

Louv1.01x Paradigms of Computer Programming

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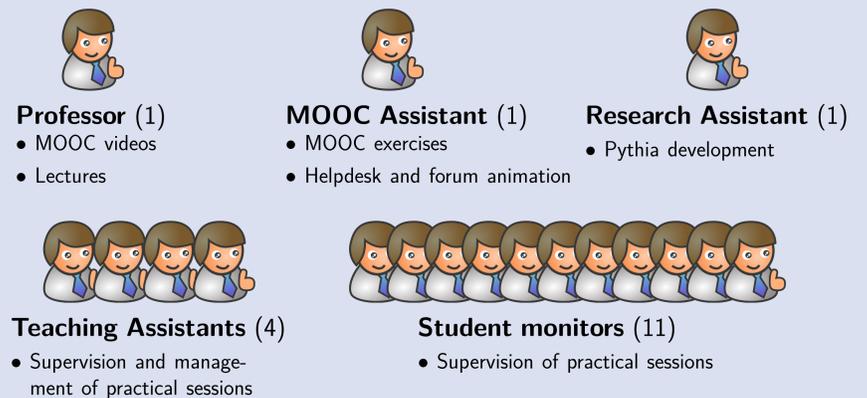
- **Creating** a MOOC based on an existing traditional course
- **Assessing** programming exercises
- Testing and evaluating the MOOC with on-site students, by means of a **SPOC**
- Making **living in parallel** the SPOC with traditional teaching of advanced concepts



1. Context

- edX MOOC to be opened in **February 2014**
- **Existing on-site** course on paradigms of computer programming
About 300 second-year bachelor students in engineering and in computer science
- On-site 5 ECTS course versus a **3 ECTS MOOC**
- **Integration** with the on-site course as a SPOC
SPOC used to build a flipped classroom style on-site course, and must be a self-contained course

2. Human Resources



3. Structure and Timeline

Organisation of a week

- Twelve **SPOC lessons**, one per week

Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
SPOC			Lab and Practical Sessions			Lecture
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion forum • MOOC assistant 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student monitors (tutors) • Teaching assistants 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor

- About 50 minutes videos, split in chunks of between 5 and 10 minutes
- Two kinds of exercises: classical and coding exercises
- First lecture before the first SPOC lesson to introduce the structure and timeline
- The lecture restructures the current SPOC lesson and introduces the next one

Organisation of the remastered on-site course

- Two **parallel tracks** for each SPOC lesson

	SPOC	Practical Session	Lecture
SPOC	Video + exercises (<i>i</i>)	Feedback (<i>i</i>)	Restructuring (<i>i</i>)
Traditional Course		Advanced exercises (<i>i</i> - 1)	Advanced concepts (<i>i</i>)

- Traditional course track covers advanced concepts
- Shift between SPOC and traditional course tracks for the taught material
- Mid-term evaluations of the SPOC serve as review for on-site students
- On-site students can earn a bonus or a penalty for their final grade

4. Exercises

- Interactive exercises after each video

Classical exercises

- Multiple choices or simple text line

Assessing programs

- Coding exercises for which programs have to be produced
- Automatic **programs grading** with the *Pythia* platform
- “Intelligent” feedback to support learning



<http://www.pythia-project.org/>

5. Conclusion

- Creating a MOOC is very time-consuming and requires a lot of resources
- A MOOC can be an opportunity to recast an existing course

Future work

- Evaluation of the remastered on-site course
- Preparation of the MOOC

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