

# Gamify your eLearning with these 7 techniques

Gamification refers to the application of gaming elements into the instructional design of a course. It's a fantastic way of keeping your learner's attention and increase motivation, while having fun at the same time!

## Timers

A timer is a classic game feature. It lets the learner know how long they have to complete a task, but also pushes them into action and can help create a sense of urgency. A timer can be a positive motivator that keeps the learner active.

## Sound effects

Positive and negative re-enforcement can be conveyed through sound effects. It informs the learner of their progress, keeps them audibly stimulated and, if using classic sounds from the past, can add a fun level of nostalgia.

## Progress bars

A progress bar allows learners to keep track of their progress throughout a course and keeps them focused on their goal.

## Simulations

Simulations are great for immersing the learner in the content. Virtual worlds and 360 videos / images allow the learner to examine different environments without physically moving. Simulations can also be administered via a thoughtful scenario, which the learner works their way through by making decisions.

## Maps

A built-in map is a fantastic way of enabling learners to explore an online course. It enables the learner to keep track of their progress in a fun, visual and interactive way.

## Point-scoring

As with any online or offline game, scoring and collecting points is a great motivator. The learner works hard to collect points or get the highest score and while doing so they are absorbing and working through the learning experience.

## Avatars

An avatar is a graphical or animated representation of the learner. Adding an avatar helps the learner to connect with the course and learning. Avatars can also be used to narrate or help the learner as they work through the course.

