# CyberCourse

CyCo for short

- Outcome-based learning
- Deep learning
- Patterns
- Practice lots!
- Scaffolding
- Formative feedback
- Metacognitive awareness
  - Pedagogical agents
- Transfer
- Cognitive and physical waste

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# Why don't we do better?

- We're not trained
- Limited financial and social rewards for learning about learning
  - Steven Kerr, "On the folly of rewarding A, while hoping for B," *Academy of Management Journal*, 1975
- Learning research is a complex field

### Other constraints

- Administrative practices
- Cost

# A CyberCourse

- Replace textbook with a CyberCourse
- Flipped
- Many exercises
  - Embedded in the course content
  - Students get formative feedback for each exercise, from a human grader

# Making CyCos

- Course specification
- Course creation
- Course operation

# Course specification

- Course outcomes and constraints
- By:
  - Individual faculty
  - Department committees
  - Professional organizations
- Problem: the expert's blind spot

### Course creation

- By discipline experts who learn about learning
- Create many exercises, along with grading rubrics
- Can charge for their work

# Course operation

- Professors keep up with their field, do research, choose CyCos, help students with exercises, give exams...
  - No lecturing, or detailed course design
- Graders evaluate student work, using rubrics created by authors

### **Current status**

- Finishing the exercise system
- Goal: first release by September
  - Open source
- Watch cybercour.se for details...
  - ... or give me your email address