Experience of Video-classes Related to Mobile Development Produced by Multidisciplinary Students who used the Challenge Based Learning Methodology

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Motivation
Motivation (I/II)

- Educational program that teaches mobile development to multidisciplinary students, who came from different courses
- 20 hours per week
- Providing opportunities of learning to our students
- Video classes in Portuguese
Motivation (II/II)

- Videos in Portuguese related to mobile development with low quality
- Several people in Brazil do not speak English
- Contribution to the community interested to learn mobile development and does not master English
Main Goals

★ How it contributed to the learning of the students

★ How CBL influenced the video classes created

★ Which additional impacts happened from these new contents
Learning Methodology
http://challengebasedlearning.org/
1. Big Idea
2. Essential Question
3. Challenge
INVESTIGATE

1. Guiding Questions
2. Guiding Activities/Resources
3. Analysis
1. Solution
2. Implementation
3. Evaluation
Activities Offered
Participants

Group 1: 37 students

Group 2: 38 students
Participants

Group 1:
- 10 courses
- Feb, 2016 to Dec, 2017

Group 2:
- 9 courses
- Feb, 2018 to Dec, 2019
Approach to both groups

(step 1) CBL application

(step 2) Video class activity

(step 3) Gathering data
Group 1
Step 1

CBL application

- Students presented to CBL from a lecture
- They participated in several challenges ranging from 2 weeks to 3 months
- Teachers avoided giving immediate answers to questions made by them
- Resources recommended and teachers motivated them to research from questions
That activity was offered to students twice

A set of requirements of the activity were offered by teachers (e.g. subject related to mobile development, max. 10 minutes etc.)

To guarantee technical correctness and good quality in the videos, a set of steps were followed

YouTube channel called DEV PUC-Rio
Students received a survey with a set of questions:

- how the experience in participating of both activities was
- how they felt the learning acquired from the activity
- if the CBL impacted the video classes created

Anonymous
Group 2
Challenge offered without having any previous lecture mentioning CBL terms and definition.

That challenge lasted 2 weeks.

Students also had challenges ranging from 2 weeks till 3 months of duration.

The “challenge" term was not used to describe the activity to be offered.
Step 2

Video class activity

- That activity was offered to students once in Sep, 2018.
- The same requirements of the activity were offered by teachers.
- Videos also published in the Youtube channel.
Step 3

(Step 3)
Gathering data

- Students received the same survey with a set of questions
- Anonymous
Results and Discussion
Number of Videos

- **Group 1**
  - Activity 1: 35 videos
  - Activity 2: 40 videos

- **Group 2**
  - Activity 1: 46 videos
More than 20
More than 50% of students
Opportunity to learn other subjects (I/II)

Storyboard

Screen capture

Video edition

Audio edition
More than 80% of students learned at least one of that topics
CBL Influence

- A good part of the students considered the impact of the learning methodology minor. Group 1: 23. Group 2: 14.

- According to group 1, CBL would be present if some document describing the learning process was created.

- During the activity to create video classes, CBL terms were not used as often by students and teachers in previous challenges.

- Some students, who had previous experience with other active learning/teaching approaches, sometimes did not relate steps of the CBL to actions that they were making.
The data collected showed that group 2 thought it was more useful than group 1.

Maybe a reason that influenced that result could be to have applied that activity twice for the group 1.
Additional Results

- YouTube channel achieved more than 120 available videos and more than 2 thousand subscribers.
- It became an additional reference to new editions of the educational program performed at Rio de Janeiro.
- Some students were recognized at national and international events of development from people, who were subscribers of the Youtube channel.
- Teachers mapped on social media, students who continued creating contents for the community or participating in events. Group 1: at least 15 people. Group 2: at least 22 students.
Conclusions and Future Works
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To have a Portuguese version of the CBL

To offer a more personalized learning track related to production of new contents could be introduced to students
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