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## **Outline**

### Many Tools, Many Hands: One Goal - Supporting Online Collaboration and Design

Loosely-coupled open-source web services based upon common standards can be used to enhance widespread compatibility and adaptability of educational technologies.

The right balance and combination of services move investment of time and money away from 'boxed solutions' to creative combinations of open source projects that add utility, promote collaboration, and encourage portability of data between systems.

This session will look at a number of ways UNBC uses loosely-coupled approaches for course design, support, and collaboration.

## **Bio**

Grant Potter is the e-Learning Coordinator with the Centre for Teaching, Learning, and Technology at the University of Northern British Columbia. Grant has been pursuing research and development of educational technologies for the last 10 years through his work in China, Northwest Territories, and British Columbia.

Grant leverages existing and emerging technologies to extend the potential of UNBC course offerings and facilitates the adoption of educational technology best practices for faculty through regular workshops, seminars, and consultations.

Grant is an active contributor to a number of open-source software projects and currently engaged in research and development of virtual world platforms.