The Learning Cafe

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inspiration

• picture of Jeff Bezos at computer

• NSF summer camp at IUP, all night programming and particle accelerator experiments

• study at Grove Caffe @UCSD

• sabbatical @DTU in Copenhagen

• composition and conception at The Cafes (Sorrento, Ligon Street Starbucks, Northbridge pub)
imagine
what is The Learning Cafe?

• a social place to learn with intellectual conversation

• think a neighborhood bookstore with neighborhood cafe

• a place to browse knowledge and explore its meaning

• scandinavian simplicity and intellectual inspiration
it has ...

- book browsing, reading
- internet browsing, contemplating
- music composition, listening
- software programming, sharing
- foreign language learning, practicing
- writing, distribution
- film & photo production, distribution
it should be ...

• comfortable

• flexible

• calming

• uncluttered and organized

• acoustically quiet
space for today’s technology without commitment

• tlcBooks (portable computers with wifi)

• tlcPod distribution (download to student devices)

• tlcProgramming (Lego robots with LabView)

• tlcStudios (video cams, midi instruments, microphones, digital cameras)

• tlcSpace (studentToStudent and teacherToStudent web space sharing)
random thoughts

• server space

• not square, out of the box, better acoustically

• digital distribution

• Apple alliance?

• space for studios, open but acoustically isolated

• document production center (laser printing, remote option?)

• quality tech “librarian”
a final thought

The Learning Cafe, a little TLC for the mind