SWITCH EDUHUB Webinars

Learning through digital innovation

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STUDENTS EXPERIENCE – ACTIVE AND INNOVATIVE LEARNERS







Theory, Exercising, Alone

<u>Programs</u>: BSc in Information systems and service science (Unige)
BSc Informatique de gestion (HEG)
MSc in Computer Science (Unige)



Practice, Stakeholders, Projects, Portfolio

<u>Collaborations</u>: HES-SO (HEG, hepia), University offices (sport, culture, admissions, ...)

PLAN

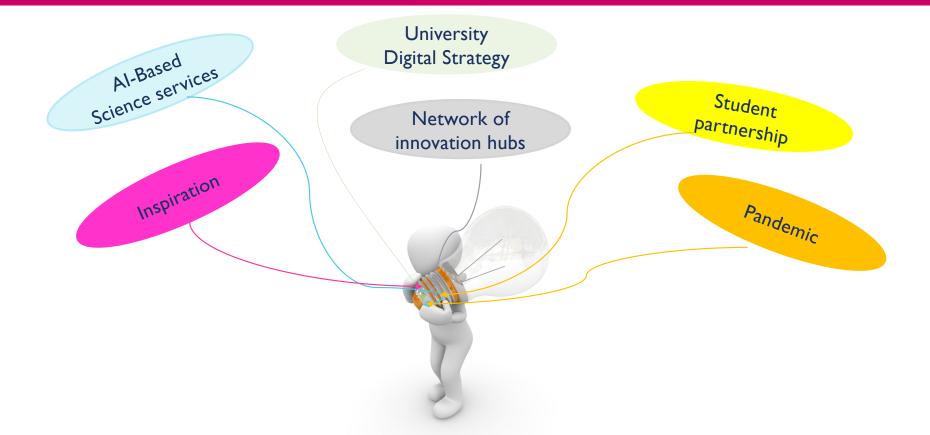


- Motivation
- Digital transformation and innovation in Academic world: Geneva University
- Digital Innovation Hub of the University of Geneva
- Accelerator of Digital Sciences and Services
- Innovation process
- Unige Case study (projects)
- Conclusion



MOTIVATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES



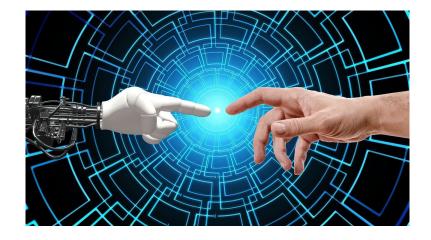


DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AND INNOVATION IN ACADEMIC WORLD



"According to Gartner I, by 202 I, the top 100 higher education institutions will need to adopt artificial intelligence technologies to stay competitive in research. And over 30% of institutions will be forced to move towards a personalization strategy to maintain student enrollment levels."

https://www.gartner.com/en/documents/3895923/5-best-practices-for-artificial-intelligence-in-higher-e



DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AND INNOVATION IN ACADEMIC WORLD: GENEVA UNIVERSITY



Digital Transformation Office (Unige)

Computer Science Center (Research - CUI)

Division of Information Systems (IT Professionals - DiSTIC)

Digital Innovation Hub

Accelerator of digital Science and services

DIGITAL STRATEGY - UNIGE



Original combined efforts of two main digital actors in university along with a challenging digital strategy to provide:

- Digital skills for all;
- Digital services and support to transform the University;
- Towards a responsible digital society;
- A digital backbone for advanced research;
- An open ecosystem for digital innovation;
- An agile and participative governance.
- https://www.unige.ch/numerique/en/digital-strategy/digital-strategy/



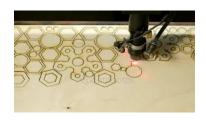
DIGITAL INNOVATION HUB OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GENEVA



Digital Innovation Hub

Managed by the Computer Science Center (CUI)

http://pin.unige.ch







Missions:

- Development of innovative digital services for the University community
- Supporting students and researchers with their projets
- Reaching out towards the public, private and organisational sector of the Geneva area

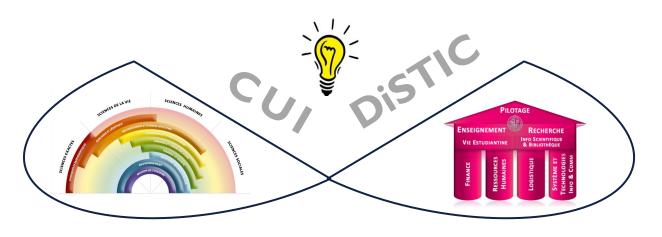
Tools:

- Accelerator of digital science and services
- FacLab
- Innovation clinic
- Digital Forge
- Scientific Computing Support
- Pogramming Club

ACCELERATOR OF DIGITAL SCIENCES AND SERVICES



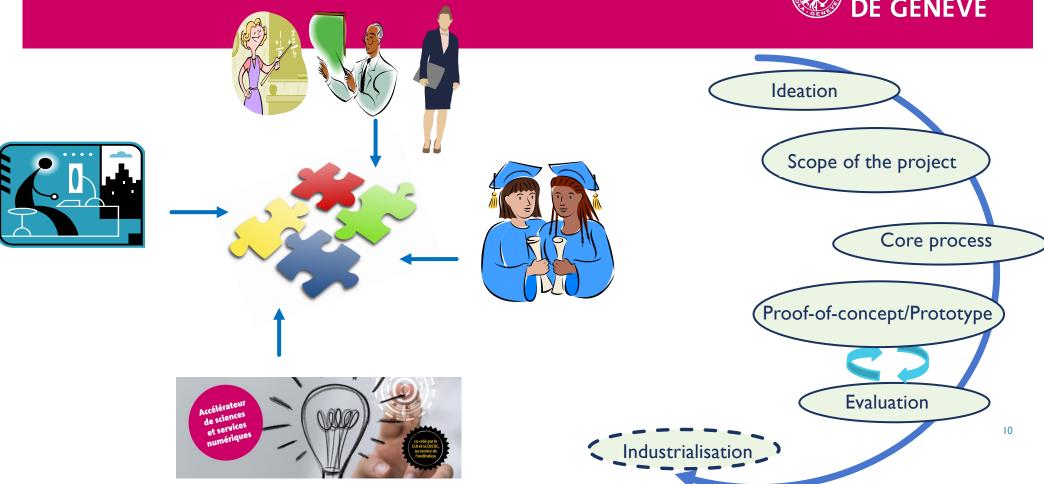
Born from the original combined effort of the two main actors of the University



- Student projects:
 Internship, BSc, MSc
- Academic expertise: Copils (SIS, PL12146), Mandates
- Tailored training fo DiSTIC
- Lecturing

ACTORS AND INNOVATION PROCESS





PROJECTS – BLOCKCHAIN

Combination of 3 Verification Techniques



Mission: Authenticating University diploma

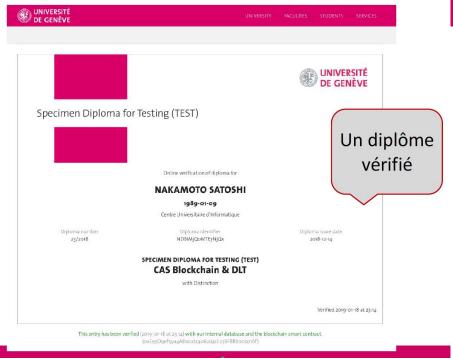
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Technology: Blockchain (Bloxberg)

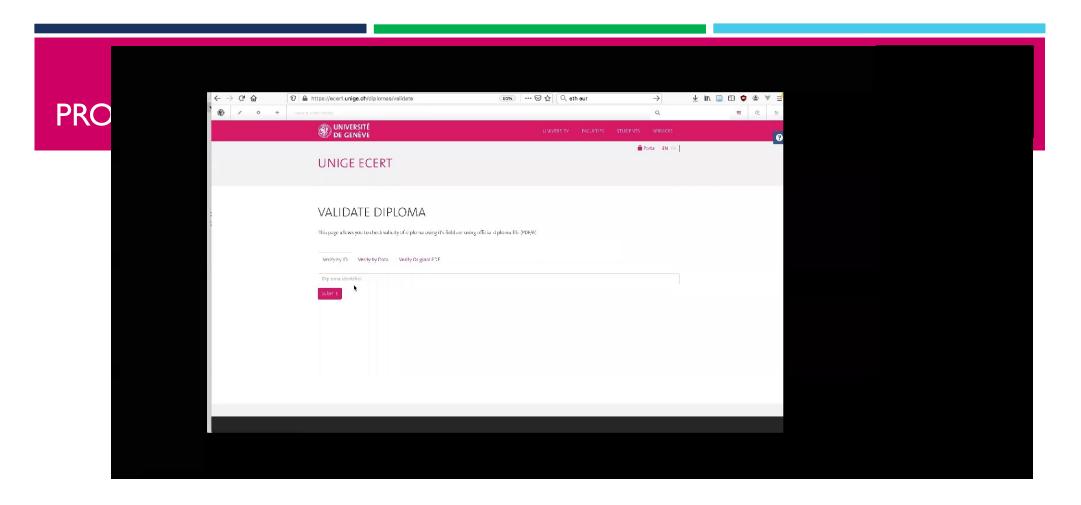
Student: Jörn Erbguth (PhD thesis)



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- https://www.unige.ch/stic/innovation/projets/



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PROJECTS – CHATBOT GSEM





Mission: Help future master students to apply to the

GSEM Faculty

Status: Deployed

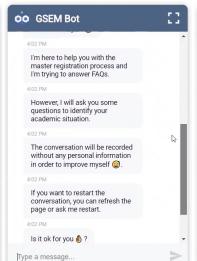
Technology: Rasa

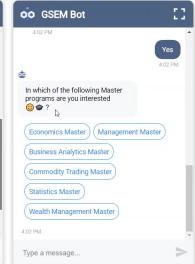
Student: Bastien Fioretti (BSc project)



OO GSEM Bot

Type a message..





- https://digitaltag.swiss/fr/programm/des-services-numeriques-concus-par-lesetudiant-es-du-cui/
- http://cui.unige.ch/fr/nouvelles/chatbotgsem/
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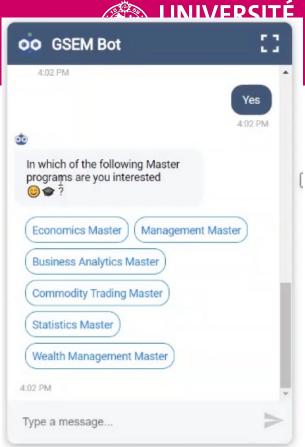
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PROJECTS – STUDIES ADVISOR





Advisor

Mission: Help student with frequently asked questions abouts internship, studies, subscriptions

Status: Beta test

Technology: IBM Watson

Student: Karim El-Kassimi (Bsc projet)



- https://unitabel.com/CUI/chatbotcui.html
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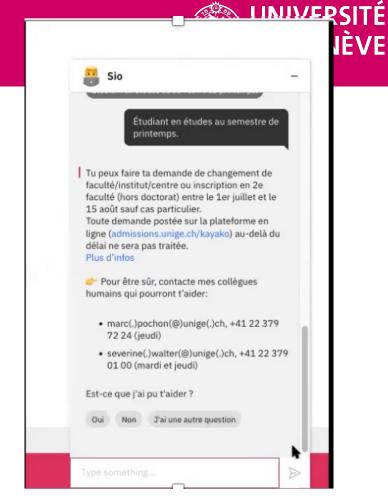
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PROJECTS – CHATBOT CULTURE & SPORT



Mission: Help student with frequently asked questions

abouts sports, subscriptions, ski camps

Status: Beta test

Technology: Rasa

Student: Ivan Kostine (Internship)

Status: Beta test

Technology: Rasa, use Database

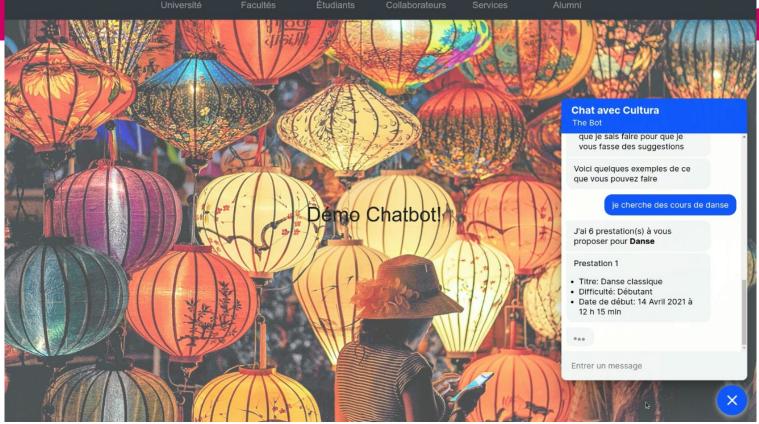
present the culture program offer

Student: Antonin Sedoh (BSc projet + internship)

Mission: Help students with frequently asked questions and

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UNIVERSITÉ GENÈVE



SOME ONGOING PROJECTS



SMART TRASH

Mission: (1) Automatic system for identifying PET bottles in sorting bins; (2) autonomous bins will reject unwanted objects; (3) completed with an interactive system (educational reward).

Status: On going

Technology: Sensors (camera), Machine Learning

Project: HEPIA - UNIGE

Student: Eric Alexis_Bertrand (Master Project)

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DIGITAL HUMANITIES

Mission: Consolidate and enrich a collection of literature data (textual documents, letters – organised as linked data) with additional information on mentioned locations (geonames)

Status: On going

Technology: OpenRefine, geonames, RDF, linked data

Project: HEG - UNIGE

Student: Marion Lorenz (Bsc Project)

https://www.unige.ch/stic/innovation/projets/

PROJECTS – ... AND MORE ...



Chatbots:

- Access to internal database
- Access to Moodle (assignments)
- Retrieving information from zoom recording
- Rasa vs IBM Watson
- Ontology
- Personnalisation
- Various levels of maturity (L1-L2-L3)

Other:

- Services for Mobile App Unige
- Tests for e-learning environments

Full list:

https://www.unige.ch/stic/innovation/projets/



INNOVATION

Projets accélérés

L'Accélérateur de sciences et de services numériques de l'UNICE développe de nombreux projets et partenariats. Il encadre notamment des travaux d'étudiant-es (stages, travaux de Bachelor en Informatique, projets de recherche de Doctorat) par le biais du CUI, de la DISTIC ou encore de la Haute Ecole de Gestion.

Des projets étudiant-es/institutionnels numériques sont développés dans le cadre de l'Accélérateur et deviennent des prototypes ou proof-of-concept. Certains prototypes prometteurs peuvent être ensuite repris par l'institution pour un dépoliement et une mise à disposition de la communauté universitaire.

Vous trouverez ci-dessous la liste des travaux réalisés depuis 2017 ainsi que les projets en cours.





SCOPE AND ARTICULATION WITH IT SERVICES



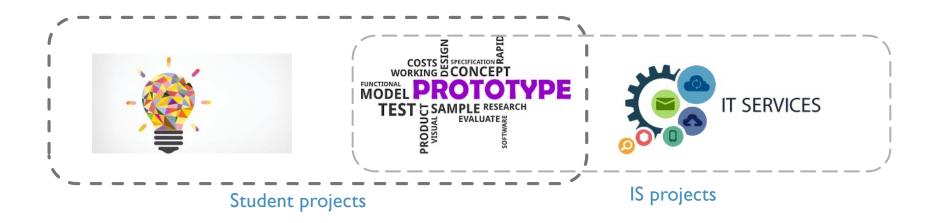
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ADVANTAGES

- Experimenting innovation
- Providing prototypes
- Technological Watch

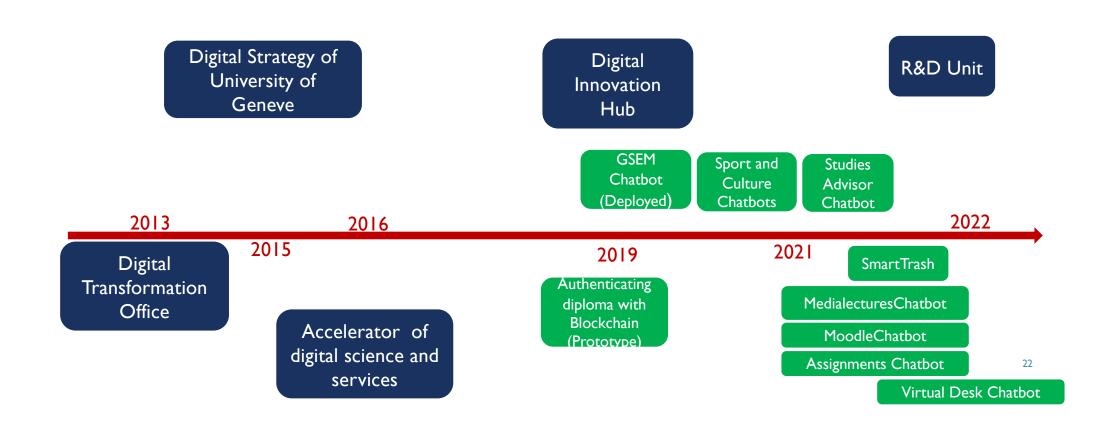
LIMITS

- Additional needs: industrial phase → finalised service usable by the University community
- Prototypes not ready to use



TIMELINE

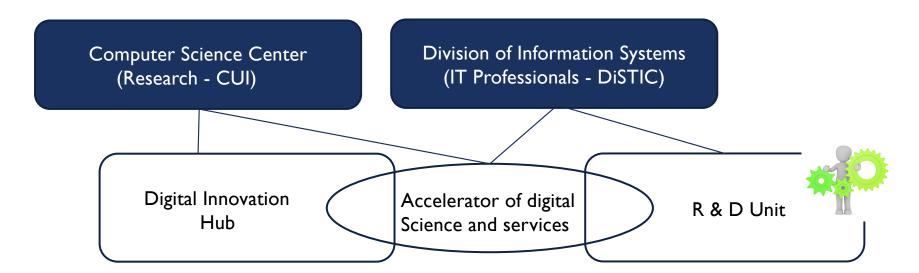




FUNCTIONAL DIAGRAM



Digital Transformation Office (Unige)



R&D UNIT GOALS



Propose

Propose innovative projects giving rise to functionnal prototypes with strong added value

Technology watch

Perform a technology watch

Evaluate

Monitor the prototypes arising from the projects, evaluating the results

Select

Select the services to scale up and made available to the whole university

Deploy

Ensure the production and deployment of new services

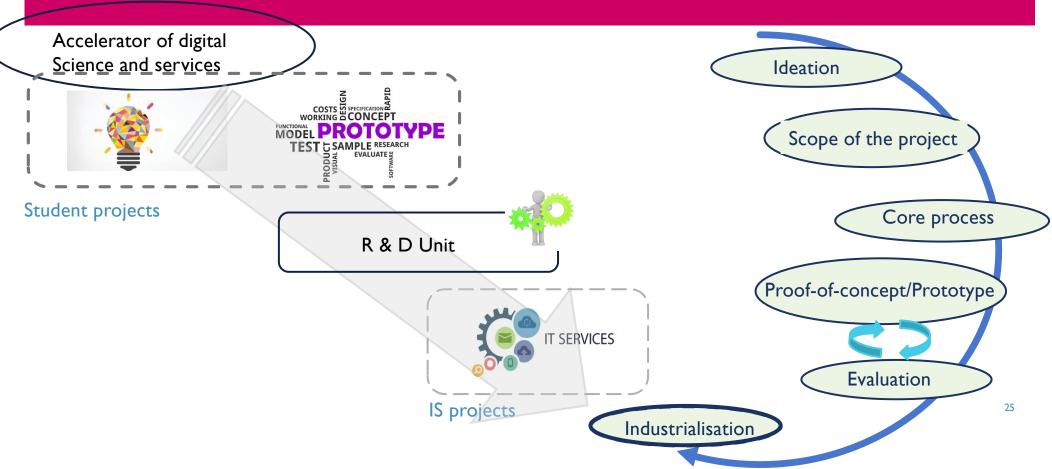
Train

Train and develop internal skills of the teams who will be responsible for maintenance of the service



R&D UNIT GOALS





CONCLUSION



- Learning through Innovation process
- Need for structures to sustain the process (Digital Innovation Hub, Accelerator, R&D Unit)
- Success stories
- Competence networks → beyond the Accelerator
- Include students of other programs e.g. Media et Communication / Psychologie

THANKS!!



- Team work → students, product owners, DiSTIC IT specialists, other IT specialist, academic coaches, rectorate
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 - Accelerator team

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