

SELECT YOUR UNIVERSE:

Basic-school teachers

7th –10th form students

Upper secondary education

Teachers' training colleges

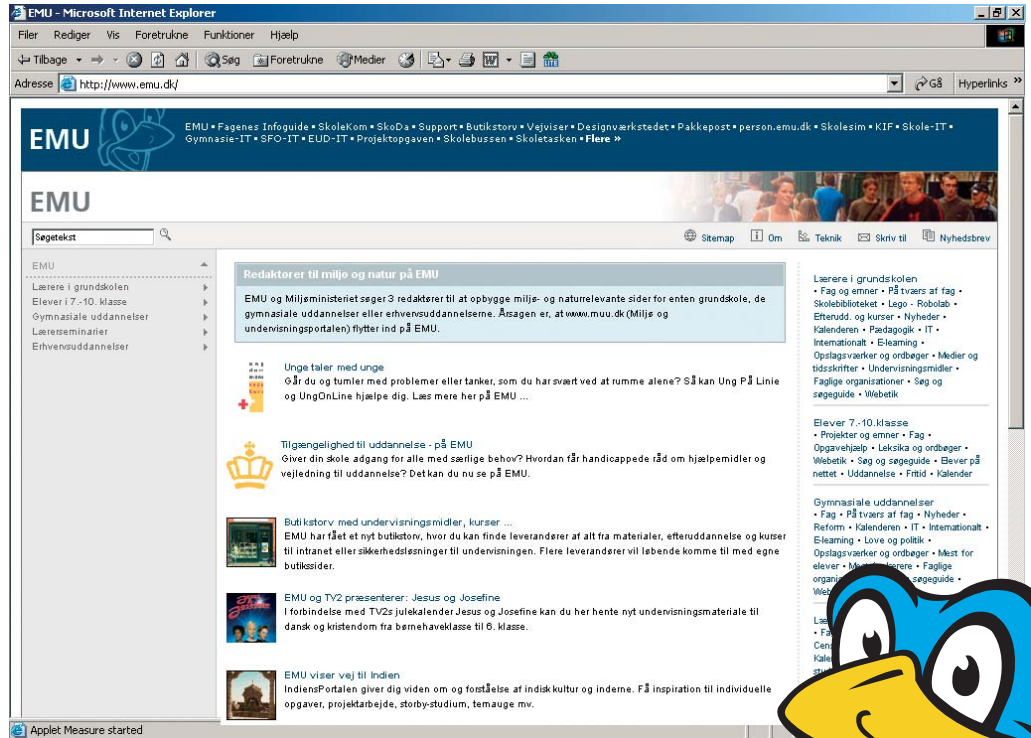
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A constantly growing EMU

EMU is constantly growing – both with regard to size and extent. Today EMU has 100,000 unique users per week and is one of 25 most frequently visited websites in Denmark. EMU consists of over 8,000 pages.

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EMU is the educational portal in Denmark and the entry to everything on the Internet relating to education.

Via EMU it is easy to form a general view and to find quality material for teaching purposes.

Moreover, EMU is a meeting place where you can enter into a dialogue with all the other parties in the educational community.

It is the objective of EMU to work towards developing the Danish educational system by furthering integration of ICT in education.

Universes with goal-directed content
Education covers a vast field, so EMU has different entries, or universes, for different target groups.

Today EMU has universes for 7th –10th form students, basic-school teachers, grammar-school education, vocational education, and teachers' training colleges.

With this grouping you are at once introduced to activities and topics that are of special relevance to you.

A tour of the universe

Topical issues

Via EMU you can find information on topical issues, such as:

How should the schools' websites be designed so as to observe the law about openness in education?

Which rules must students follow when surfing on the Internet?

Let us choose the basic-school teachers' universe. On the front page you will find today's news in the field, and with one single click on Calendar you get an overall view of topical educational activities for basic schools.



Focus on subjects

In Subjects and topics you will find a list of all subjects, and if you dive deeper into the individual subjects a broad selection of

possibilities appear, selected and arranged by the subject editor.

Here the best subject-related links, educational sequences and other professional inspiration are gathered. Here the political objectives and the framework of the special subject are presented. And everything is combined with debating fora where discussions and exchanging of knowledge can take place.

Interdisciplinary themes

ICT in education is a natural part of the subject-related content of EMU, so you can find a number of answers to a large number of questions about this theme: How can the Internet be integrated in education? How are e-learning processes developed? How to handle security? How to design a website?

Also across the curriculum you can concentrate on pedagogical methods, find information about courses and supplementary education and gain an overall view of various publishers of educational materials.

And you can find information globally: find a survey of European educational networks, exchange programmes, and practical possibilities of training abroad.

In other words: Via EMU's universes you are able to find information covering exactly the educational field that is especially interesting to you.

Projects and events

EMU keeps you updated on all the interesting educational projects that are going on in the whole country.

And EMU also arranges a number of events that make teaching meaningful.

Colourful projects



EMU arranges a number of events, which as a natural thing integrate communication and co-operation via the Net.

Paintings and missions

In the event called Art and Artists approximately 200 classes participated from all over the country. The students produced paintings that were placed on the Net, and at the same time the students followed the working process of six different painters via video and conferences.

In the Danish Championship of Internet search 300 classes participated. The project was designed in the form of a cyber-game, where the students in small groups carried out missions on the Net. The opponent was the evil Spider, who had to die in the finals, where selected groups competed to win the Danish Championship.

Poetry competition

In the poetry competition the students competed about writing the best poem. At the same time the teachers found inspiration to create an interesting learning process on poetry.

Everybody could vote on the poems that were entered on the EMU. This created dynamic pages and also helped the jury in the final judging.

More than 2,600 poems were entered in the competition.

Photo competition

In the spring of 2003 a photo competition was arranged by EMU, namely eFotos, with the theme "I am a European". The competition, which was held as part of the national eSchola activities, was to illustrate what it is like to be a child and youngster in Europe.

The photo competition was directed at basic schools and youth education.

Access to the best net services

EMU provides access to the best educational net services and presents them in professional contexts, such as conferences from SkoleKom, links from the Special-subject Infoguide or databases from SkoDa. For instance you can enter the SkoleKom conference on the subject of Danish direct-

SkoleKom



On SkoleKom all teachers and students in Denmark can have an email address and access to a number of open conferences divided according to school areas.

Users are identified by name, so that as a teacher you are enabled to communicate electronically with almost all your colleagues.

The Special-subject Infoguide



The Special-subject Infoguide is a collection of quality-assured links categorized according to subjects and themes. Here teachers can find good links with relation to education.

The Special-subject Infoguide is easy to survey. You can choose area and subject, or you can search directly on a topic.

SkoDa - databases for educational purposes



SkoDa is a huge virtual library that can be used both for preparation purposes as well as education. SkoDa consists of a large number of databases, among others:

ly from the website of Danish.

In that way EMU provides you with access to all UNI•C's educational services – either from the menu bar appearing everywhere on the EMU, or from relevant places in the individual universes.

SkoleKom as Intranet

Most conferences in SkoleKom are closed, i.e. they have been established for certain groups. Maybe a class and its teachers who discuss homework and assignments, or several schools that have agreed to collaborate, or perhaps the staff of a certain school using it to debate pedagogical and administrative matters.

Two new facilities, the Calendar and "the noticeboard" IntraWeb, has improved the Intranet function of SkoleKom.

If you wish to propose a new link you just select the item Propose a link in the menu bar. In this way teachers and students help develop the Special-subject Infoguide.

The special-subject editors assess the links

The special-subject editors, however, are the key persons in the operation. Experienced teachers assess the proposals and decide whether they should be used. At the same time the special-subject editors also find good links.

The best net services

EMU gathers all the best net services related to education. And scattered around EMU's pages they appear just where they are needed.

Below is a list of the most important net services:

SkoleKom

- The schools' mail- and conference system

The Special-subject Infoguide

- 10,000 links evaluated by experienced teachers

SkoDa

- databases for educational purposes

The directory

- to all educational institutions

Package post

- for exchange of large files

Design workshop

- articles about design of interactive applications

Project task

- help regarding the project task in the 9th form

School bag

- for filing of links, addresses and notes

SkoleSim

- educational simulation games

Meeting place with visions

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UNI•C is a public institution under the Danish Ministry of Education. Our core competencies are complete ICT solutions for the educational sector – right from technical connection to pedagogical tools.

Co-operation with EMU



A network of knowledge

The Danish Ministry of Education originally initiated the EMU and still supports further development of it.

But it is via the collaboration with the schools and the educational sector that EMU gets its content.

The content of EMU is provided by a large network of subject and theme editors. These editors are the lifeblood of EMU.

The EMU editorial staff at UNI•C defines the editorial line and coordinates and establishes collaborative connections with parties from the school community.

Growth and visions



EMU was initiated in 1999 and has grown since then both with regard to size and hits. Today EMU is one of 25 most frequently visited websites in Denmark.

In the autumn of 2002 the single EMU portal was changed into a portal of universes directed at different target groups. At the same time a large national network of editors was established.

The principal task of EMU in the future is to strengthen and extend the collaboration with content providers and users.

Through dialogue and mediation EMU shall continue to provide topical and relevant knowledge that lives up to the overall goals for the educational field matching the challenges that teachers and students meet every day.

It is the aim of EMU to become the preferred electronic meeting place of the educational community in Denmark.