

On Education, Innovation, OLPC, And Open-Source

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I used one of the new OLPC machines last week while attending the K12 Open Minds Conference for 2007 (k12openminds07) that was held last week in Indianapolis, Indiana. While I used the machine for only a few minutes, I came away very impressed by it, in part because of my recent thinking about the growing importance of open-source to education, and the shared sense of adventure and hope that I found at the conference.

I have been waiting for close to three decades to see an application of computer technology to improve education that was comparable to PLATO in its potential impact.

I finally think the search has ended. That would be last week, when I first had a chance to use a real OLPC.

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