Report on JISC Next Generation Environments Conference – Preview

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Two main findings of this conference were:

• Hartley’s model of different social uses of technology (see http://www.jisc.ac.uk/media/documents/events/2007/04/next_gen_keynote.ppt) provides a useful initial perspective for understanding learner’s preferences

• An appreciation of the Web 2.0 paradigm (see http://www.oreillynet.com/pub/a/oreilly/tim/news/2005/09/30/what-is-web-20.html) is essential for understanding current trends in web-based environments