

# TalkTech 2009 :

## Plan for common Multimedia Intercultural project between USA and Romania

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### *Students:*

Romanian Students background:

- IV year of study – engineering in Multimedia
- Course taught Multimedia Technologies American Students Background:
- approximately 30 students, all first year college students at a business university

## Aims :

- to use information technology that may have cultural or society influences;
- to create a context in which students had to work effectively with international partners in a project

**Time frame:** 26/10/2009 – 6/12/2009

## The Project:

In this project you will collaborate with students from another country (Romania / USA) to create a tangible work product that involves your researching a particular topic, and then create a wiki page and/or a blog with a subject in information and communication technologies, multimedia, with your partners to showcase your work. The presentation may take the form of a wikipage with images, blogs entry, a PPT, or a video which will be uploaded in the ViCaDiS site. For this project you will use the ViCaDiS environment <http://www.vicadis.net/campus/> where you will have accounts and pages for the wiki, blog and resources upload. You need to use new information from the one received from your professor in the class and to relate it to your culture. Your group will post the final product in the project area in ViCaDiS site. You will have the freedom to use anything you want (Skype, IM, wiki, PPT, etc) to communicate and to produce the presentation, but in this presentation you need to include also the process – proofs of each student contribution - in your personal blog, at the end credits, to record the communication (skypecast or IM archive) and to integrate it in the resources area, file upload. Both tutors will continuously support you online during the project.

# Topics

Topics should be related to ICT, multimedia, the technology and the Internet & WWW. Each group should do one topic. You will need to subscribe to one topic in the online ViCaDiS. Suggested topics:

1. how do you use information and communication technologies and for what?
2. the use of WWW resources in your education 3. the use of WWW resources in your life
4. how WWW evolved in the last years?
5. what are the mobile phone applications of the future and why?
6. how do you analyze websites with rich user experiences which you like for visualization and/or accessibility, usability?
7. how are mobile phones integrated in your student life?
8. give examples of green IT and how this is implemented in your country
9. how a green computer can be built?
10. what are the five most important web sites you should know about?
11. best experiences in facebook or social networking
12. your most common troubleshooting for your computer (the fault and how you solved it)
13. your most common troubleshooting for developing your web page (the fault and how you solved it)

A forum will be created where you can ask your peers questions and seek solutions for your issues in developing your web page. The Romanian students are advanced in ICT so they will be able to support the American students in fulfilling this task. This activity will be not marked or taken into consideration by your tutors, and we encourage you to do it freely.

## Marks

You should read at least two recent articles on the topic so that you'll have facts to share with your partners and you should provide the reference.

We will give you extra credits for taking part successfully in this project. We will mark your activity in this project from: information accuracy, structured information, how you effectively used the provided tools.

## Your gain

- get some international experience which will improve your communication skills
- get to know people from an another continent - enrich your cultural experiences
- learn about new topics and share that information with your peers
- get help from ICT students in developing your web page

**To subscribe to this project please send an email to your tutor by 17/10/2009.**