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Welcome to the CDIO Europe-UK & Ireland Regional Meeting 2021

Session 1: CDIO - an introduction for newcomers



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Today

13: 00 - 13:35

Informal welcome & session 1

13:00 Welcome

13:10 Session 1: CDIO - an introduction for newcomers

Reidar Lyng, NTNU, Norway

13:35 - 13:45

Break

13:45 - 14:50

Session 2: CDIO as an idea, a methodology for program development, and a community

Kristina Edström, KTH, Sweden

[More about session 2](#)

14:50 - 15:00

Break

15:00 - 16:30

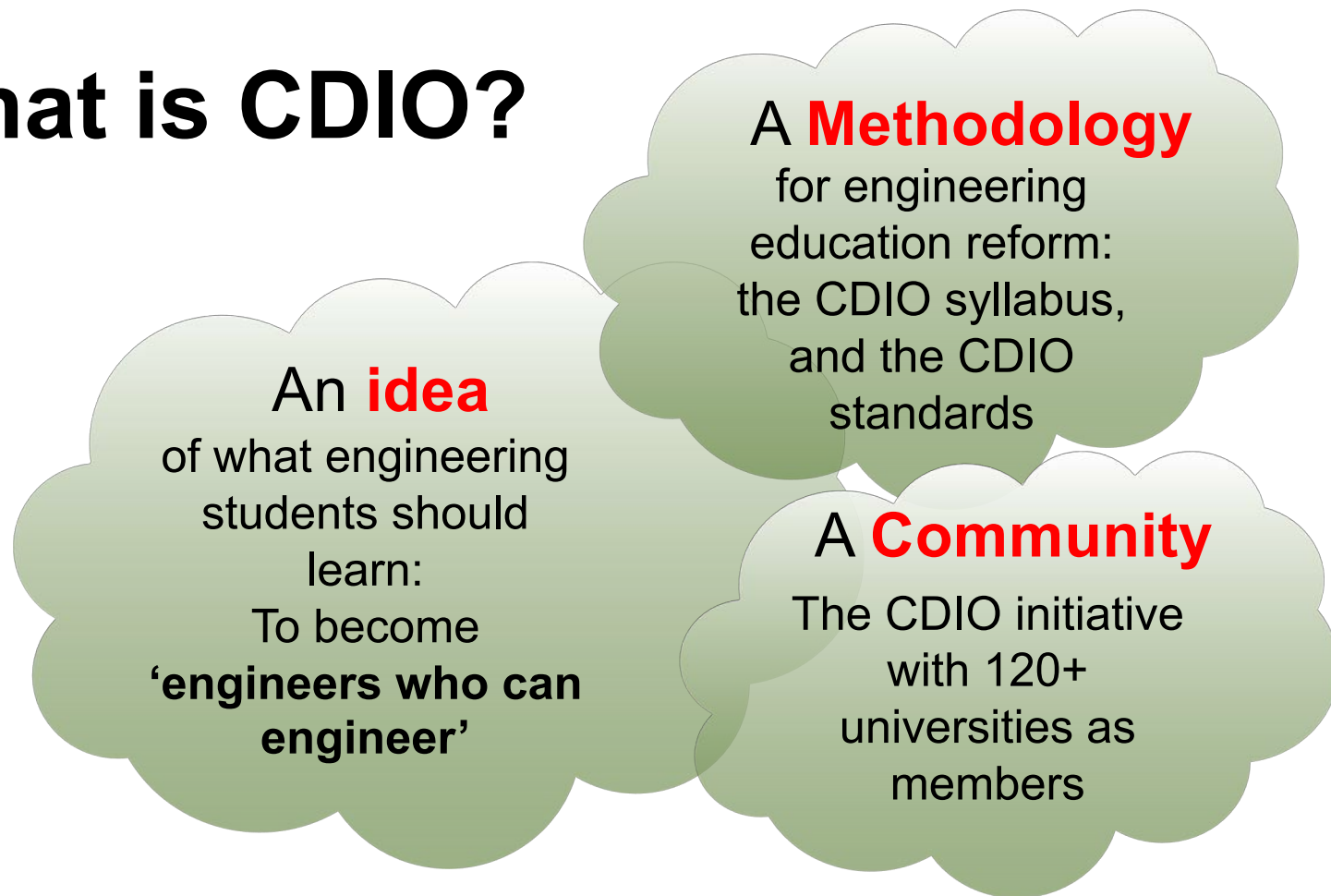
Session 3: CDIO Standards - a learning exercise on CDIO Standards

Matt Murphy, University of Liverpool, UK

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What is CDIO?



An engineering approach to engineering education

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THE IDEA IS MORE THAN THE ABBREVIATION
The initials tells us where the idea originated
– not what we should make of it!

The CDIO initiative provides a framework that must be adapted to local cultures, rules and circumstances.

It is not normative.

The idea: **Needs**

Desired Attributes of an Engineering Graduate

- Understanding of fundamentals
- Understanding of design and manufacturing process
- Possess a multi-disciplinary system perspective
- Good communication skills
- High ethical standards, sustainability competencies, etc.

Underlying Need

Educate students who:

- ...are able to conceive-design-implement-operate
- ...can work with complex value-added engineering systems...
- ...in a modern team-based, cross-disciplinary, environment

... but still based on a rigorous treatment of engineering fundamentals

We have adopted CDIO as the engineering context of our education



The idea: **the Context**

The product, process, and system lifecycle...

- ...is considered to be the context for engineering education.

the context is the cultural framework, or environment, in which technical knowledge and other skills are taught, practiced and learned.

cdio.org

The idea: **Engineers who can engineer**

Competence is insufficiently covered in subject courses,
but *central to the students' learning goals*

- Analysis of problems and desired solutions
 - Open and wicked problems
- Need to negotiate and collaborate with all actors and interests in society
- Oral and written communication

Professional competencies – not ~~soft skills~~

Methodology:

- **Stakeholder analysis**
 - What are the desired competencies of the graduate?
- **CDIO Syllabus**
 - What are the corresponding required program learning outcomes?
 - How should curriculum be designed to achieve this?
- **CDIO Standards**
 - *Define* the distinguishing features of a CDIO program
 - Serve as *guidelines* for educational program reform and evaluation
 - Create *benchmarks* and goals with worldwide application
 - Provide a *framework* for continuous improvement.



Methodology: **Stakeholder analysis**

Stakeholders are

- Society at large,
- Employers and industry,
- Students and alumni themselves,
- Universities, researchers and teachers.

What are the desired competencies of the graduate?

**Remember: Knowledge is necessary for competence,
but competence is never guaranteed by knowledge**



Methodology: **CDIO Syllabus**

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4. CDIO Competence

1. Technical competence
based on knowledge and
reasoning skills

2. Personal and
Professional skills

3. Interpersonal skills

Necessary components for a curriculum fostering
competence in an enterprise and societal context

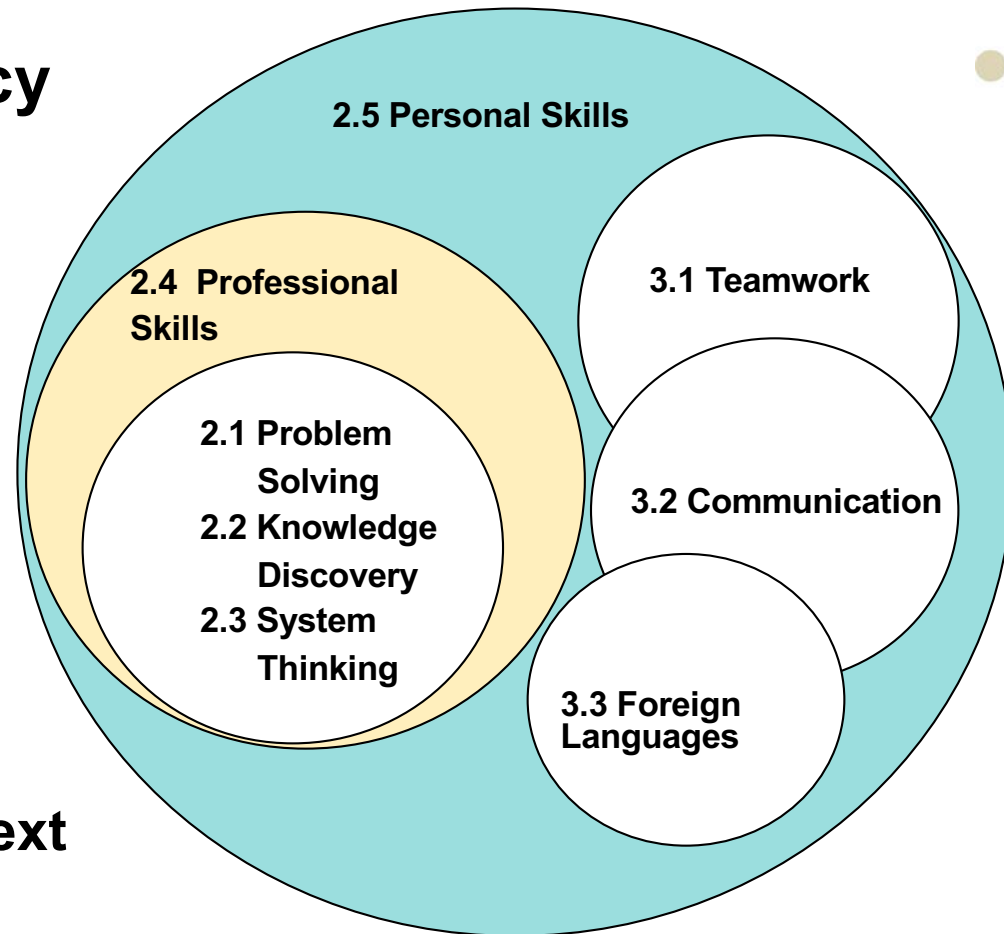
Methodology: **CDIO Syllabus**

Embedded competency

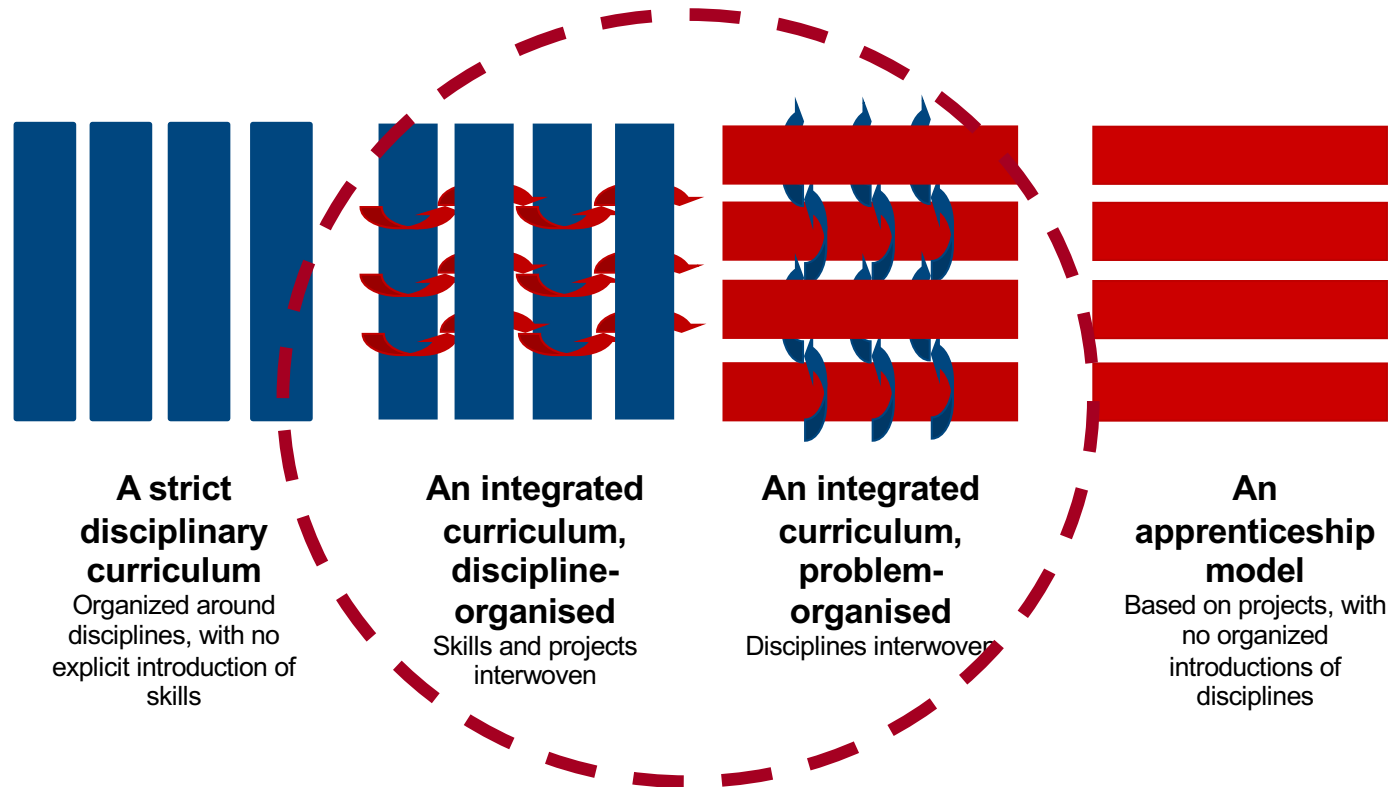
The ability to apply learning outside the context where you have learnt it is a major challenge.

Developing competence requires learning knowledge in context - to learn to apply the knowledge and develop skills.

Learning by doing in context



Curriculum models



Methodology: **CDIO Standards**



Program philosophy

1. The context

Curriculum development

- 2. Learning outcomes
- 3. Integrated curriculum
- 4. Introduction to engineering

Experiences & workspaces

- 5. Design-Implement experiences
- 6. Engineering workspaces

Developing & establishing new teaching-learning approaches

- 7. Integrated learning experiences
- 8. Active learning

Faculty development

- 9. Enhancement of faculty competence
- 10. Enhancement of faculty teaching competence

Assessment & Evaluation

- 11. Learning assessment
- 12. Program evaluation

Methodology: **CDIO Standards**

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CDIO Standards



CDIO Standards – an Active Learning exercise

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Methodology:

New optional Standards (2020)



1. Sustainable development
2. Simulation-based mathematics
3. Engineering entrepreneurship
4. Internationalization & mobility

<http://cdio.org/content/cdio-optional-standards-30>

Methodology: **Education design**

Our approach is to *design* (in the engineering sense) an improved educational model.

- Analyze needs, and set a clear, complete and consistent set of goals
- Create “models” through research and development efforts
- Design and prototype in parallel programs with partner universities
- Compare results, iterate and converge on improved integrated educational model

Experiences and findings are shared in the CDIO-community



CDIO - A Community for sharing



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