

ChatGPT and Linked In for Instructional Design

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6.2 Assignment: Levels of Interactivity in eLearning

Interactivity in instructional design makes learning more engaging and practical.

According to eLearning Industry, there are four levels of interactivity, each offering different ways to get learners involved. The first level, passive interaction, is the most basic and includes reading text or watching videos with little engagement. While that can be useful for introducing a topic, it is not always the best way to keep learners interested. I have taken plenty of courses that relied heavily on passive interaction, and I often found myself zoning out or struggling to retain the information. The next level, limited interaction, includes things like multiple choice quizzes, drag and drop exercises, and clickable images. Including a simple knowledge check can help reinforce key concepts and makes learning feel like a more interactive experience. The third level, moderate interaction includes elements like interactive demonstrations, branching scenarios, and guided simulations. One of the most effective online courses I have taken used branching scenarios to walk through real world situations, allowing me to make decisions and see the outcomes. It felt more immersive than just reading a case study. Full interaction includes simulations, game based learning, and other hands on experiences. This is where learners fully engage in realistic, high stakes environments without real world consequences. If I were designing a course on leadership skills I could create an interactive role playing scenario where learners have to navigate team conflicts and make decisions that impact a virtual workplace.

As an instructional designer, I want to create learning experiences that actually engage learners in meaningful ways. I know from my own learning experiences that the more I interact with the material, the better I retain it. I do not want to design courses that feel like a chore to complete. I want learning to feel valuable, practical, and even enjoyable. Using interactivity can

make a huge difference in how people learn, and I am excited to incorporate these strategies into my future work.

6.3 Assignment: ChatGPT and LinkedIn for Instructional Purposes

Summary

I created content for a LinkedIn post about how to start a podcast. I started by researching the key steps involved in launching a podcast, from picking a topic to choosing equipment, recording, editing, and promoting episodes. I used ChatGPT to help me get started by generating an outline, which gave me a solid structure. However, I had to adjust the responses to make them more detailed and personal. I added my own insights and tips based on my experience, making sure the content was both practical and easy to follow. In the end, the LinkedIn post provides a clear, step-by-step guide that helps beginners get started with podcasting

LinkedIn Post

If you've ever thought about starting a podcast, you're not alone! It's such an exciting way to share your thoughts, passions, and expertise with the world. But, let's be real, it can also feel a little overwhelming when you think about all the steps involved. From choosing your topic to getting the right equipment, there's a lot to consider.

I'm here to break it down for you. Whether you want to talk about your favorite hobbies, teach a new skill, or share your entrepreneurial journey, this guide will help you get started on your podcasting adventure. It's easier than you think, and I'll walk you through everything step by step.

1. Choose Your Podcast Topic

The first step to starting a podcast is choosing a topic that excites you. Think about what you're passionate about and how you can create value for your listeners. You don't have to reinvent the

wheel—pick something that you care about deeply and that others would be interested in learning more about.

Tip: Go for a niche that feels authentic to you. The more specific you get, the easier it'll be to build a dedicated audience.

2. Get Your Equipment Together

Starting a podcast doesn't require a ton of fancy equipment. You can keep it simple at first. All you really need is a good microphone, some headphones, and a quiet place to record. If you want to take it a step further, consider adding a pop filter and an audio interface to improve sound quality.

Tip: Don't let the cost of equipment stop you from starting. You can get started on a budget with great options like the Audio-Technica ATR2100X or the Blue Yeti.

3. Recording Your Episode

Now comes the fun part—recording your first episode! I recommend scripting your episodes at least in the beginning to keep you on track. This is especially helpful if you're nervous about speaking or if you're prone to rambling. Keep your energy up, and remember to be authentic.

The best podcasts are those where the host truly sounds like themselves.

Tip: Don't worry about making it perfect. Your audience will appreciate your authenticity and your willingness to grow along the way.

4. Editing Your Podcast

Once you've recorded your episode, it's time to edit. Editing can help remove background noise, long pauses, or anything that might distract from the main content. I use Audacity for editing because it's free and pretty easy to use. It's worth taking the time to edit your episodes to give them a polished feel.

Tip: Don't go overboard with editing. A little bit of natural sound can go a long way in making your podcast feel human.

5. Publish and Promote

After editing, your podcast is ready to go! You'll need a hosting platform, like Anchor or Buzzsprout, to upload your episodes. Then, submit your podcast to directories like Apple Podcasts and Spotify to get your episodes out there. Promotion is key—share your podcast on social media, encourage listeners to subscribe, and engage with your audience to build a community.

Tip: Consistency is key. Stick to a regular release schedule so your audience knows when to expect new content.

How ChatGPT Helped and the Changes I Made

When I first sat down to write my LinkedIn post, I was not sure where to begin, so I turned to ChatGPT for a bit of guidance. It helped me generate an outline that I could build upon. The prompts I used were simple, like “How to start a podcast” and “What equipment do I need for a podcast?” ChatGPT gave me a solid foundation, but I had to expand on the responses to make them more detailed and practical for my audience. ChatGPT provided basic advice on equipment and podcast topics, but I added my personal experience with editing tools like Audacity and Anchor because those are tools I have used and could speak to more authentically.

ChatGPT also suggested broad ideas on content structure, but I tailored the advice to make it feel more like a guide that learners could actually use. ChatGPT was great at giving me a starting point, but it did not fill in all the specifics that would make the post more engaging and practical. I had to adapt the responses by incorporating my personal insights and real world examples to make it sound more engaging. I also had to ensure the tips were clear and actionable, so they were helpful to anyone new to podcasting.