

International Collaborative Consultants

Extension Foundations Training: Plant Pathology



ICC Team Members

A collage of six polaroid-style photos of team members, each with their name and role printed below. The photos are arranged in a circular pattern on a dark red background.

- Emily**
Project Manager
- Kazu**
Multimedia Developer
- Daisy**
Instructional Designer
- Remi**
Evaluator
- Afram**
Instructional Designer
- HueiHsien**
Programmer

Consultants

We worked with great consultants...

- **Amy Wright**
- **Myra Blackmon**
- **Audra Edwards**
- **Radcliffe Campbell**
- **Lindsay Wilson**
- **Sandy Wise**
- **Cheryl Gerde**

And the roles that they took were:
**Grammar reviewer, process reviewer,
evaluator, multimedia developer, editor**



Our Client

- **Mr. Duren Bell**
Agricultural and Natural Resources Program
Coordinator, UGA Cooperative Extension
- **UGA Cooperative Extension**
 - University outreach in every Georgia county
 - Provides information, advice and educational programs to help improve people's lives
 - Agricultural, Environmental, Family, Health, Financial, Youth Development



Current Instruction

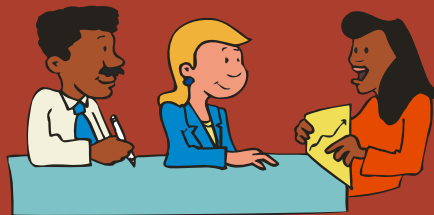
Existing training for new employees

- Acclimates employees to Extension culture
- Provides broad introduction to many potential subjects they may encounter on the job
- Face-to-face



Instructional Problem

- Each employee has an area of expertise
- Training does not adequately prepare for situations outside of expertise
- Employees need training focused on problems within their county
- Training should range from basic to advanced levels

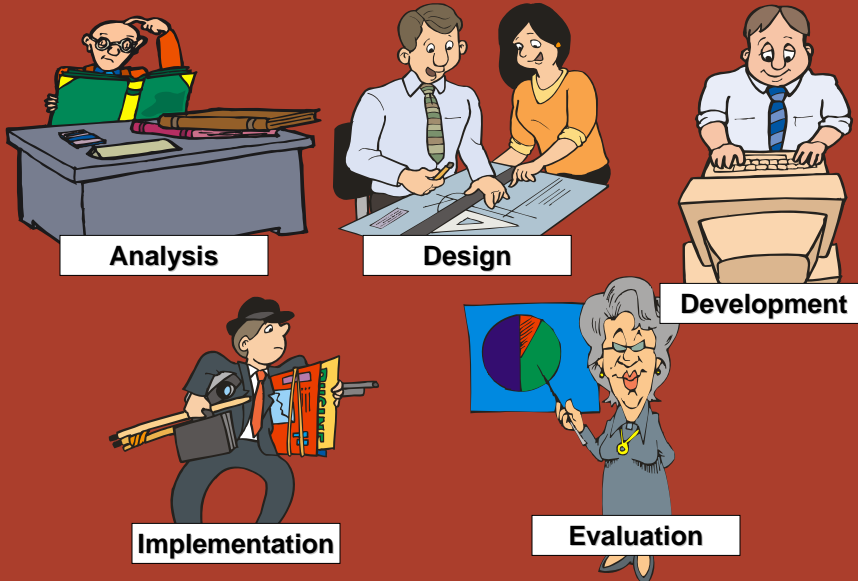


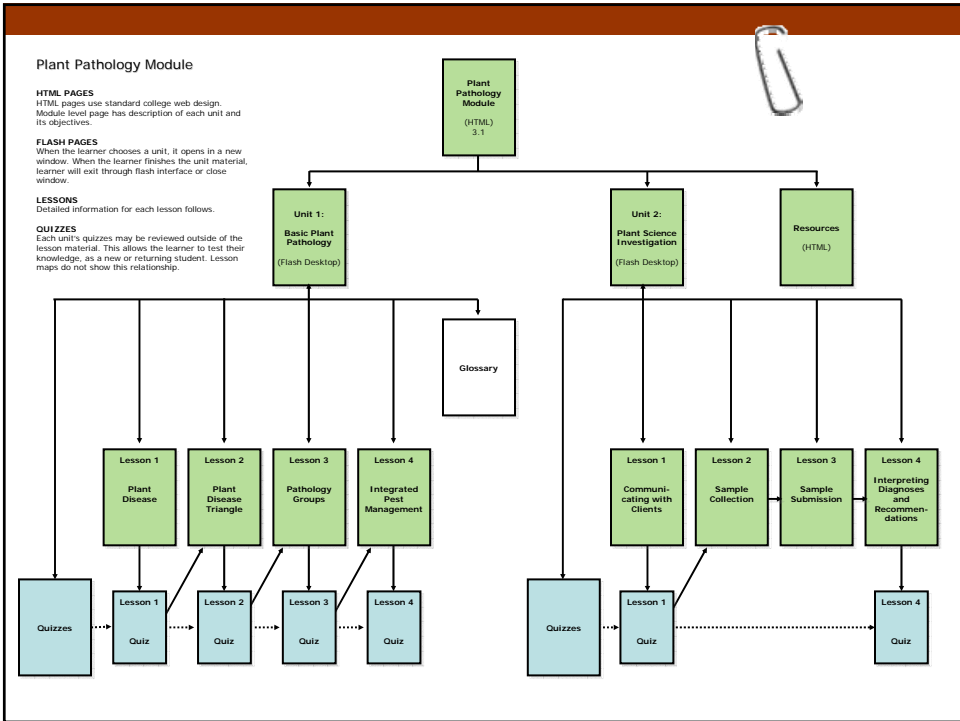
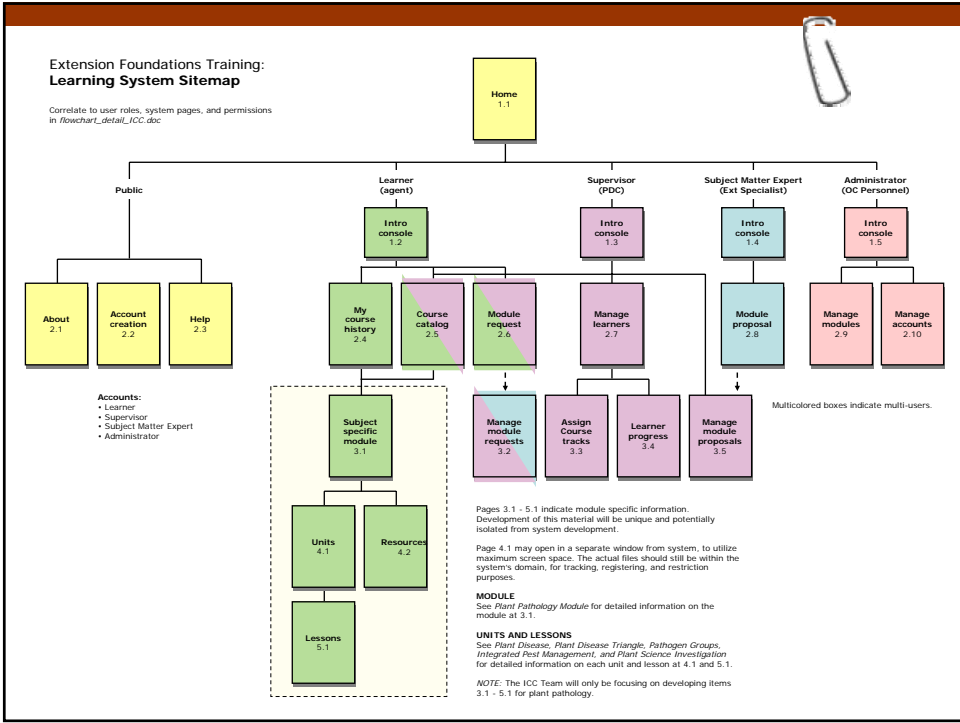
Our Project

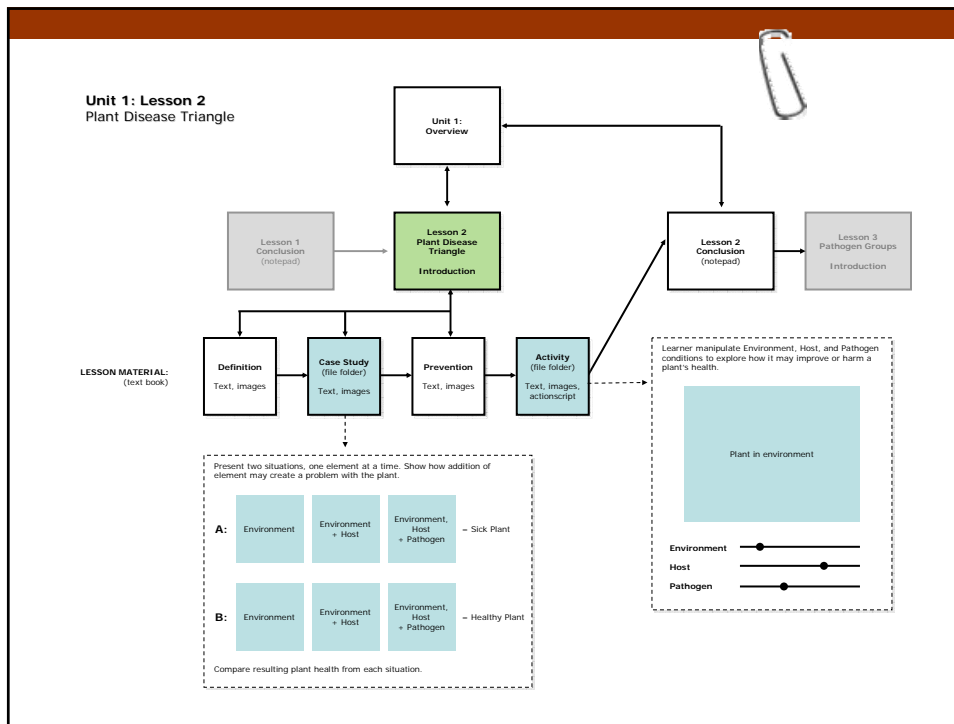
- Design a mock-up learning system for online delivery
- Design a learning module on Plant Pathology
- Fit module into learning system
- Hand-off mock-up for future development



Overall Development Process







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Pathogen Groups Quiz

1. What pathogen is shown in this image?
(Choose all that apply)

Fungi
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 Nematodes
 Phytoplasmata

Check Answer

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Symptoms caused by different pathogen groups

SYMPTOM	DEFINITION	FUNGUS	BACTERIA	VIRUS	NEMATODE	PHYTOPLASMA
Leaf spot	Localized lesions on host leaves	X	X			
Blight	General and extremely rapid browning & death of various plant tissues	X	X			
Necrosis	Localized dead & discolored tissue	X	X	X		
Canker	Localized necrotic lesion on stem or fleshy organ of plant; can be sunken	X	X			
Dieback	Death of twigs beginning at the tip and moving toward their bases	X	X	X		
Root rot	Decay of root systems	X			X	
Chlorotic mottling	Rapid death and collapse of seedlings at the seedling	X				
Stunt	Distortion of plant tissue such as stunts, witches broom	X	X			

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Root rot	Decay of root systems	X			X	
Damping off	Rapid death and collapse of seedlings at the soil line	X				
Soft rot	Disintegration of plant tissue (such as fruits, bulbs, fleshy leaves)	X	X			

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