Networks, Web 2.0, and the connected learner

This chapter focuses on communal learning through the web 2.0. Web 2.0 is a semantic web that focuses on user generated content, collaboration, and communication. Web 2.0 is a helpful learning tool because it offers new opportunities to take control of their learning, encourages a wider range of expressive capacity, facilitates more collaborative ways of working, and furnishes a setting for learner achievements to attract an authentic audience. Some of the problems with web 2.0 in formal education are privacy (obviously), Persistence (formal education likes to chunk learning and web 2.0 is on going), support (little support from IT and the school).