

Online Learning Opportunities (MOOCs, Coursera, Assessment)

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Outline



- ❑ MOOCs
 - ❑ Why MOOCs?
 - ❑ MOOCs at University of Alberta

- ❑ Computer-based assessments for MOOCs

Online Learning



- ❑ One way universities are seeking to bring down costs for themselves and their students is by embracing online education.
- ❑ Online learning systems can raise graduation rates and boost enrolment among underprivileged students
- ❑ The leading players are involved:
 - ❑ Silicon Valley-based Coursera, and edX,
 - ❑ Harvard, MIT, several Canadian universities

MOOCs



- ❑ Massive Open Online Courses = MOOCs
- ❑ A free, not-for-credit course open to anyone.
- ❑ The University of Alberta has partnered with Coursera to develop MOOCs.
- ❑ The purpose is to create highly-engaging and rigorous versions of MOOCs to the general public as well as for UAlberta students.

Current MOOCs



Dino 101: Dinosaur Paleobiology



Understanding Video Games

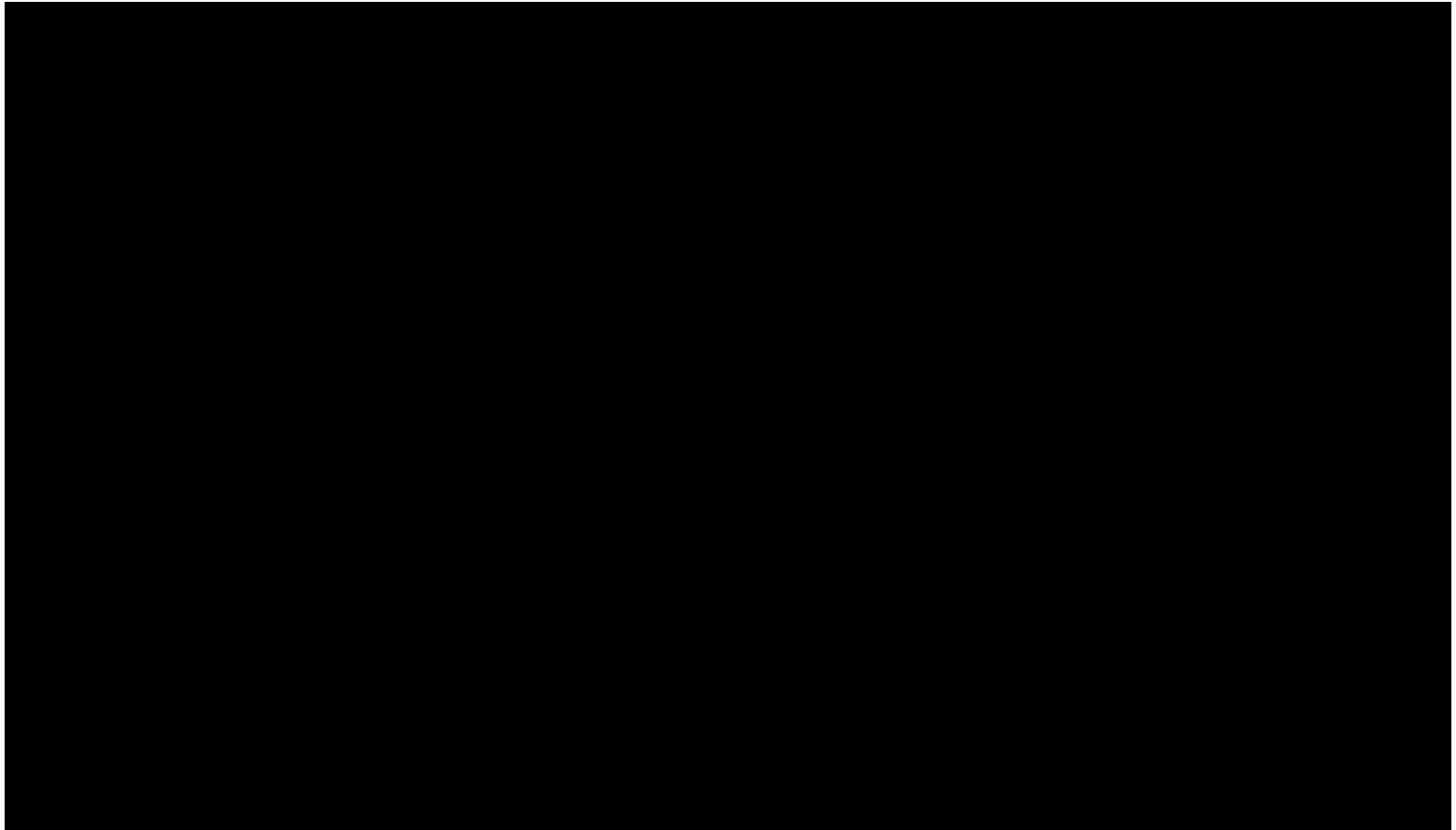


Software Product Management -
Specialization

DINO 101



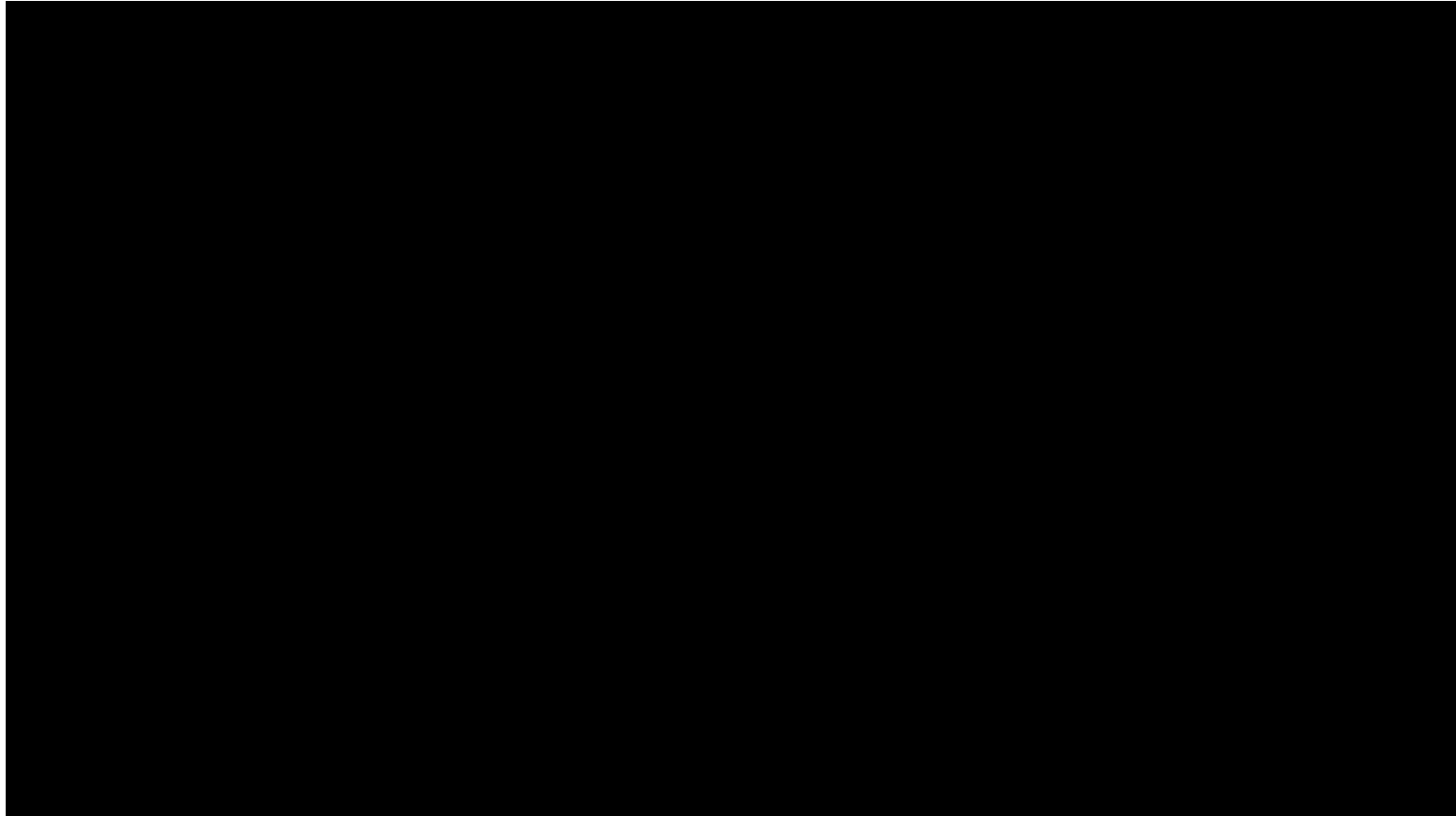
- ❑ Dino 101 is the world's first paleobiology MOOC and Canada's first MOOC available for credit to University of Alberta students.
- ❑ A 12-lesson course teaching a comprehensive overview of non-avian dinosaurs.
- ❑ The course will be available in two versions:
 - ❑ to the world for free (no exams)
 - ❑ to University of Alberta students for UAlberta credit
 - ❑ **For more information:** <https://uofa.ualberta.ca/courses/dino101>





Understanding Video Games

- ❑ An 11-lesson course about analytical theory pertaining to video game media (game mechanics, story, interpretive theory, the culture of games, violence).
- ❑ It was created with the help of world renowned video game developer, BioWare Corp, located in Alberta.
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 - ❑ **For more information:** <https://uab.ca/UVG>



Software Product Management Specialization



- ❑ It was designed to help learners create better software, satisfy their clients, and grow their careers.
- ❑ A 6-lesson course software product management
- ❑ The course is available in two versions:
 - ❑ to the world (priced by courses)
 - ❑ to University of Alberta students for UAlberta credit
 - ❑ **For more information:** <https://www.coursera.org/specializations/product-management>

Future MOOCs



❑ **Mountains 101:**

- ❑ 10 lessons in total
- ❑ A comprehensive overview of mountains and their environmental and human impact.



Future MOOCs



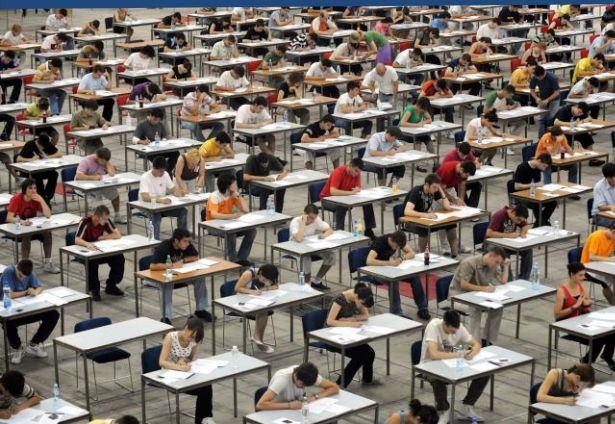
- ❑ Software Processes and Agile Practices
- ❑ Client Needs and Software Requirements
- ❑ Agile Planning for Software Products
- ❑ Reviews & Metrics for Software Improvements



DINO 101



SOFTWARE
PRODUCT MANAGEMENT



Computer-based Assessment



- ❑ Challenges through MOOCs:
 - ❑ How to administer digital exams to a large number of students?
 - ❑ Test security
 - ❑ Cost-effectiveness
 - ❑ Positive student experience

- ❑ Solution: Computer-based assessment



Learning Assessment Center (LAC)

Computer-Based Assessment at LAC



- ❑ TAO Open Source Assessment Platform
(see www.taotesting.com)



- ❑ The instructors can build test items and generate an item bank within TAO.
- ❑ The TAO platform allows images and other components to create innovative test items.

Founding Principles of LAC

- ❑ Flexibility
- ❑ Time
- ❑ Instant feedback
- ❑ Cost



FLEXIBILITY



TIME



FEEDBACK



COST



Flexibility

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Technologies in Education: Support and Solutions

FACULTY & STAFF STUDENTS LEARNING RESOURCES BREAKOUT ROOMS EVENTS CONTACT US

Events

February 2015

Date	Time	Room	Chair	Subj	ccid	Master/Proct
25 Wed	1:45pm	Red Chair	L105	Halla		
	2:00pm	Red Chair	L105	Halla		
26 Thu	9:45am	Red Chair	L105	Halla		
	12:45pm	Red Chair	L105	Halla		
27 Fri	9:30am	Red Chair	L105	Halla		

March 2015

Date	Time	Room	Chair	Subj	ccid	Master/Proct
2 Wed	12:00pm	Red Chair	L105	Halla		
	2:30pm	Red Chair	L105	Halla		
3 Tue	2:00pm	Red Chair	L105	Halla		
	4:30pm	Red Chair	L105	Halla		
4 Wed	11:15am	Red Chair	L105	Halla		
	1:45pm	Red Chair	L105	Halla		

Search for an event

Single Sign-on

Welcome to your electronic booking system for managing and tracking your upcoming events and exams of the University of Alberta.

To register for events or see what is available for your classes, please click the Single Sign-on button above and log in using your CCID account and password.

LAC LEARNING ASSESSMENT CENTRE

Please read the following excerpts, from the University of Alberta Code of Student Behaviour (Section 30.3.2 regarding "Inappropriate Academic Behaviour" and, specifically, Cheating):

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I have read the statements above and agree to comply with them.

I do not agree

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Carrier 2:43 PM

Proctors Review

Scanner not connected

ID # 1234567

Test Account

Lookup successful
Found 3 exams for test

Batch Mode Disabled

Eligible exams for this student

TC1 TAO Midterm #1
Test Course T01 - Section Z1
2015-02-25 9 am-5 pm

TC2 TAO Midterm #2
Test Course T01 - Section Z1
2015-02-25 9 am-5 pm

TC3 eClass Midterm 1
Test Course T01 - Section Z1
2015-02-25 9 am-5 pm
Proctor: Jessica Bolt

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Done Events Menu

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Test Account

Illness

Potential Cheating

Scrap Paper

Stressful/Abusive Behaviour

Technical Issues

Washroom

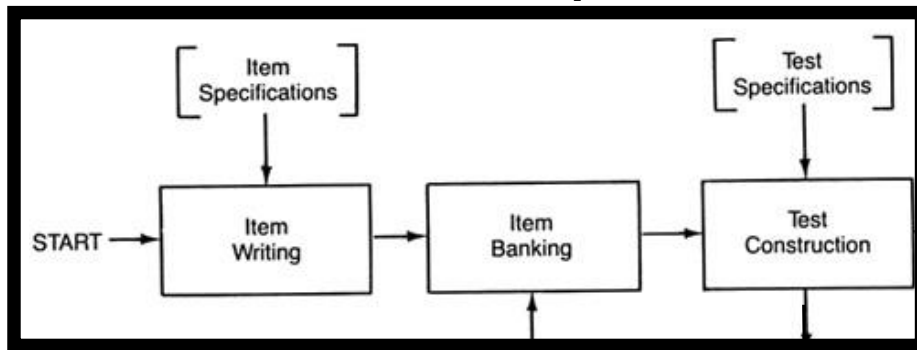
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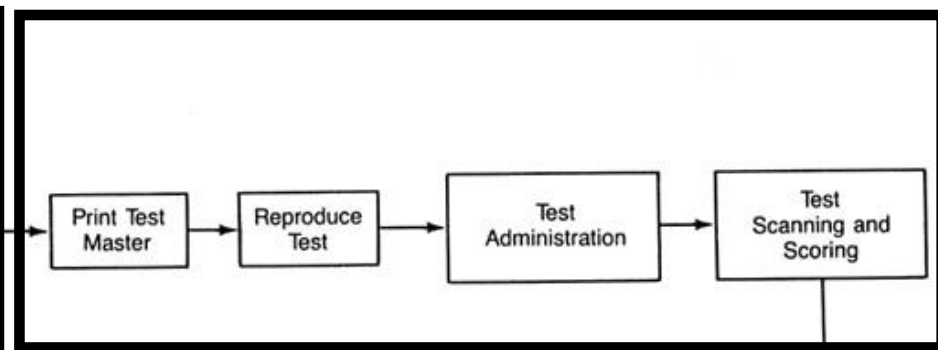


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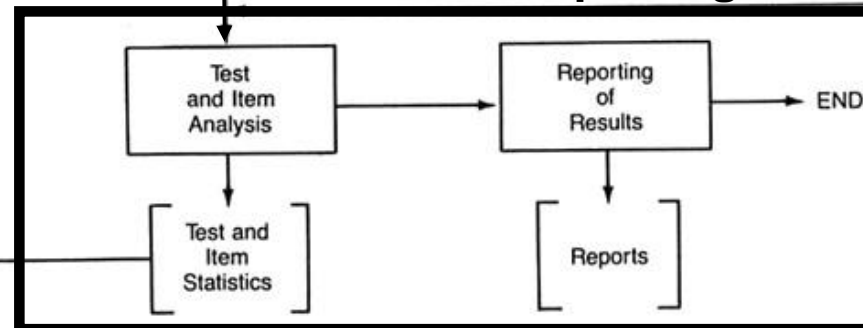
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Test Administration

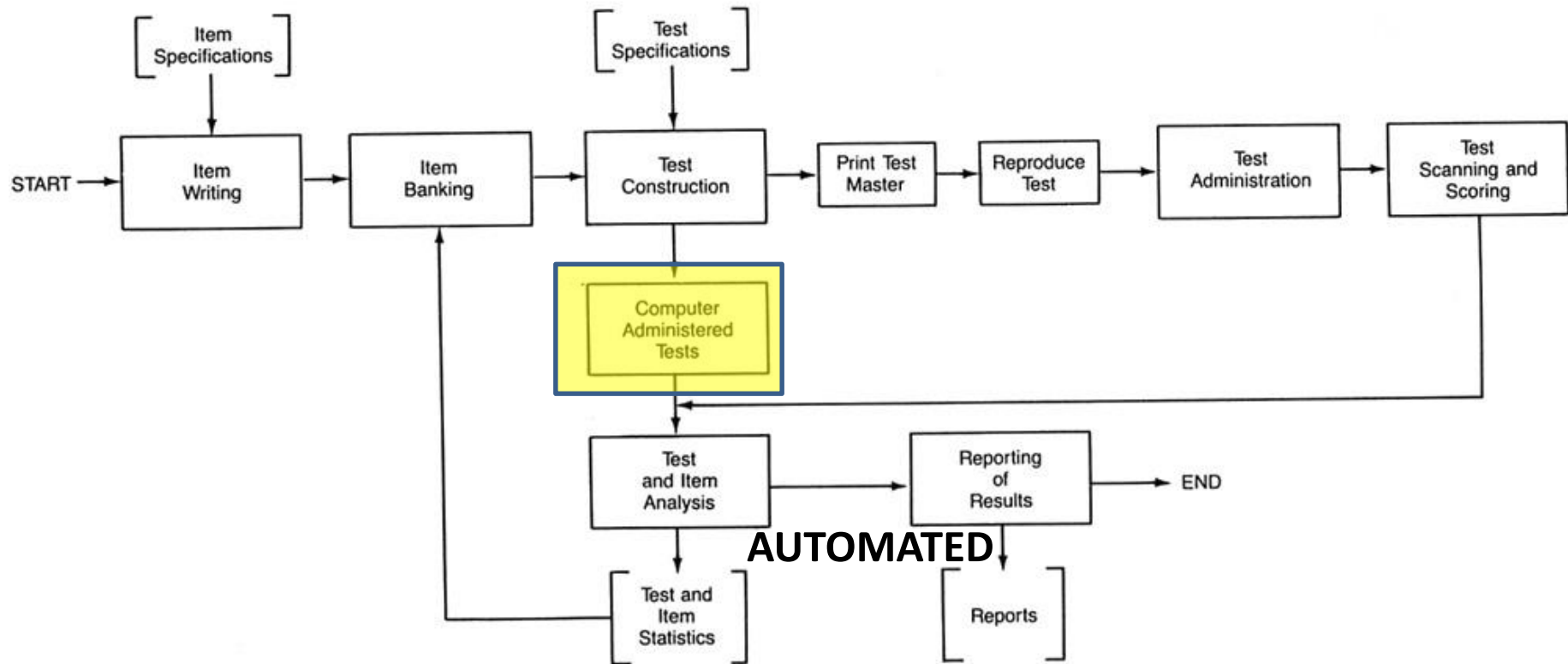


Test Reporting





Time





Feedback

Please review your answers.

Click on the item below to change answer.
After reviewing press "Submit answers" on bottom last page.

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11...20

21...30

31...40

41...50

51...60

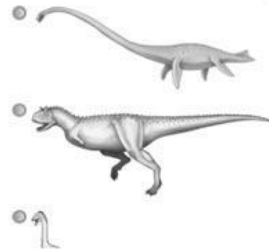


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- ☐ Convergent evolution, because one is a theropod and one is an ornithomimid.
- ☐ Shared ancestry, because one is a theropod and one is an ornithomimid.
- ☐ Convergent evolution, because very short arms evolved independently in abelisaurus and tyrannosaurs.
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#3

The Bearpaw Formation in Alberta is made of rocks deposited in a shallow sea during the Late Cretaceous.
Which of these animals could a palaeontologist expect to find in the Bearpaw Formation?





Cost



Student Login



Welcome to the Learning Assessment Centre

Log In



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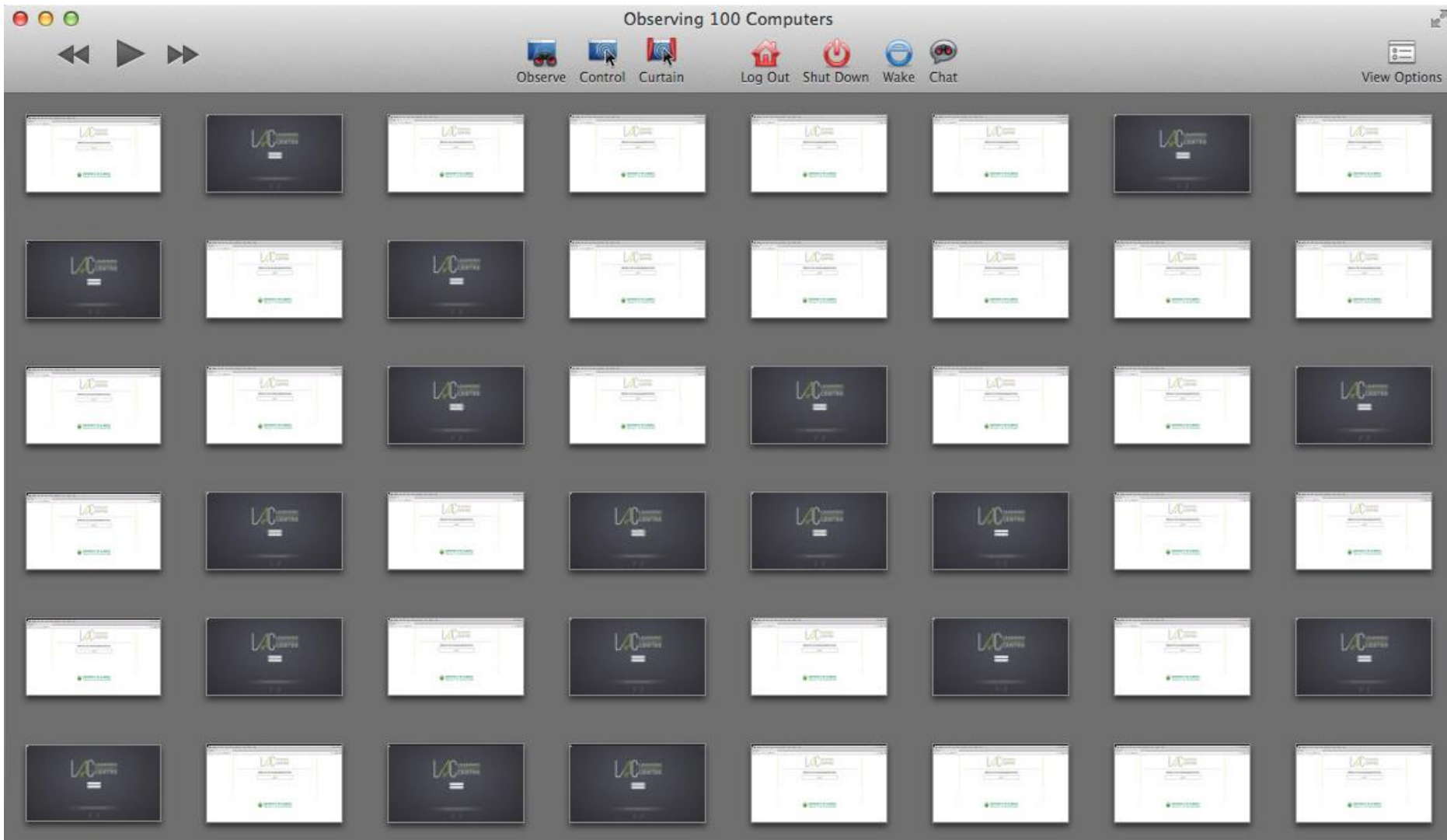
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Remote Monitoring



Exam Start Page



Instructions

This is Dino 101 exam sample.

IMPORTANT: You must press the "Save" button every time you want to save your response during the exam as well as during the review.

☐ I have read and I understand the instructions. I would like to start the exam.

Begin

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#2



Carnotaurus and *Tyrannosaurus*, pictured here, are an example of

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|---|---------|
| <input type="radio"/> Convergent evolution, because one is a theropod and one is an ornithomimid. | discard |
| <input type="radio"/> Shared ancestry, because one is a theropod and one is an ornithomimid. | discard |
| <input type="radio"/> Convergent evolution, because very short arms evolved independently in abelisaurs and tyrannosaurs. | discard |
| <input type="radio"/> Shared ancestry, because very short arms evolved independently in abelisaurs and tyrannosaurs. | restore |

Next

Review and submit

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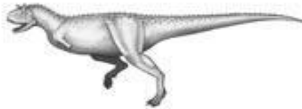
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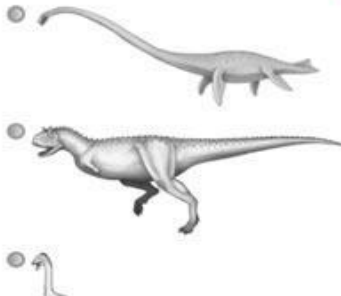
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Future Directions



- ❑ More MOOCs at University of Alberta
- ❑ Expanding the assessment center
- ❑ Creating a comprehensive online score reporting system to provide instant feedback to students



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Thank you!

For questions/comments:

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