

**ACRL DLS Discussion Group**  
**ALA Midwinter Forum: Mobile Devices and Distance Learning**  
**Monday, January 14, 2008**

**Opening Discussion Questions**

- 1) What advantages do mobile devices offer to the distance learning environment?
- 2) What best practices have been developed of interest to the group? How have institutions successfully integrated mobile devices into their curricula?
- 3) What are the continued challenges (technical, pedagogical, financial, organizational, etc.) of using mobile devices in distance learning?
- 4) What are the emerging trends? What does the future hold for mobile devices in distance learning?

## Suggested Background Readings

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## ***Websites***

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**FutureLab (News, discussion papers, literature reviews, handbooks, etc.): [www.futurelab.org.uk](http://www.futurelab.org.uk)**

**Handheld Learning (Largely K-12, but with some news, reports and shared resources applicable to higher education.): [www.handheldlearning.co.uk](http://www.handheldlearning.co.uk)**

**JISC (Additional landscape and case studies, “TechWatch” reports, conference proceedings, etc.): [www.jisc.au.uk](http://www.jisc.au.uk)**

**Society for Applied Learning Technology (SALT) (Mainly commercial, but has news, conference information, society journals): [www.salt.org](http://www.salt.org)**

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