Instinctive Learning Through the Interconnected Network

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1. Introduction

To start with, the internet is a collection of web based content that can be accessed from almost any remote location and can be used even by a person who does not know what it means.

The internet can be framed as a place where we can find useful information about something.

That surely resembles to an idea that a person sitting in one part of the world can locate, access a content located in another part of the world.

The idea of the internet started due to the difficulties faced in exchanging the information. Just imagine a letter you wrote in urgency would take at least a day to reach the person who can help. To counter this problem, many researchers, scientists, its invented a storage so big that it could store lots and lots of data. This data would be stored in such a form that it is extremely easy to retrieve. Every data element stored would have a unique address just like all of us has a unique voter id.

Whenever a person would need to access that data, the only thing needed to be done is to provide the address of the data element.

2. History

In ancient times, there was a tradition that students who wanted to gain education went to the school(Ashram) of the Teacher(Guru) where the guru educated them and trained them.

They would follow a strict and yet disciplined schedule and would learn the skills like archery, sword fight, vedas, upanishadas and much more.

During the medieval times, the concept of schools came into existence. Each student could take up the course of his/her choice. For example, if a student wants to make a career in the field of science, the student wouldn't need to study other things except the chosen subject.

Moreover, comparatively the comfort level of the student increased as the burden of learning all the subjects was loosened.

Similar to schools, higher institutes of educations such as colleges, laboratories, research facilities and much more were invented to make learning a bit more specific and concentrated.

Hence, the idea to make education more specific got heated up since the medieval age.

3. Current Trend

"We live in a world covered with wires and web nowadays"

There are millions of websites who have collaborated with tech giants in order to provide the facility of distance learning. It is very simple, just click and learn. No, need of traveling, no need to purchase the books. All you need to do is have an internet connection and start the course that interests you.

The biggest advantage of web based learning is the possibility of accessing it from almost anywhere.

The information on the internet comes in all shapes and sizes. We can find detailed information as well as the most important point to point information regarding a single topic in almost negligible amount of time.

Talking about web based learning, it follows a simple saying:

"Learning is for everyone"

The Web has not only enabled the users to access the information, but it has also provided tools to give information, represent information in various ways, communicate with people, video conferencing and much more.

Pros and Cons

Talk about the pros of web based learning, we can say that,

- It has made learning more accessible.
- It has made learning more cost effective.
- It has made learning a more representative and attractive process.
- It has connected the nodes of education systems across the globe.
- It is responsible for innovation and invention in many fields like Big Data, Research, etc.
- It is simple, fast and at the same time dynamic.

Talking about the Cons,

- It has also created an environment where despite of having knowledge, people forget to cultivate discipline.
- It has led to a trend where self-education is limited to finding what we need for.
- It has considerably reduced the usage of books.
- It has led to a situation where mutual respect among students and teachers is reducing.
- It has led to a need of ready-made things.
- To conclude the write-up, it can be stated that web based learning can be an effective resource to build the future but at the same time it can also be the weapon that can destroy it also.