

# The Learning Cafe

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# inspiration

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- picture of Jeff Bezos at computer
- NSF summer camp at IUP, all night programming and particle accelerator experiments
- study at Grove Caffe @UCSD
- sabbatical @DTU in Copenhagen
- composition and conception at The Cafes (Sorrento, Ligon Street Starbucks, Northbridge pub)

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# what is The Learning Cafe?

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- a social place to learn with intellectual conversation
- think a neighborhood bookstore with neighborhood cafe
- a place to browse knowledge and explore its meaning
- scandinavian simplicity and intellectual inspiration

# it has ...

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- book browsing, reading
- internet browsing, contemplating
- music composition, listening
- software programming, sharing
- foreign language learning, practicing
- writing, distribution
- film & photo production, distribution

# it should be ...

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- comfortable
- flexible
- calming
- uncluttered and organized
- acoustically quiet

# space for today's technology without commitment

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- tlcBooks (portable computers with wifi)
- tlcPod distribution (download to student devices)
- tlcProgramming (Lego robots with LabView)
- tlcStudios (video cams, midi instruments, microphones, digital cameras)
- tlcSpace (studentToStudent and teacherToStudent web space sharing)

# random thoughts

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- server space
- not square, out of the box, better acoustically
- digital distribution
- Apple alliance?
- space for studios, open but acoustically isolated
- document production center (laser printing, remote option?)
- quality tech “librarian”



a final thought

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The Learning Cafe, a little TLC for the mind