Using Webcasts to Train Science Students at Kuwait University to Think Critically and Independently

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At this presentation at the Internet Fair of TESOL Convention 2004, the audience will:

1. receive a brief description of this project, including objectives, procedures, and feedback of students and Webheads' teachers who participated in this online activities webcasted live from the Distance Learning Center at Kuwait University.
2. receive information on the primary technology, used in this project and will be invited to explore and experiment with the synchronous computer mediated communication, (CMC) tool for language learning and community-building, by Alado.net.

The following are descriptions of the activities and URLs of webpages and CMC tools used in this project:

#	Description	URL and Instructions	Service Provider
1	Students' Final Project portal page	http://alothman-b.tripod.com/wia_162finalproj.htm	
2	Pictures of EfS 162/53 Students	http://alothman-b.tripod.com/index4.htm	
3	Main Activities: Webcasts of Sessions 1 & 2	http://alothman-b.tripod.com/present_162.htm	http://www.alado.net/webheads/
4	Webheads in Action Portal page	http://www.geocities.com/vance_stevens/papers/evonline2002/webheads.htm	
5	Alado voice-chat portal	http://www.alado.net/webheads/	http://www.alado.net/
6	Students' feedback reports on the project	http://alothman-b.tripod.com/162_stdtsfeedback.htm	
7	Students' Blogs or E-Notebooks	http://alothman-b.tripod.com/162-53_blogs.htm	http://www.blogger.com
8	Student-Teacher Assignments' Blog	http://alothman-b.tripod.com/writing162/	http://lycos.tripod.com
9	What is a blog? (A handout)	http://alothman-b.tripod.com/weblog_finalpro.htm	http://www.tripod.lycos.com/
10	Websites	http://alothman-b.tripod.com/website_building-new.htm	http://www.geocities.com
11	Message board	http://www.dream-tool.net/tools/messages.mv?index%2Besf162announcementboard	http://www.dream-tools.com/index.html
12	Email voice messages	http://www.learningtimes.org/	Wimba voice board
13	Yahoo Messenger	http://messenger.yahoo.com/	
14	MSN Messenger	http://messenger.msn.com/download/	

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