

Learning by fooling (around)

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Overview

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- THE FOOLING GAME "SIG GLUE winner"
- CONCLUSIONS

success factors

OUTLOOK

- back 2 business





START – how did I get into this?

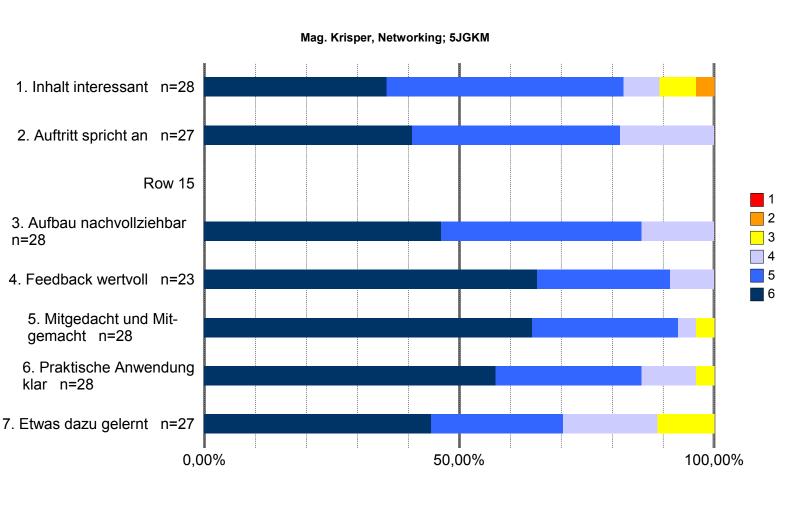
- started teaching 2001
- 2003 I got stuck in a workshop
- availabiliy of technology: www.factline.com
- I launched a discussion forum
- successful turnaround¹

¹ Krisper-Ullyett L. Erfahrungsbericht, German language: http://lotte.krisper.com/121837.0

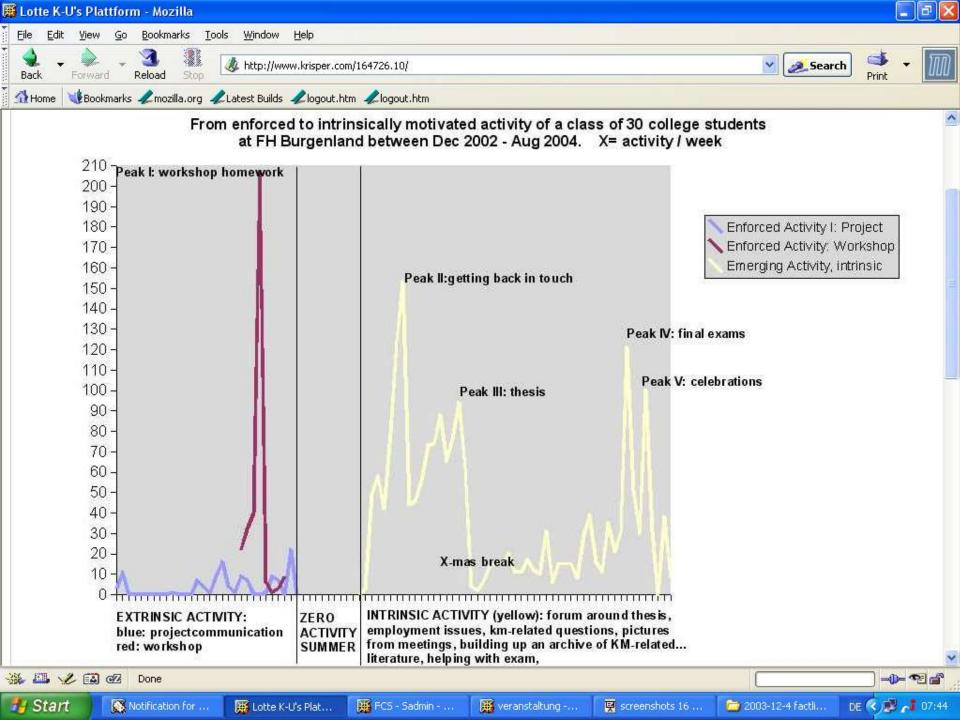




START - evaluations by students exceptional









START

I want to try "this" again and again





"The Fooling Game"

- Problem
- Original game
- Webbased

- use of language
- "Lexikonspiel"
- adaptations





"The Fooling Game"

SIG GLUE COMPETITION ENTRY TEXT

- Objective of the game: Make students think about scientific use of language and make them play with it. Make them go back to primary literature – "what did the author really say"?
- The rules of the game: 1st round: Each student is asked to post three topic-related statements in his/her own words (not copy&paste), based on selected scientific literature. But: One statement has to be a "foul statement" i.e. it still sounds super scientific, but is proven nonsense. 2nd round: The students have to classify each other's statements: OK or nonsense? 3rd round: The cards are put on the table: which of the statements have been manipulated?

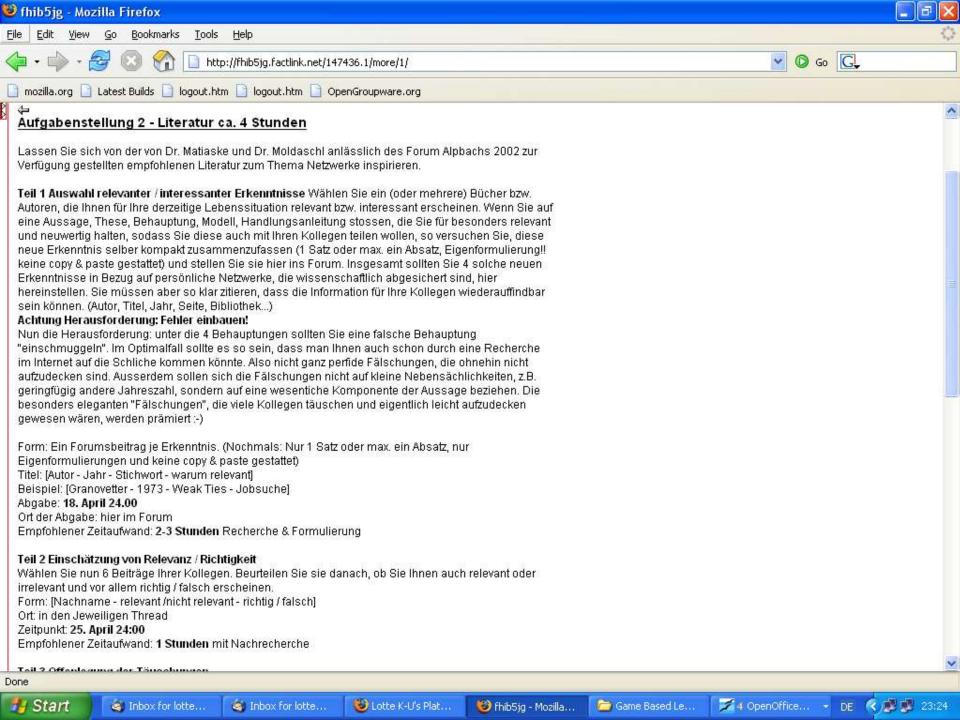
Who wins

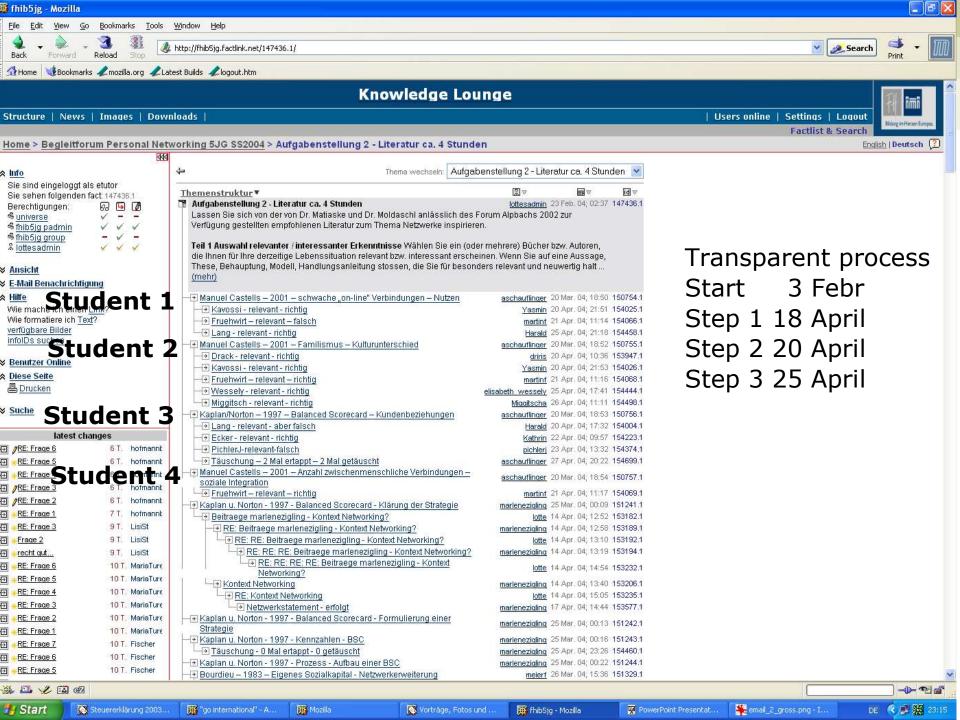
 Winner type A: The student, who has been able to uncover most of the other student's manipulations. Winner type B: The student who has been able to fool most of the other participants.

Links:

- Link to a conference, a short paper and ppt (German) http://www.factline.com/176824.0
- Link to the live game as it happened in summer 2004: http://fhib5jg.factlink.net/147436.0 username: testlku password testen (with kind permission by the students)

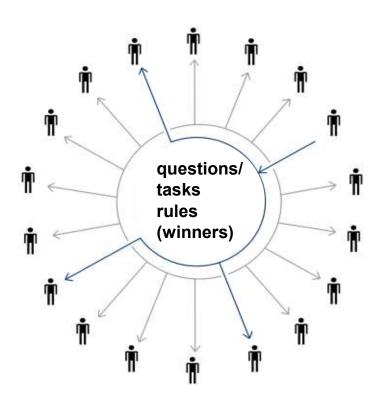








CONCLUSIONS – collaboration ≈ game

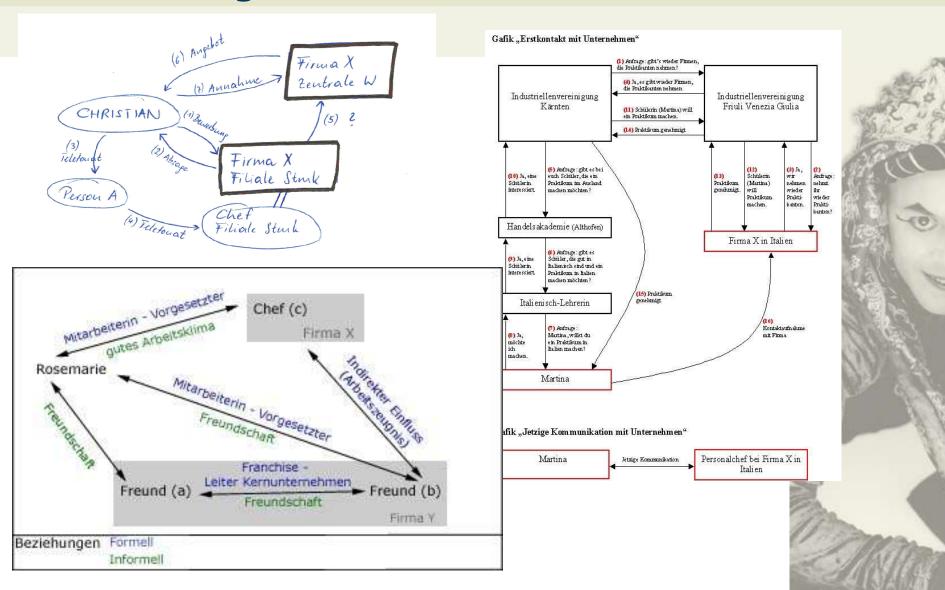


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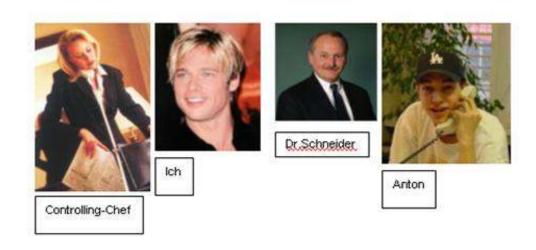


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CONCLUSIONS

- Take a group of people, pencil and paper...you can play 1000 games
- Students play with students, not with teachers
- They play in their spare time, voluntarily
- No special software needed. Minimal requirement: forum
- Success factors:
 - Quality of assignments / instruction
 - Trust no influence on grades
 - Know your group
 - homogeneous -> fun
 - heterogeneous -> curiosity
 - Gender aspect there is one!
 - Want to know more? i-know/julia michl/ 29 jun



OUTLOOK

- Role games ("murder mystery party kit")
- Back 2 business
 - Collaborative learning at work
 - Communities of practice





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