

# **CIC NEXTBOOK**

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Case study report - KU Leuven: Onboarding Educative Master Course "Designing physics education: teaching methods in physics classes"

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The course material of this case study report is available here:

https://nextbook.io/book/test-fysica-onderwijs-ontwerpen-werkvormen-in-de-fysicales

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## 1. Context

This case study reports on the onboarding of a KU Leuven course called "Fysica-onderwijs ontwerpen: werkvormen in de fysicales." This course is offered in the Educative Master on Science and Technology. The goal of the case study was to test the onboarding instructions and procedure for getting course material on the Nextbook platform.

# 2. Challenge

Onboarding material on the Nextbook platform has been proven challenging. Initially, only people from Nextbook itself could upload course material that was provided to them in docx format. As a consequence, the onboarding of material was tedious and time consuming. During the project's duration Nextbook developed the functionality for teachers to upload their own course material in docx format, and instructions were developed on how to prepare the material in the docx material to allow for smooth onboarding.

The goal of this case study was to test the onboarding instructions and procedure with the course material of the course "Fysica-onderwijs ontwerpen: werkvormen in de fysicales."

#### 3. Co-creation solution

The course material was received in docx format.

- 1) In order to ensure that Nextbook recognizes the outline of the course material (different headings), the document's outline was fixed according to the instructions by assigning header's explicitly to the titles introduced by the teacher.
- 2) In order to profit from the interactivity of the Nextbook platform interactive elements were introduced in the docx
  - a) Open-ended questions
  - b) Multiple choice question

The adapted material was uploaded to Nextbook. From the result it was clear that not the entire outline was correctly fixed, that some numbering of items was not correct, and that the course material could profit from more interactive elements. As Nextbook does not offer editing functionality yet, the docx was further improved on a trial-and-error basis.

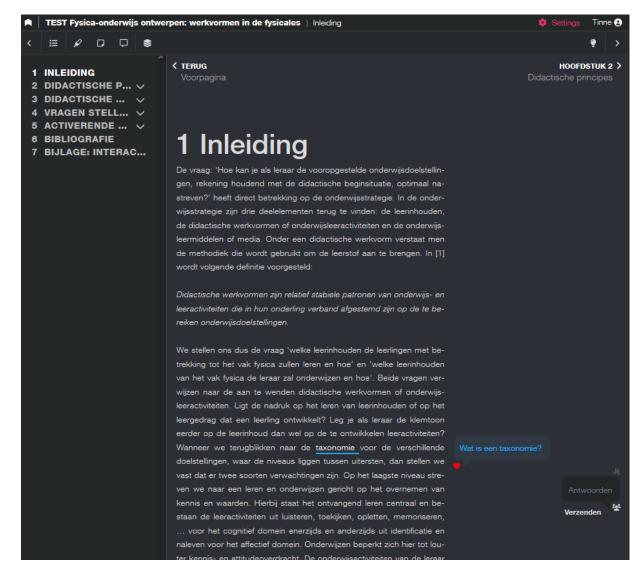
The screenshots below show the resulting onboarded course material.



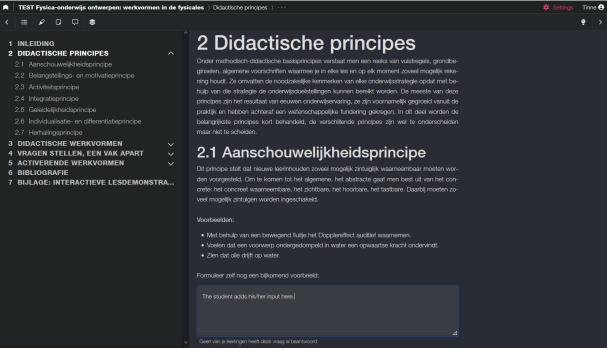


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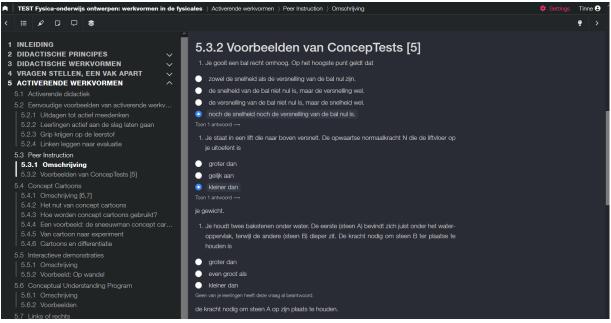
Landing page of the onboarded course, showing the outline of the handbook



Screenshot of the introduction page of the course, with an example question showing the teachers how students will interact with the material.



Screenshot of an interactive element in the course text where a student is asked to add an own example in the open text field.



Screenshot of interactive elements in the course text in the form of multiple choice questions.

#### 4. Discussion

The instructions provided by Nextbook proved to be sufficient to prepare the course material in docx format for uploading in the Nextbook platform. The easy addition of interactive elements supports the interactivity of the handbook as a starter for co-creation.

As no editing functionality is available however, subsequent smaller improvements have to be made in the original docx and then re-uploaded as a new textbook to Nextbook. This procedure is tedious and time consuming. Therefore, for the future Nextbook should invest in the editing functionality to improve the user experience.

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