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Experimentation in a National Public Sector Project

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YTL (Matriculation Examination Board)

High school graduation examination **Since 1852** High stakes — fast pass to universities +400 high schools 2 examinations a year 40 000 students / examination 4 — 7 exams per student ~12 exam days in high schools Productive (text & drawings) answers Pen and paper

Digital Matriculation Examination

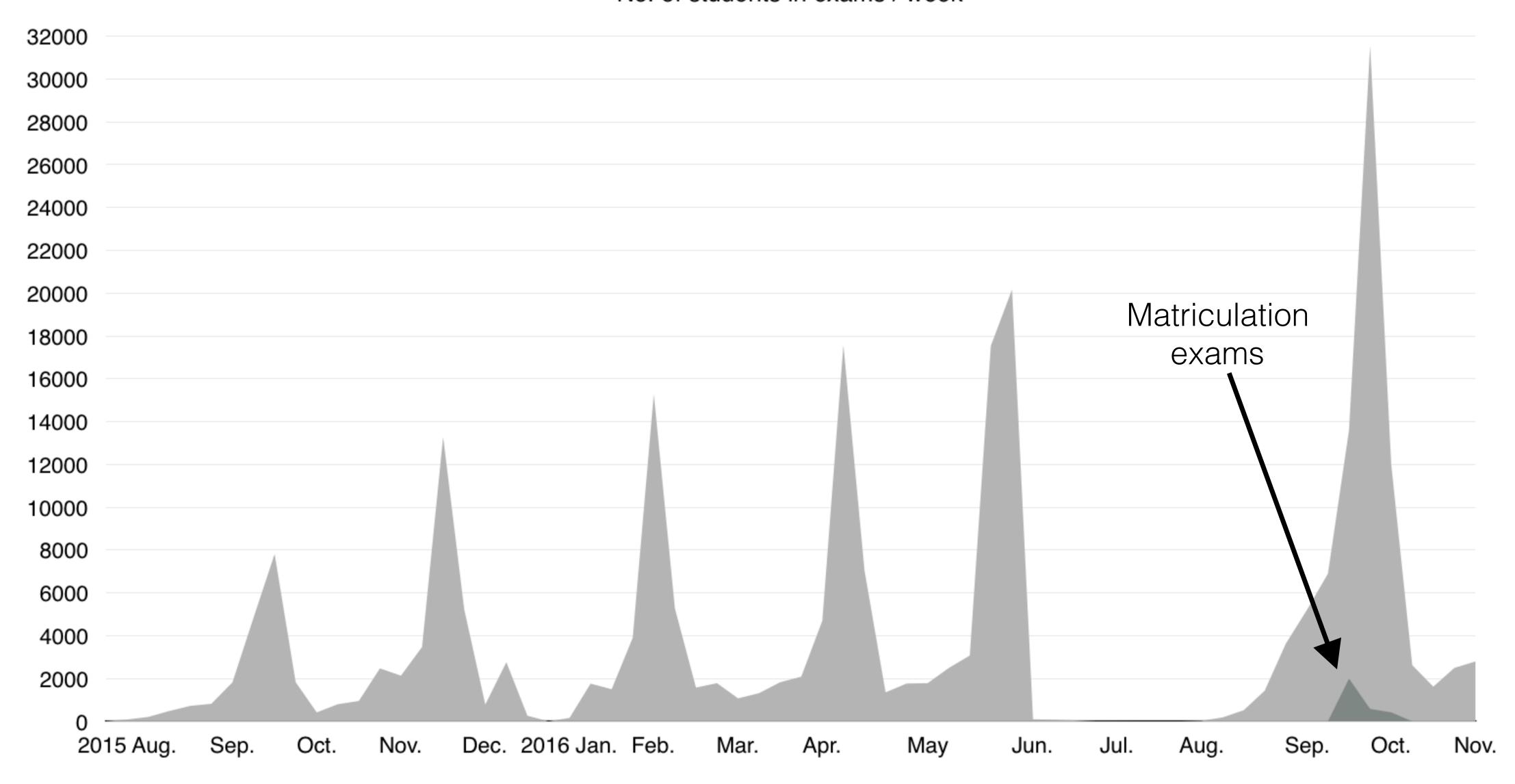
- In May 2013 the timetable for the digitalisation project was decided
 - 2016 autumn: Geography, German, Philosophy
 - 2017 spring: French, Psychology, Social Studies
 - ...
 - 2019 spring: Mathematics
- Pre-requisites
 - Students' own laptops
 - Embedded linux booted from USB drive
 - Schools acquire servers, hubs, UPSes etc
 - Schools build the required networks for exams
- Implementation project started in April 2014
 - At the time YTL visited schools with bootable USB sticks and network building exercises

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Make digital matriculation examination a success

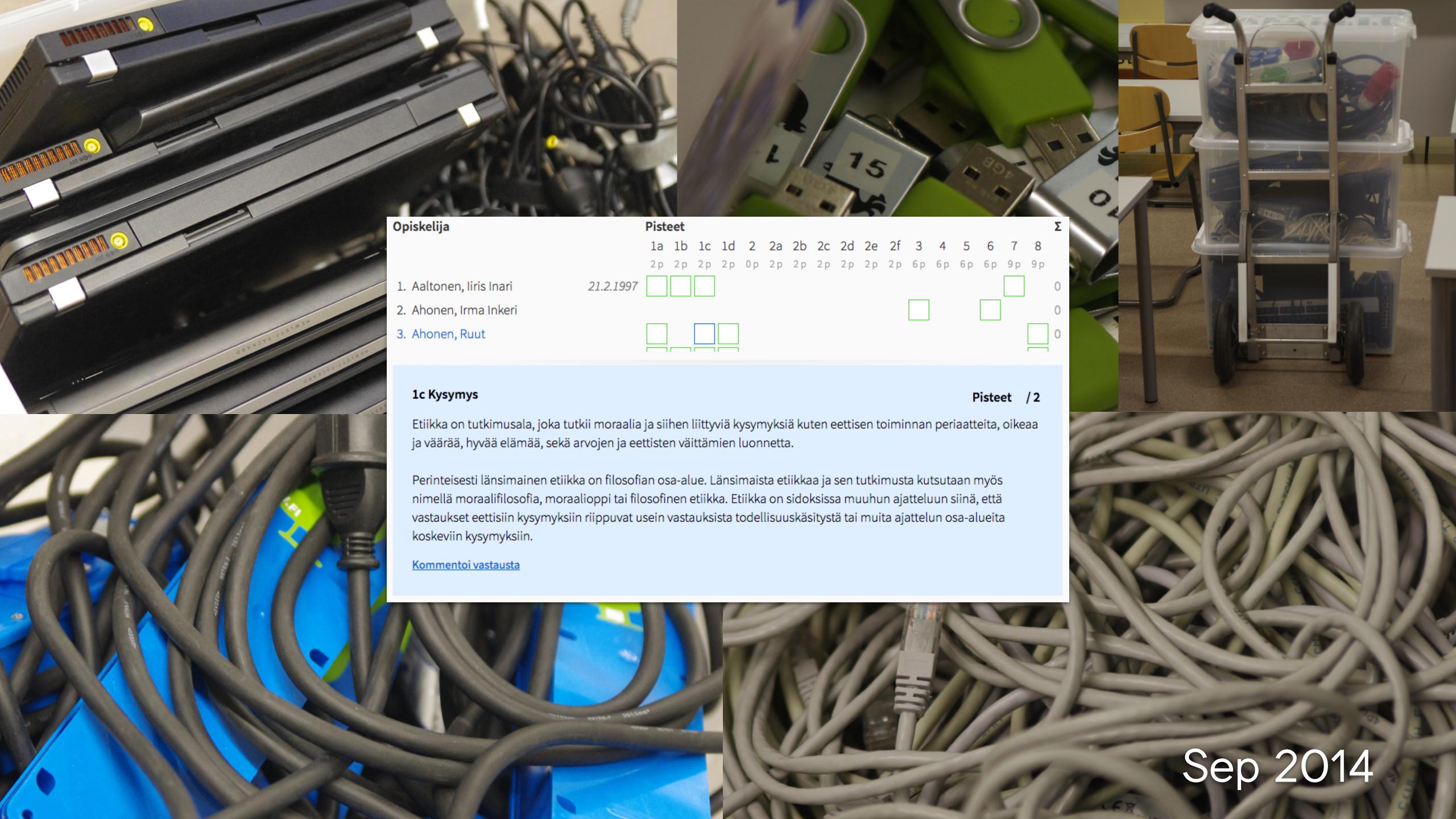
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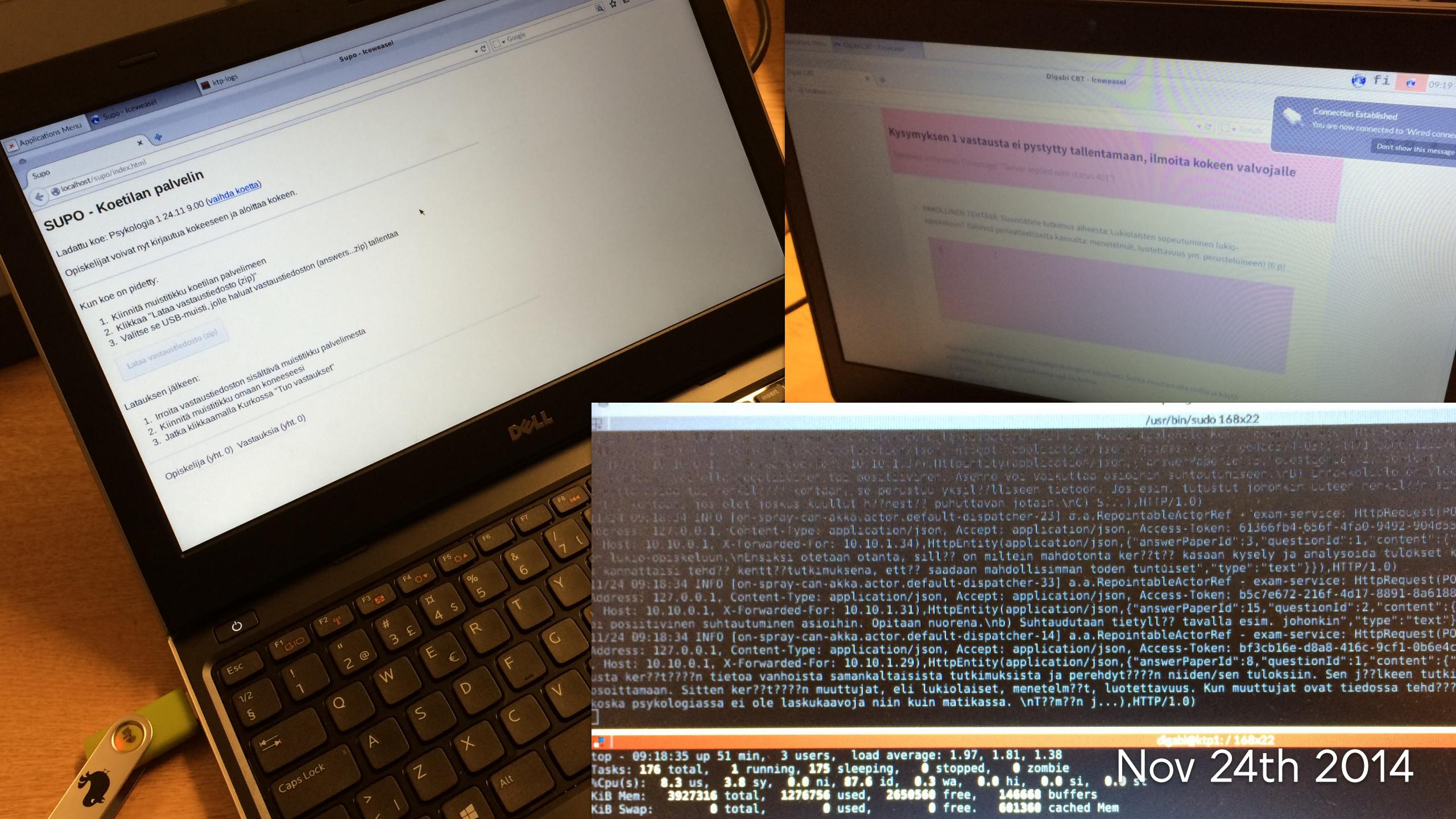


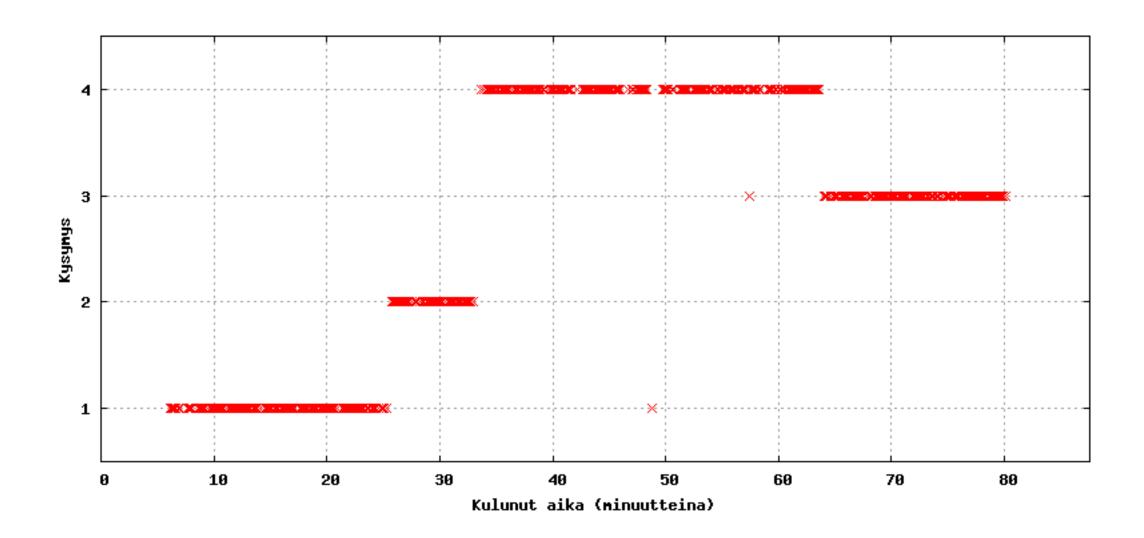
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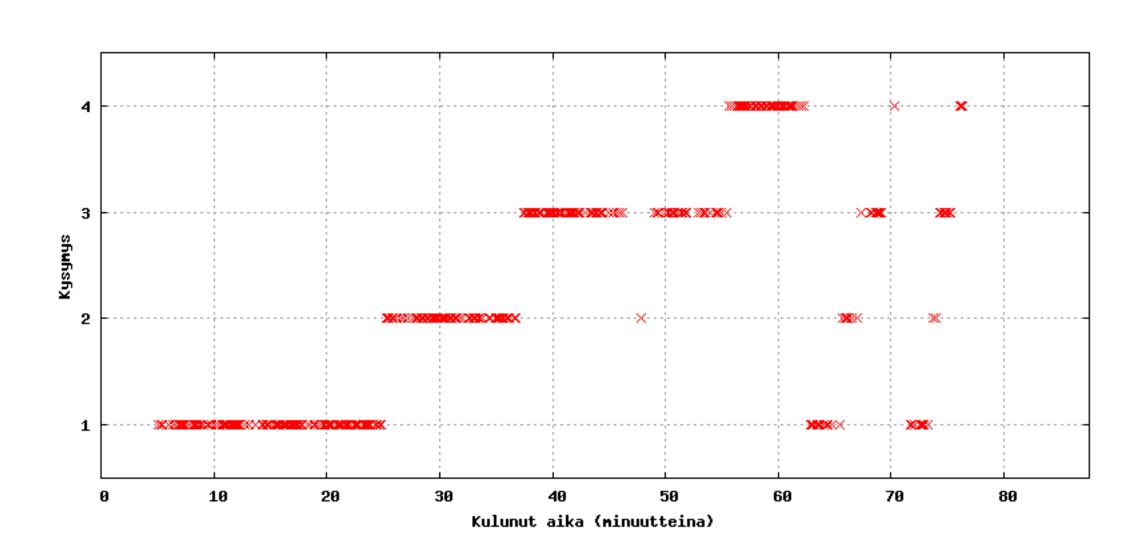
"Get schools and students to be prepared"
"Booting from USB is the biggest challenge"

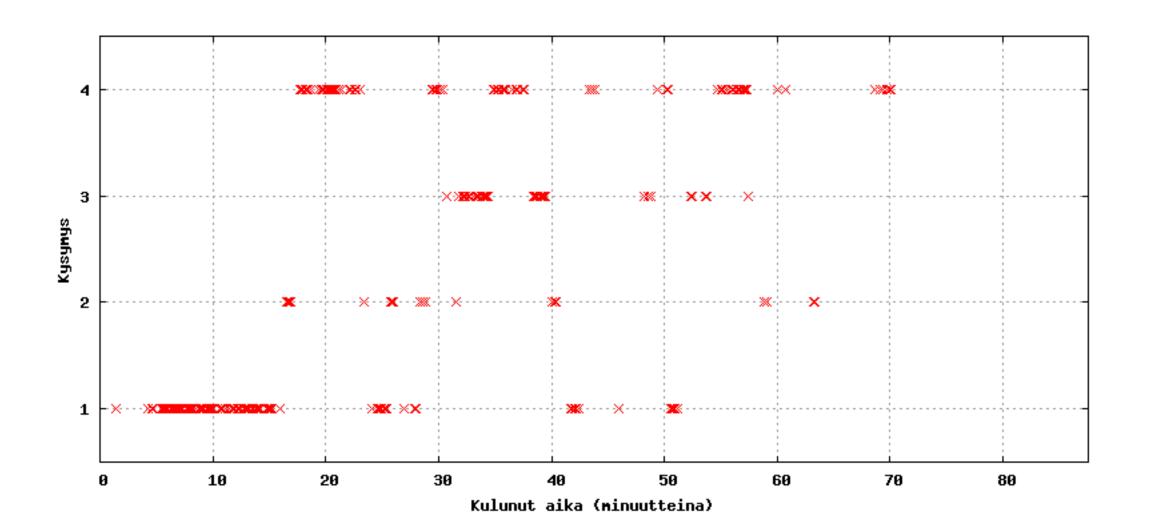


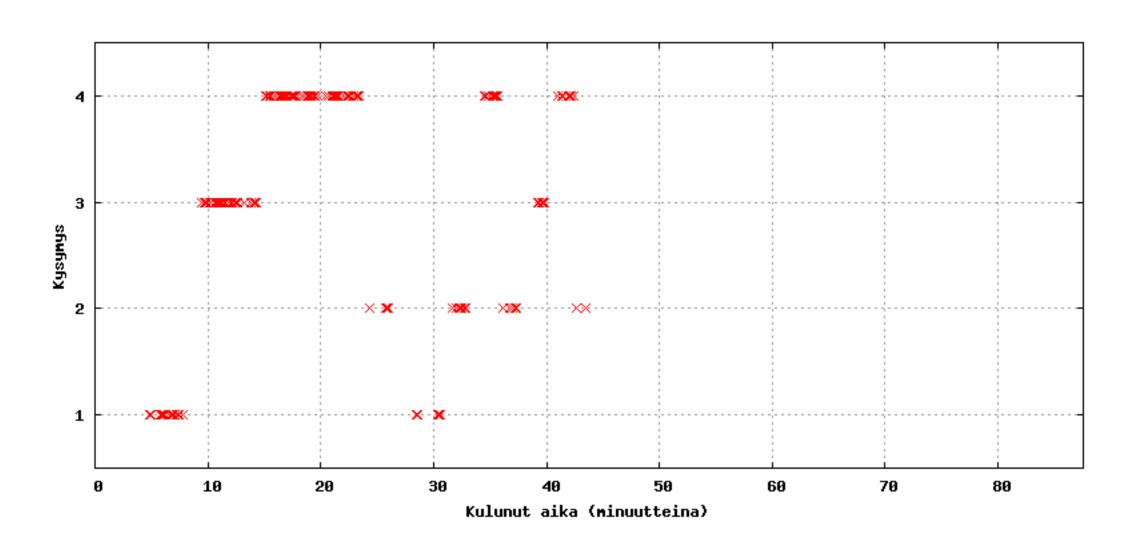












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"Everyone needs to have an equal opportunity"

The greatest impact can be achieved through autonomous use

Abitti-kokeen tekeminen on yksinkertaista. Kokeile vaikka heti. Tutustu alla siihen, miten Abitti toimii, ja miten voit järjestää Abitti-kokeen omassa koulussasi.



Onerva syöttää koekysymykset kotoaan ja tallentaa kokeen muistitikulle.



Onerva valmistelee koetilan Ilpon kanssa. Tarvitaan sähköä, verkko ja muistitikut.



Opiskelijoiden koneet ja palvelin käynnistetään muistitikuilta. Onerva siirtää koekysymykset palvelimelle.





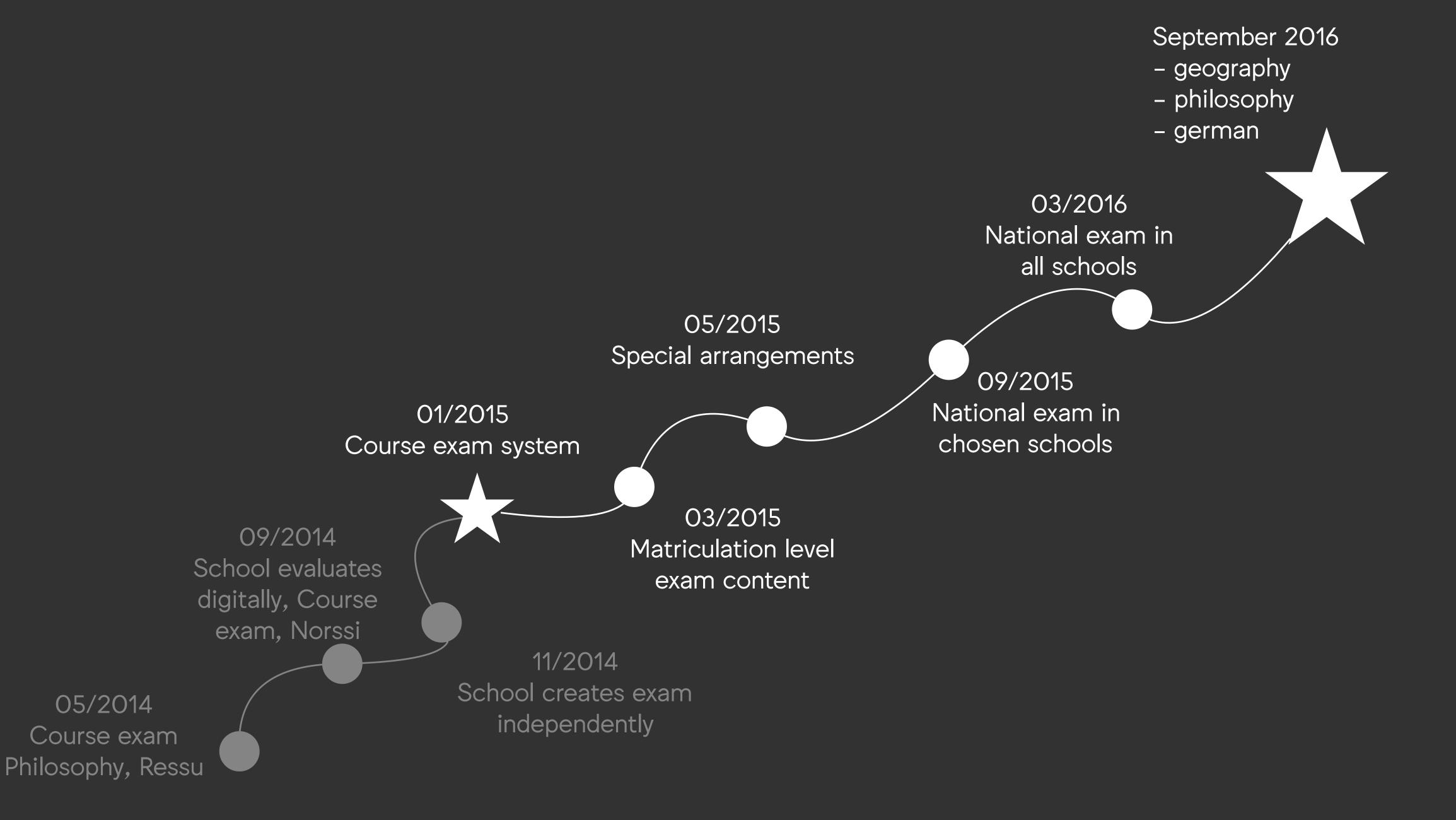


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Abitti would not exist without the experiments
Real world course exams (in contrast to practising)
Playful, non-YTL like branding
Experience for support personnel

Phase of Iterative Goal Based Design and Development

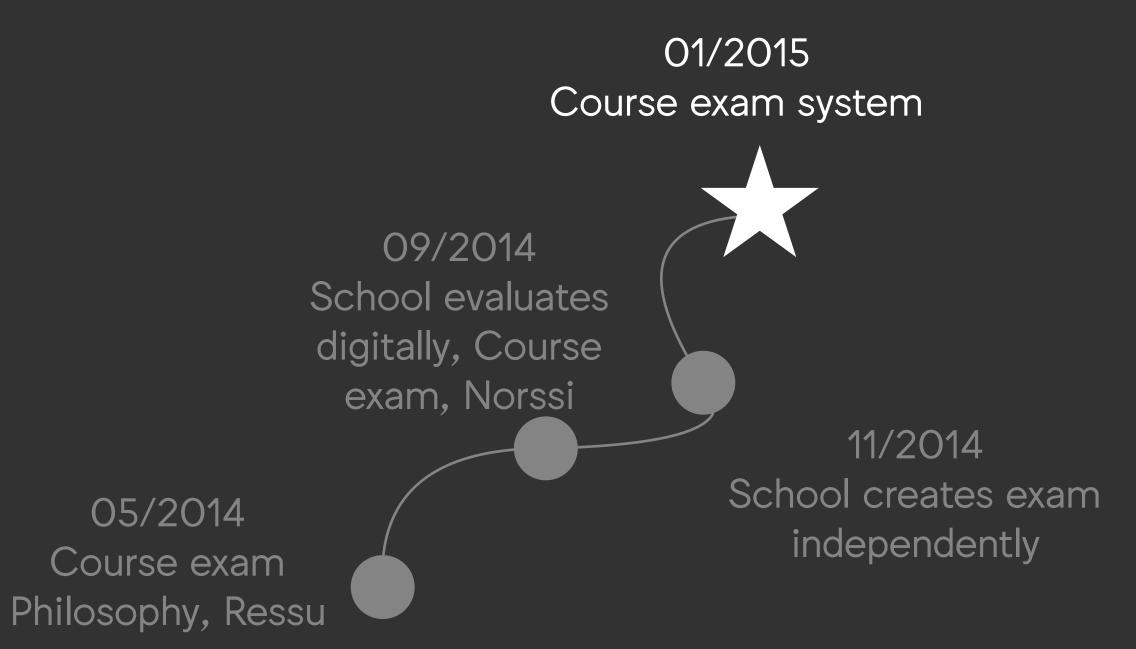
Change of working mode: from gaining understanding via experimenting to actually having a plan and executing it

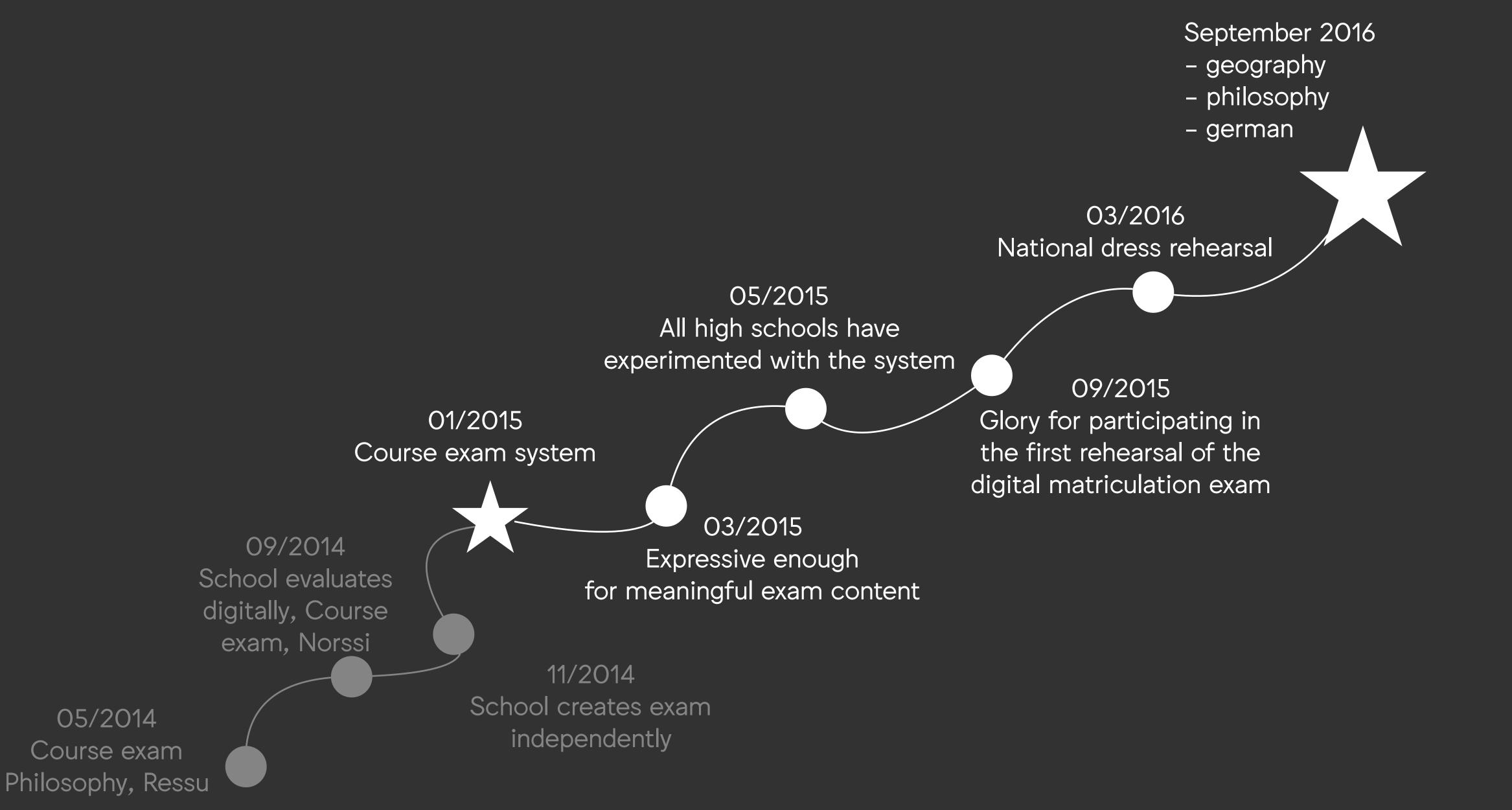


September 2016

- geography
- philosophy
- german



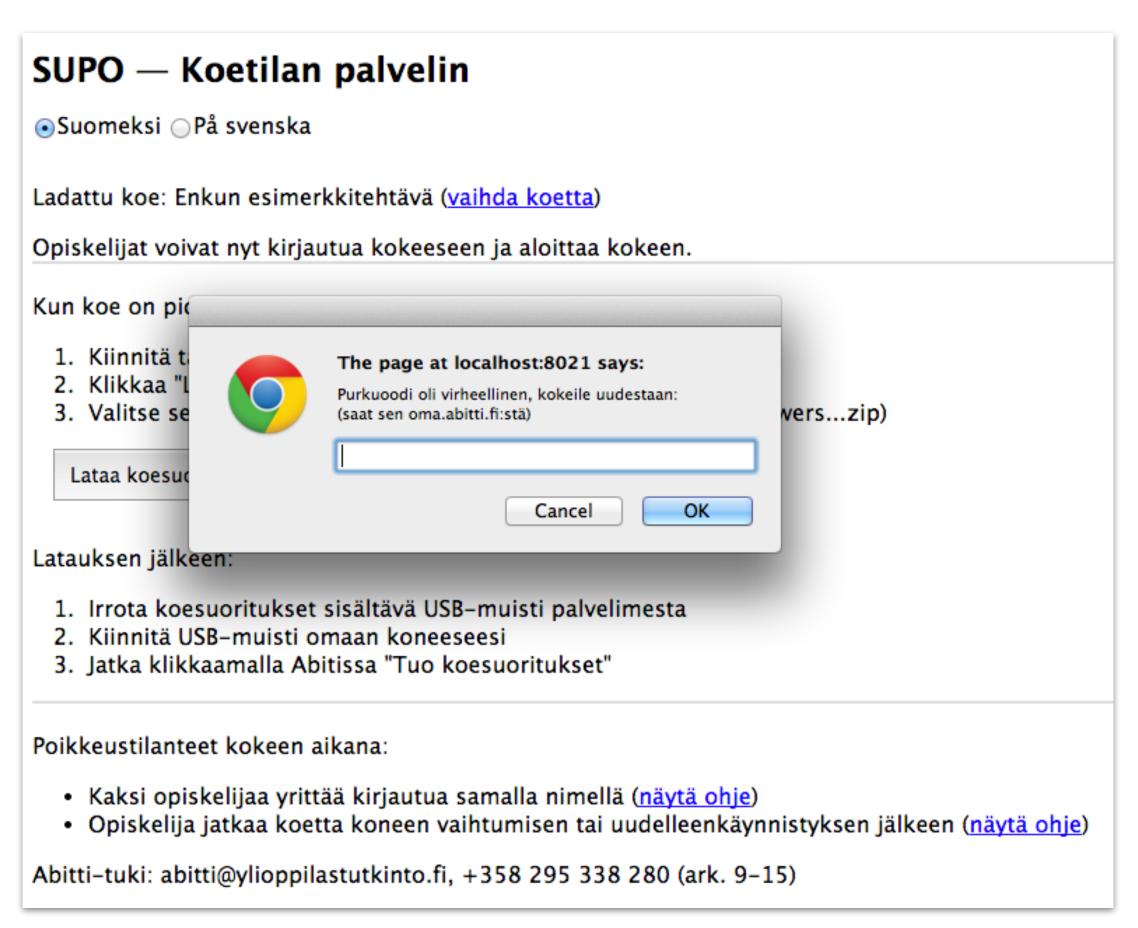


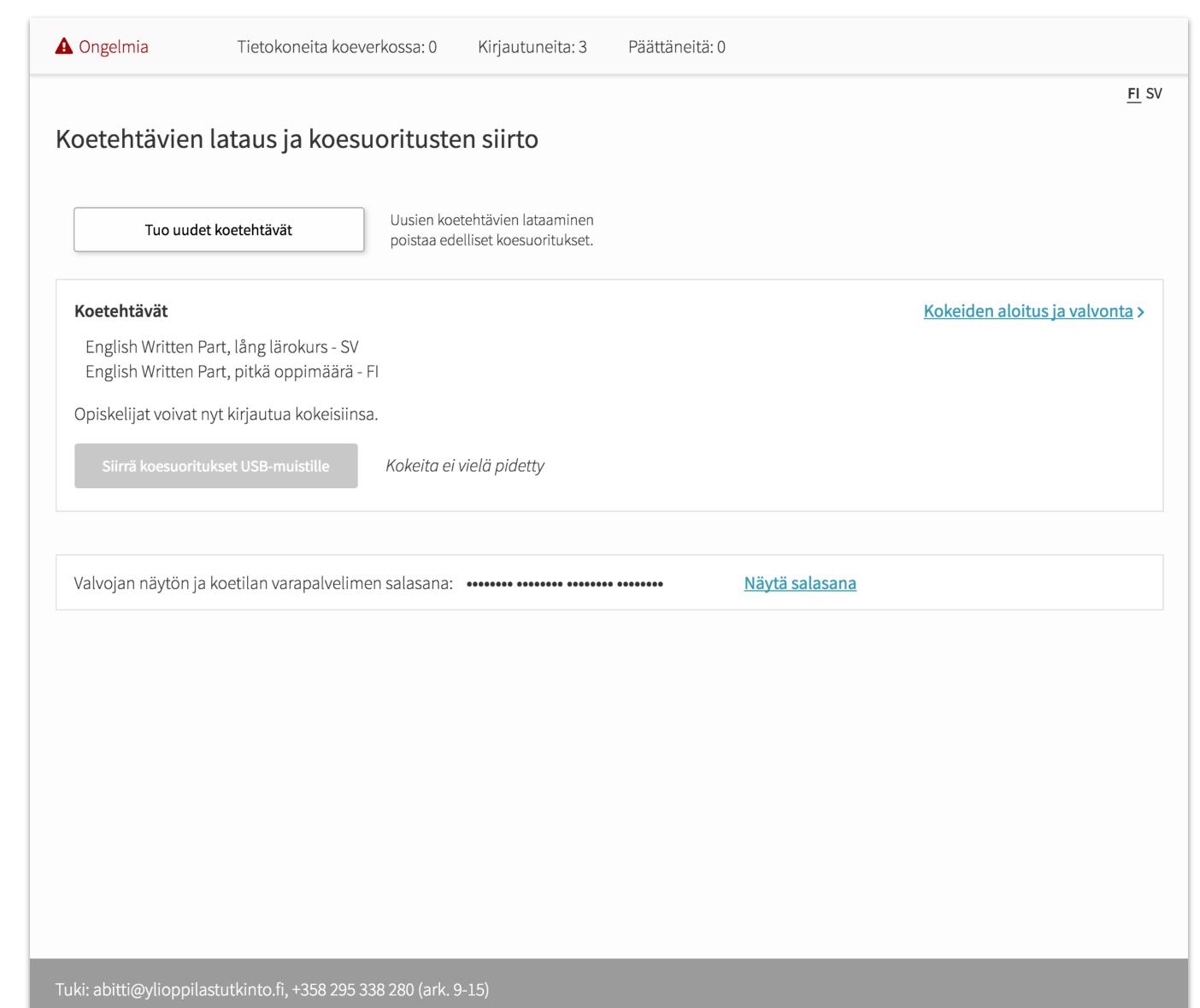


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National exam in chosen schools

Glory for participating in the first rehearsal of the digital matriculation exam





Backlog consists of goals

- Makes multiple approaches possible
- · Helps to choose and prioritise among them
- · Discussions build common understanding

If it consists of features→ end result has maximum number of features

Reach as many goals as you can

Decision-making

- · Contract makes changing the plan possible
- · Decisions are made where they have effect
- No steering group
- Project lead, general secretary of YTL (think CEO) and team together create the goals
- Conscious choice of the most appropriate approach for each goal

As different solutions yield different amount of work, this is the way to get more done

To move faster, you need to do less

Example: disqualifications

E.g. a teacher or censor is not allowed to grade their own children

Obvious "IT" solution: small granularity access control and UI enforcing it (not implemented)

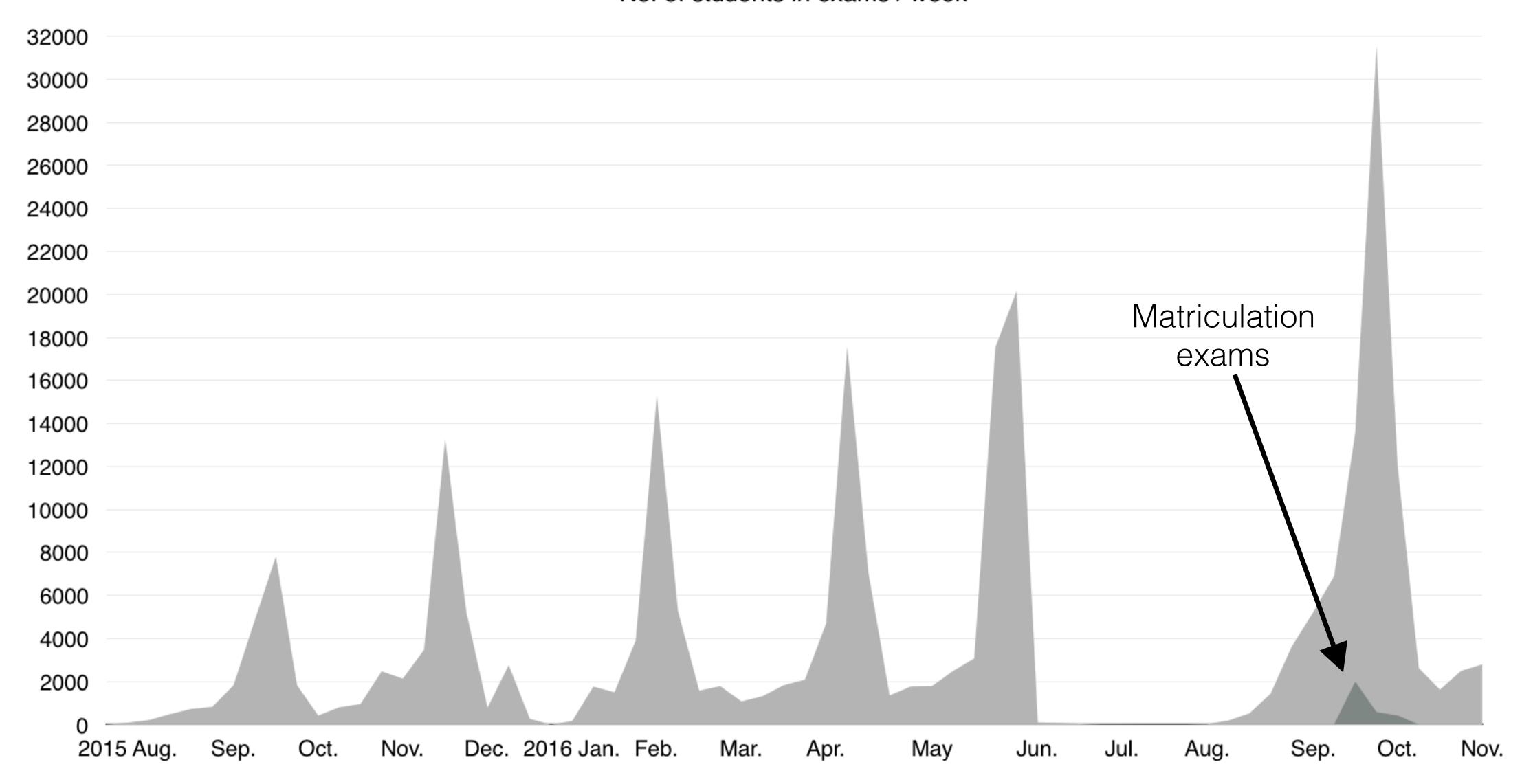
Viable: Split the schools among censors appropriately + show teacher name along with given grades

Choosing one's battles wisely leads to more goals met

The first phase, the experiments, provided and keep providing data

In the second phase, the understanding was used to devise a plan to reach the ultimate goal

No. of students in exams / week



Next up:

- The rest of the exams
- · Make paper-based and digital exams coexist



Facts & Figures

- Founded in 2000
- Turnover \$40 Million (2014)
- 350+ Design & Software Specialists
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- Strategy based on top talent acquisition
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