



National Capital Region Chapter of the
ACM Special Interest Group on Computer Human Interaction

Show Me Your Stuff: Assessing the Skills and Behaviors of Gaming eLearners

Presented by **Kenton White**, Distil

Thursday, February 15, 2007, 7:00 – 9:00 PM at bitHeads, Inc.

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What?

This talk will explain a new and innovative approach to eLearning. We focus on automated teaching and testing solutions that enhance personnel skills training and assessment. Our highly intuitive and interactive digital games provide virtual environments where players learn and demonstrate skills and behaviours for anything from interviewing techniques to emergency response procedures—really, the possibilities are endless. Can what we do really be considered eLearning? It surely could be. But think of it more as an evolution since we go one step further. Our products assess skills and behaviours. Up until recently, you could write a test to demonstrate your knowledge, but our games now allow you to prove what you can do. Rather than being evaluated on any one answer, the player's entire decision making process will be taken into consideration.

Who?

Kenton White is a founder and CTO of Distil, where he can apply his technical simulation background and love of games to pioneer a new approach to eLearning. Prior to Distil, Kenton created scientific simulations for a number of organizations including Nortel, Bookham and Department of Defense. He received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Arizona in 1999.

When and Where?

This event will take place on Thursday, February 15, 2007 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM at bitHeads, Inc. (<http://www.bitheads.com/>), located at 1309 Carling Avenue, Ottawa (in the Westgate Shopping Centre), ON K1Z 7L3 Canada.

- Free parking is available on site.
- Bus routes that serve or run near the Westgate Shopping Centre include 85, 101, 151, and 176.
- Check OC Transpo website for more details (<http://www.octranspo.com/>).

Note: The bitHeads entrance is located outside on the east side of the building next door to Pet Smart and Blockbusters, and facing Merivale Rd and across from the Royal Ottawa Hospital.

Please arrive 5-10 minutes earlier to allow for registering.

The meeting fee is \$5 for non-members and free for CapCHI members (\$20/year). Membership is for the session period (September 2006-August 2007) - anyone can join!

Refreshments will be provided for the meeting.

For more information see www.capchi.org or contact info@capchi.org.