Transforming Educational Technology Integration

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Goals

Learn about the SAMR Model
Listen to some practical examples
Reflect on a real-world integration activity
Ask questions / learn more
Reflect on how you use technology when you are working with your students.

**Note Activity**

Please use the paper at your table. Write ONE tech integrated project you currently do in your classroom, or one way technology is embedded in the weekly curriculum.
SAMR Model

........developed over 5 years ago by Dr. Ruben Puentedura... in simple terms... SAMR is the acronym summarizing a four-stage model for looking at and understanding one’s use of educational technology........

from Gary Akerman's blog http://www.nelms.org/blog/index.php
4 Stages to Integration

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2. **Augmentation**: technology acts as a direct tool substitute with functional improvement.

3. **Modification**: technology allows for significant task redesign.

4. **Redefinition**: technology allows for the creation of new tasks, previously inconceivable.

The four stages of the SAMR model

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An example over time

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**Redefinition is ...**

M. Smith's class collaborates with other classes locally or globally on a common issue or problem. Students research and share their findings in order to find a common solution. The project has grown to be cross-curricular and multidisciplinary, utilizing the strengths of the students in the different classes. Students use a variety of multimedia to collect, communicate and distribute their findings and conclusions. Various technologies are used to communicate and share information between the various school groups.
The four stages of the SAMR model -> Where does your current teaching fit in the SAMR model?

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Breakout Activity

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Thank You

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