

# Integrating Testing & Learning

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## IT Skills Certification

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### Background



- "New" e-assessment division within Electric Paper



- Largest company within ThirdForce plc
  - 95% of 2005 Revenue



- Stock market listing in London and Dublin. Mkt Cap ~ €40M.  
[www.thirdforceplc.com](http://www.thirdforceplc.com)



- E-learning specialist in :
  - ICT
  - E-Assessment
  - Skills for Life
  - Food Safety



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### EP Assessment – the past

- "New" e-assessment division within Electric Paper
- "Long" history in industry terms
- E-assessment at EP
  - Approved automated test supplier for ECDL since 1999
  - Online test launched in 2003
  - Over 2.7 million tests delivered
- Assessment central to learning process
  - Diagnostic
  - Formative
  - Adaptive
  - Certification (Summative)

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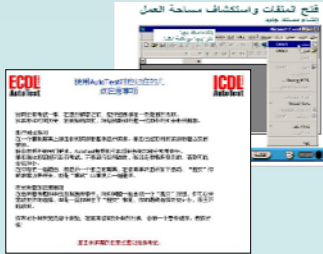
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## EP Assessment – the present

- **Leader in simulation based testing worldwide**



Partners include :

- ECDL Foundation (Dublin)
- UFI LearnDirect
- UNESCO
- OCR



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## EP Assessment – the future

- **Innovative e-learning**
  - Tools not content
  - Integrated with teaching
- **Innovative embedded assessments..**
  - From MCQ to Multimedia
- **..at the heart of learning**
  - Assessment Tools
  - New curriculum design

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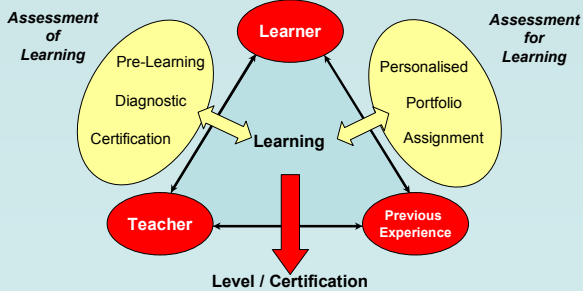
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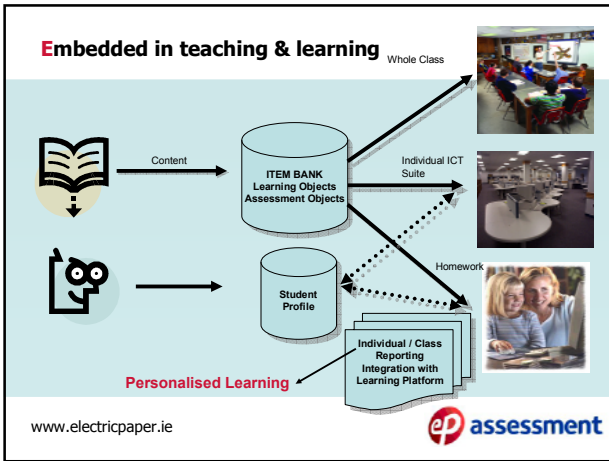
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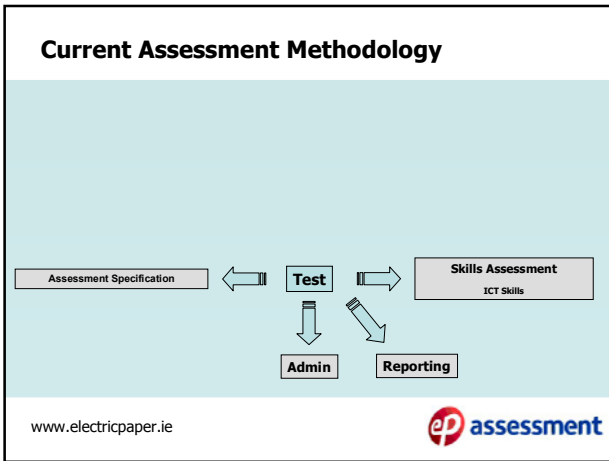
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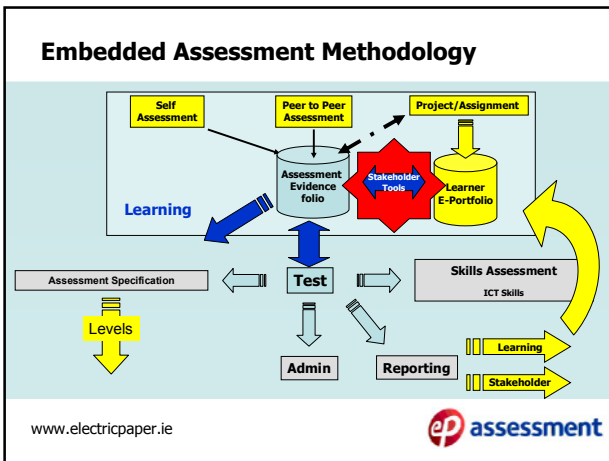
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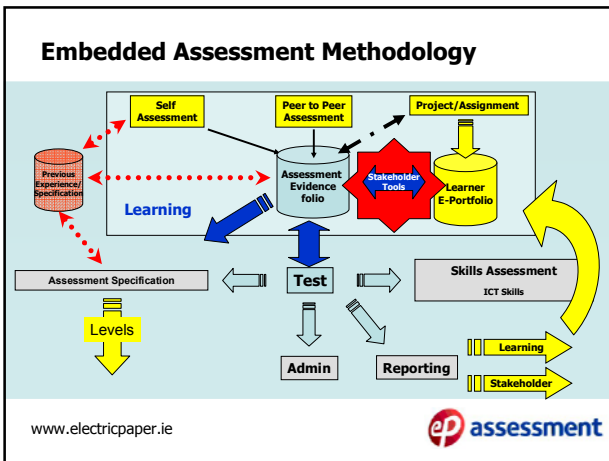
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- ### Embedded in the curriculum
- Design "new qualifications" around innovative method of learning and assessment
  - Free from "legacy" restrictions
  - Technology underpinning learning and assessment
  - On-demand assessment + e-portfolio
  - Extensive use of new media
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- ### Conclusion
- Evolution not revolution ?
  - Technology now embedded in life → critical role in education
  - Strengthen connection between teacher + learner
  - Evolution towards Assessment for Learning
- + Revolution of Assessment Methodologies**
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Questions

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