What I Learned and What I Would Do Differently – Reflections from First Time Online Learners and Teachers.

The differences between the virtual classroom and the traditional classroom can seem quite large, and the division between the two has expanded rapidly with the availability of new synchronous, asynchronous, Web 2.0 and social networking technologies. But what are the major obstacles and transitions new online teachers and students must overcome in order to flourish in this highly technical and demanding learning environment? This presentation includes reflections, advice, dialogs, and observations from both teachers and students who experience online learning for the first time. From their comments and recommendations we have created a set of guidelines for creating engaging, interactive and effective online lessons and activities specifically for new online participants.