visual Arts. The Collaborative Wall is a web application that facilitates the organization and dissemination of ideas through the use of images and text. Therefore, the research questions are:

- What is the impact of the Collaborative Wall in the participation of the students, motivation and learning process?
- What are the predictive models about the use of the Collaborative Wall in the educational field considering the characteristics of the students?
- What is the students' perception about the use of the Collaborative Wall in the Geometric Representation Systems course?

### USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE FACULTIES OF ARTS AND DESIGN

Today, educational institutions are using pedagogical models and technology to transform the teaching-learning process in the Faculties of Arts and Design (Costantino, 2018; Kerr & Lawson, 2020). For example, the use of Blended Learning (BL) and Augmented Reality (AR) allowed the construction of new educational spaces that facilitate the teaching-learning process in the field of Design (Kerr & Lawson, 2020). In particular, the Master of Time application facilitated the active participation of the students inside and outside the classroom, improved the academic performance about the issues of earth architecture and increased the motivation (Kerr & Lawson, 2020).

At the College of Arts and Design, the incorporation of technology caused that students actively participate inside and outside the classroom (Souleles *et al.*, 2017). In particular, the use of iPads facilitated the consultation of information and allowed the access to educational platforms at any time (Souleles *et al.*, 2017). Furthermore, the teachers of the Faculty of Arts and Design organized various student-centered activities such as discussion forums through these mobile devices (Souleles *et al.*, 2017).

In the Design course, the GFV application facilitated the collaborative work and developed the skills of the students (Brown & Fridman, 2020). Even this application favored the critical thinking and realization of the discussion forums during the face-to-face sessions (Brown & Fridman, 2020). Technological advances are causing substantial changes in the Faculty of Arts and Design (Costantino, 2018). For example, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) are improving the teaching-learning conditions through the active participation of the students before, during and after the face-to-face sessions (Costantino, 2018).

In the Visual Arts course, the use of technology facilitated the assimilation of knowledge and development of skills (Wilks, Cutcher, & Wilks, 2015). In fact, the use of web applications and pedagogical models transformed the teaching-learning process on the Visual Arts (Wilks, Cutcher, & Wilks, 2015). In the field of Arts and Design, teachers use the Learning Management System (LMS) such as Moodle and Blackboard to facilitate the assimilation of knowledge and develop the skills of the students (Strycker, 2020). Likewise, the incorporation of LMS in the school activities allows acquiring the knowledge at home in order to carry out the collaborative activities during the face-to-face sessions (Strycker, 2020).

In the Contemporary Communication Design course, the students acquired a leading role during the realization of the school activities through the use of social media and technology applications (Marshalsey & Sclater, 2019). In particular, Snapchat facilitated the communication and interaction between the



**Figure 1.** Collaborative Wall

participants of the educational process (Marshalsey & Sclater, 2019). Furthermore, the GoPro application facilitated the active role of students through the creation of videos (Marshalsey & Sclater, 2019).

Technology is transforming the school activities, functions and attitudes of students and teachers at the Faculties of Arts and Design (Marshalsey & Sclater, 2019; Strycker, 2020). Consequently, institutions have the opportunity to build new educational spaces with the support of digital tools (Brown & Fridman, 2020; Kerr & Lawson, 2020; Salas-Rueda, Salas-Rueda, & Salas-Rueda, 2020).

## METHOD

This mixed research analyzes the use of the Collaborative Wall to improve the teaching-learning conditions in the Bachelor of Visual Arts considering data science and machine learning (linear regression). The particular objectives are (1) analyze the impact of the Collaborative Wall in the participation of the students, motivation and learning process, (2) establish the predictive models on the use of the Collaborative Wall in the Geometric Representation Systems course and (3) analyze the students' perception about the use of the Collaborative Wall.

### Participants

The sample is made up of 46 students (10 men and 36 women) who took the Geometric Representation Systems course at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) during the 2019 school year. The average age of the participants is 18.89 years.

### Procedure

The teacher of the Geometric Representation Systems course took the "Classroom of the Future 2019" Diploma in order to improve the teaching-learning conditions through pedagogy and technology. This diploma offers the use of the Collaborative Wall to promote the active role of students during the learning process. The Collaborative Wall is a web application that facilitates the organization and dissemination of ideas through the use of images and text (See **Figure 1**).

In the Geometric Representation Systems course, the students searched for and selected the images about Spirals in Nature (fossils, plants and animals) before the face-to-face sessions. The use of technology in the classroom was carried out during 3 sessions (Total hours: 6). In the face-to-face sessions, the students of the Bachelor of Visual Arts formed teams (3 students) and used the SketchUp application to manipulate the images about Spirals in Nature. Subsequently, the students used mobile devices to share and discuss the results of the school activity in the Collaborative Wall.

The research hypotheses on the use of the Collaborative Wall in the educational field are:

- Hypothesis 1 (H1): The organization of ideas in the Collaborative Wall positively influences the participation of the students

**Table 1.** Questionnaire about the use of Collaborative Wall

No.	Variable	Dimension	Question	Answer	n	%
1	Profile of the students	Sex	1. Indicate your sex	Man	10	21.74%
				Woman	36	78.26%
		Age	2. Indicate your age	17 years	4	8.70%
				18 years	21	45.65%
				19 years	10	21.74%
				20 years	4	8.70%
				21 years	2	4.35%
				22 years	4	8.70%
				23 years	1	2.17%
2	Collaborative Wall	Organization of ideas	3. The Collaborative Wall facilitates the organization of ideas	Too much (1)	20	43.48%
				Much (2)	15	32.61%
				Little (3)	7	15.22%
				Too little (4)	4	8.70%
		Participation of the students	4. The use of the Collaborative Wall improves the participation of the students	Too much (1)	31	67.39%
				Much (2)	6	13.04%
				Little (3)	4	8.70%
				Too little (4)	5	10.87%
		Motivation of the students	5. The use of the Collaborative Wall increases the motivation of the students	Too much (1)	24	52.17%
				Much (2)	11	23.91%
				Little (3)	4	8.70%
				Too little (4)	7	15.22%
		Learning process	6. The use of the Collaborative Wall improves the learning process	Too much (1)	18	39.13%
				Much (2)	13	28.26%
				Little (3)	9	19.57%
				Too little (4)	6	13.04%

- Hypothesis 2 (H2): The organization of ideas in the Collaborative Wall positively influences the motivation of the students
- Hypothesis 3 (H3): The organization of ideas in the Collaborative Wall positively influences the learning process

The predictive models on the use of the Collaborative Wall in the Geometric Representation Systems course are:

- Predictive Model 1 (PM1) on the organization of ideas in the Collaborative Wall and participation of the students
- Predictive Model 2 (PM2) on the organization of ideas in the Collaborative Wall and motivation of the students
- Predictive Model 3 (PM3) on the organization of ideas in the Collaborative Wall and learning process

### Data Collection

**Table 1** shows the questionnaire about the use of the Collaborative Wall in the Geometric Representation Systems course. Data collection was carried out at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (Faculty of Arts and Design) during the 2019 school year.

### Data Analysis

This mixed research uses the Word Cloud app during the qualitative approach and the Rapidminer tool during the quantitative approach in order to calculate machine learning and data science. Machine learning allows

**Table 2.** Results of machine learning

Hypothesis	Training	Linear regression	Conclusion	Squared error	t-Stat	p-Value
H1: Organization of ideas in the Collaborative Wall → participation of the students	50%	$y = 0.124x + 1.000$	Accepted: 0.124	1.994	0.842	0.408
	60%	$y = 0.208x + 0.941$	Accepted: 0.208	1.945	1.360	0.185
	70%	$y = 0.218x + 0.898$	Accepted: 0.218	2.519	1.677	0.103
H2: Organization of ideas in the Collaborative Wall → motivation of the students	50%	$y = 0.337x + 1.283$	Accepted: 0.337	0.778	1.195	0.245
	60%	$y = 0.292x + 1.360$	Accepted: 0.292	0.708	2.366	0.025
	70%	$y = 0.343x + 1.179$	Accepted: 0.343	0.683	3.347	0.002
H3: Organization of ideas in the Collaborative Wall → learning process	50%	$y = 0.405x + 1.207$	Accepted: 0.405	0.819	2.644	0.015
	60%	$y = 0.489x + 1.072$	Accepted: 0.489	0.929	2.872	0.008
	70%	$y = 0.531x + 0.914$	Accepted: 0.531	1.101	3.310	0.002

**Table 3.** Conditions of the PM1

No.	Collaborative Wall → organization of ideas	Sex	Age	Use of the Collaborative Wall → participation
1	Too much	-	-	Too much
2	Much	-	> 19.5 years	Much
3	Much	-	≤ 19.5 years	Too much
4	Little	Man	-	Too little
5	Little	Woman	-	Too much
6	Too little	Man	> 18.5 years	Much
7	Too little	Woman	> 18.5 years	Too little
8	Too little	-	≤ 18.5 years	Too much

evaluating the research hypotheses about the use of the Collaborative Wall through the training section (50%, 60% and 70% of the sample). On the other hand, the evaluation section (50%, 40% and 30% of the sample) allows identifying the accuracy of the linear regressions. Likewise, data science allows building the predictive models on the use of the Collaborative Wall in the educational field through the decision tree technique.

## RESULTS

The Collaborative Wall facilitates too much ( $n = 20$ , 43.48%), much ( $n = 15$ , 32.61%), little ( $n = 7$ , 15.22%) and too little ( $n = 4$ , 8.70%) the organization of ideas (See **Table 1**). The results of machine learning indicate that the organization of ideas in the Collaborative Wall positively influences the participation of the students, motivation and learning process (See **Table 2**).

According to the results of machine learning with 50% (0.405), 60% (0.489) and 70% (0.531) of training, the variable that most influences the organization of ideas in the Collaborative Wall is the learning process.

### Participation of the Students

The use of the Collaborative Wall improves too much ( $n = 31$ , 67.39%), much ( $n = 6$ , 13.04%), little ( $n = 4$ , 8.70%) and too little ( $n = 5$ , 10.87%) the participation of the students (See **Table 1**). The results of machine learning with 50% (0.124), 60% (0.208) and 70% (0.218) of training indicate that H1 is accepted (See **Table 2**). Therefore, the organization of ideas in the Collaborative Wall positively influences the participation of the students.

**Table 3** shows the PM1 on the use of the Collaborative Wall. For example, if the student thinks that the Collaborative Wall facilitates much the organization of ideas and has an age > 19.5 years then the use of the Collaborative Wall improves much the participation of the students.

Also, **Table 3** shows the 8 conditions of the PM1 with the accuracy of 78.26%. For example, if the student thinks that the Collaborative Wall facilitates too much the organization of ideas then the use of the Collaborative Wall improves too much the participation of the students.

### Motivation of the Students

The use of the Collaborative Wall increases too much ( $n = 24$ , 52.17%), much ( $n = 11$ , 23.91%), little ( $n = 4$ , 8.70%) and too little ( $n = 7$ , 15.22%) the motivation of the students (See **Table 1**). The results of machine

**Table 4.** Conditions of the PM2

No.	Collaborative Wall → organization of ideas	Sex	Age	Use of the Collaborative Wall → motivation
1	Too much	-	> 17.5 years	Too much
2	Too much	Man	≤ 17.5 years	Too little
3	Too much	Woman	≤ 17.5 years	Much
4	Much	-	> 19.5 years	Much
5	Much	Man	≤ 19.5 years	Too little
6	Much	Woman	≤ 19.5 years	Much
7	Little	Man	-	Little
8	Little	Woman	> 19.5 years	Too little
9	Little	Woman	≤ 19.5 years	Much
10	Too little	-	> 18.5 years	Too little
11	Too little	-	≤ 18.5 years	Too much

**Table 5.** Conditions of the PM3

No.	Collaborative Wall → organization of ideas	Sex	Age	Use of the Collaborative Wall → learning process
1	Too much	-	> 20 years	Too little
2	Too much	-	> 17.5 and ≤ 20 years	Too much
3	Too much	-	≤ 17.5 years	Much
4	Much	-	> 17.5 years	Much
5	Much	-	≤ 17.5 years	Too much
6	Little	Man	> 19.5 years	Little
7	Little	Woman	> 19.5 years	Too little
8	Little	-	≤ 19.5 and > 18.5 years	Much
9	Little	-	≤ 18.5 years	Little
10	Too little	-	≤ 18.5 years	Much
11	Too little	-	> 18.5 years	Too little

learning with 50% (0.337), 60% (0.292) and 70% (0.343) of training indicate that H2 is accepted (See **Table 2**). Therefore, the organization of ideas in the Collaborative Wall positively influences the motivation of the students.

**Table 4** shows the PM2 on the use of the collaborative wall. For example, if the student thinks that the Collaborative Wall facilitates much the organization of ideas and has an age > 19.5 years then the use of the Collaborative Wall increases much the motivation of the students.

Also, **Table 4** shows the 11 conditions of PM2 with an accuracy of 71.74%. For example, if the student thinks that the Collaborative Wall facilitates too much the organization of ideas and has an age > 17.5 years then the use of the Collaborative Wall increases too much the motivation of the students.

### Learning Process

The use of the Collaborative Wall improves too much ( $n = 18$ , 39.13%), much ( $n = 13$ , 28.26%), little ( $n = 9$ , 19.57%) and too little ( $n = 6$ , 13.04%) the learning process (See **Table 1**). The results of machine learning with 50% (0.405), 60% (0.489) and 70% (0.531) of training indicate that H3 is accepted (See **Table 2**). Therefore, the organization of ideas in the Collaborative Wall positively influences the learning process.

**Table 5** shows the PM3 about the use of the Collaborative Wall. For example, if the student thinks that the Collaborative Wall facilitates much the organization of ideas and has an age > 17.5 years then the use of the Collaborative Wall improves much the learning process.

Also, **Table 5** shows the 11 conditions of the PM3 with the accuracy of 71.64%. For example, if the student thinks that the Collaborative Wall facilitates much the organization of ideas and has an age ≤ 17.5 years then the use of the Collaborative Wall improves too much the learning process.



**Figure 2.** Word cloud about the use of the Collaborative Wall

### Perception of the Students

The use of the Collaborative Wall in the Geometric Representation Systems course improved the teaching-learning conditions. In fact, this web application allows the construction of new educational spaces:

“It makes the class more entertaining” (Student 4, woman, 20 years).

“It facilitates the work in the classroom” (Student 10, woman, 18 years).

In the Bachelor of Visual Arts, the students mention that the use of the Collaborative Wall facilitates the learning process in the classroom through the comparison and discussion of information.

“Compare the ideas to reach a conclusion” (Student 8, woman, 18 years).

“Compare the ideas and points of view” (Student 28, man, 18 years).

Technological advances allow the creation of the school activities that favor the learning process. According to the students, the use of the Collaborative Wall in the classroom was interesting and fun.

“It is very interesting and fun. I like” (Student 32, woman, 18 years).

“We reached agreements as teams, it was fun and useful” (Student 39, man, 22 years).

Technology facilitates the organization and realization of student-centered activities. In particular, the incorporation of the Collaborative Wall in the school activities allows the active participation of students.

“We collaborate in real time” (Student 5, man, 18 years).

“Team participation” (Student 9, woman, 17 years).

On the other hand, the word cloud about the use of the Collaborative Wall indicates that fun, learning, class, ideas, topic, dynamic and learn are the words that have the highest frequency (See **Figure 2**).

### DISCUSSION

The incorporation of technology in the school activities allows improving the teaching-learning conditions. In particular, most of the students ( $n = 20$ , 43.48%) think that the Collaborative Wall facilitates too much the organization of ideas.

### **Participation of the Students**

Most of the students ( $n = 31$ , 67.39%) think that the use of the Collaborative Wall improves too much the participation of the students. The results of machine learning on H1 are greater than 0.120, therefore, the organization of ideas in the Collaborative Wall positively influences the participation of students. On the other hand, data science identifies 8 conditions of the PM1 with an accuracy of 78.26%.

### **Motivation of the Students**

Most of the students ( $n = 24$ , 52.17%) think that the use of the Collaborative Wall increases too much the motivation of the students. The results of machine learning on H2 are greater than 0.290, therefore, the organization of ideas in the Collaborative Wall positively influences the motivation of students. On the other hand, data science identifies 11 conditions of the PM2 with an accuracy of 71.74%.

### **Learning Process**

Most of the students ( $n = 18$ , 39.13%) think that the use of the Collaborative Wall improves too much the learning process. The results of machine learning on H3 are greater than 0.400, therefore, the organization of ideas in the Collaborative Wall positively influences the learning process. On the other hand, data science identifies 11 conditions of the PM3 with an accuracy of 71.64%.

### **Perception of the Students**

The incorporation of the Collaborative Wall in the Geometric Representation Systems course improved the teaching-learning conditions and allowed the construction of new educational spaces. In particular, this web application facilitated the comparison and discussion of information in the classroom. According to the students, the use of the Collaborative Wall in the classroom was interesting and fun. Also, this web application allows the active role of the participants during the learning process.

## **CONCLUSION**

The incorporation of technology in the school activities is causing the realization of creative school activities. In particular, the Collaborative Wall transformed the roles of the participants during the educational process and facilitated the active role of the students in the Geometric Representation Systems course. The results of machine learning indicate that the organization of ideas in the Collaborative Wall positively influences the participation of the students, motivation and learning process. Also, data science identifies 3 predictive models of the use of this web application in the educational field.

The limitations of this research are the use of the Collaborative Wall in the Bachelor of Visual Arts and size of the sample. Therefore, future research can analyze the impact on the use of this web application in various degrees such as Computer Science, Marketing, Medicine and Administration.

Finally, teachers can organize and carry out creative school activities through the Collaborative Wall. In fact, this web application allows the construction of new educational spaces where the student has the main role during the learning process.

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