What is inside a MOOC:
Interactions
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- Very important aspect of a MOOC
- Online Interactions substitute Face-to-face interaction
- Learning from the peer group
- Course enriched by the participants
- Critical in cMOOC
Interaction – mechanisms (1)

- Forum
  - Asynchronous
  - Multiple Threads
- Online Hangout, Chat
  - synchronous
Interaction – mechanisms (2)

- Social Media
  - Facebook
    - Group on mooconmooc
  - Twitter
    - #mooconmooc
- Blogs
- Wiki
  - Part of the Course Website
MOOC Interactions

- Most students participated infrequently
- Both posting and viewing tends to be in bursts
- Most activity happens at the beginning or at events in the course
- Interactions most among students of the same time zone
- Participation dominated by people who received very high or very low final marks

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