Changes in the Level of Internet Use by UNITEC Computing Students

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1.   Introduction

This poster reports changes in the use of the Internet by computing students from 1998 to 2000.

The data for the study was collected by pre-course questionnaires. This was as an adjunct to our other research studies (1,2,3).

Internet and Web Design (IWD) is a popular optional first year introductory course in the Bachelor of Computing Systems degree. It is also studied as a Certificate of Proficiency by students not enrolled in the BCS.

Our course presumably attracts students with greater experience of the Internet, making comparison with other courses difficult. However the trends across time can be applied to other courses.

The results show that student's **usage** of the Internet has increased. Students are more likely to have an Internet connection of their own; spend more time online; use the Internet in more places; and use a larger variety of browsers.

However there is no increase in the number of students who have **created** web content.

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