

# WELCOME!

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## What is in this toolkit?

### Part I. Artifacts from the Future: 2033 Mainstream EdTech

In the first section of this toolkit you will find four different futures artifacts to explore. The artifacts represent imaginary educational technologies that in 2033 would be as mainstream as the LMS is today. Each artifact contains the following sections:

1. What is this artifact?
2. How does this artifact work?
3. How was this artifact created?
4. What trends inspired this artifact?

### Part II. Conversation Card Decks

In the second section of this toolkit you will find a card deck designed for you and your team to explore broad implications around any artifact of your choice. There are three game options for you to choose:

- **Focused conversations:** discuss what a single artifact might mean for a single stakeholder and/or impact area. Recommended for beginner future-focused analysis.
- **Connected conversations:** discuss what a combination of artifacts might mean for a combination of stakeholders and impact areas. Recommended advanced future-focused analysis.
- **Build your own questions:** play a combinatorial game to create your own questions to prompt broader exploratory conversations.

## Who developed this exploration toolkit?

This toolkit was developed by the eCampusOntario Research and Foresight team (REF). The REF team explores data and information about what is changing in the postsecondary education system, emerging trends and opportunities, and future possibilities to support identifying spaces for impact and change, digital transformation, and strategic action. The Artifacts from the Future were designed by Janine Stowe, Debaditya Sekhar Jena, Durga Kumarathasan, and Cheryl Green. This toolkit was co-authored by Durga Kumarathasan, Rocio Chavez Telleria and Laura Viselli.

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# ARTIFACTS FROM THE FUTURES OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

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#### What are Artifacts from The Future?

Artifacts from the Future **are**:

- imaginary objects designed by extrapolating possibilities from the patterns of change we see today.
- created to give a "tangible" experience of what a possible future could be like
- intentionally provocative; their purpose is to spark critical and creative conversations and reflections about future possibilities

Artifacts from the Future **are not**:

- proposals of what should exist
- endorsements of patterns of change
- endorsements of specific technologies



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