VAPR Lab Knowledge Base

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Virtual Applied Praxis and Research Lab

This ever-expanding resource is meant to serve as a home base for VAPR Lab knowledge. This is a long-form document that goes into great detail about VAPR Lab's practices, methodology, and production. For more public-facing updates and content, visit the VAPR Lab website.

History

The VAPR Lab is the brainchild of Dr. Ryan Straight and Dr. Kyle DiRoberto in the College of Applied Science and Technology at the University of Arizona.

It came about in late 2019 as a collaborate effort for them to work together more and discover ways their disparate fields could not only inform one another's, but to support the work of students and more.

Mission

The primary mission of the VAPR Lab is to develop human-focused ideas through technology, transparency, and care.

Vision

Manifested in the nexus of research, evidence-based pedagogy, and boundary-pushing ideas, the VAPR Lab will act as a space for chances to be taken, brilliance to be realized, and people to come together.

Values

The VAPR Lab's vision is one of transparency, openness, and optimism. At all possible times, we believe knowledge should be not just presented publicly but *developed* there, as well. We are humans. We make mistakes and we want to make them in public so others may learn. We make those on our way to create great things and help build a better future for everyone.

Acknowledgements

The VAPR Lab would not exist without a number of people and myriad fortunate circumstances. Here is a very brief list of those the founders would like to thank:

Why use this format?

The VAPR Lab exists across many different platforms. This knowledge base will serve as a means of organizing, introducing, and maintaining those platforms. The Bookdown format was chosen for its speed, accessibility, replicability, and ease of use. Special thanks to Yuhui Xie for making such a wonderful package.

Chapter 1

People

The VAPR Lab is people-driven. We believe in openness, transparency, and true interdisciplinary collaboration.

1.1 Founders

Dr. Ryan Straight

Info about Ryan

Dr. Kyle DiRoberto

Info about Kyle

1.2 Members

(Different name for this section, perhaps?)

Person 1...

Person 2...

1.3   Support Staff

Any support staff that help with logistics, etc., but don't perhaps do any research or building.

1.4   Advisors

People that are only involved on the idea-level, perhaps?

Chapter 2

Projects

To adhere to our vision of transparency and openness when at all possible, here is a list of the current, past, and proposed projects undertaken in the VAPR Lab.

Some of the VAPR Lab's projects include[1]:

2.1   Project 1

2.2   Project 2

2.3   Project 3

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[1]Project updates and announcements can be found on the VAPR Lab website

Chapter 3

Sponsorship and Funding

In order to maintain our goal of transparency and openness, this section plainly states the sources of our sponsorship and funding.

Currently the VAPR Lab is seeking funding for the 2020-21 academic year and beyond.

Chapter 4

Platforms

As the VAPR Lab is entirely virtual (ie, lives online and has no physical space), choosing platforms for interaction, ideation, storage, et cetera, is key. This section explains which platforms have been chosen for what and best practices for using them.

4.1 Communication

Internal communication between VAPR Lab members may sometimes contain information or references to proprietary content or private financial details. For this reason, Keybase is the communication platform of choice.

If you wish to join the VAPR Lab Keybase team, contact Dr. Straight.