The Meaningful Product Phase 1
The Proposal

1. **What is your Meaningful Product?**
   Create an online classroom in the WebCT 4.1 to teach students how to function effectively in the online classroom environment. I want to use this product in my traditional CIS100 classroom to show students how to use the WebCT and encourage them to take online classes in the future. I would also like to develop a lesson plan to accompany this lesson.

2. **Why do you want to choose it as your Meaningful Product?**
   I had no clue how to "get around" in the WebCT when I took my first online class. I figured out by trial and error. I would have liked to have attended an orientation to show me the "ins and outs" of the WebCT classroom.
   I also believe that this is where the future of education is going, so I want to prepare my entry-level college students for this wave of the future.

3. **What is the theme or the subject matter of your product?**
   I want my students to become familiar with the computer terms used in an online classroom setting, so <u>computer literacy</u>. I want them to be comfortable in the online classroom setting, so learning <u>computer fluency</u>.

4. **What are the general educational goals of your product?**
   I want to eliminate the frustration and fear factor of taking their first online class. I want to teach the students to take a proactive approach to learning, which I believe it vital to success in the online classroom environment.

5. **What is your target audience? And what do you know about them?**
   My target audience is students who are taking classes at the community college level. Most of them are either right out of High School or returning to school for retraining in a new field. There are also a few senior citizens and High School students.
   Their abilities range from no experience on the computer to ones that have a wealth of knowledge about computers. Most have never taken an online class and are either unaware of the opportunity or are scared to death of the idea.

6. **Why is it meaningful for you and beneficial to others at the same time?**
   This would be a great project for me because I want to someday become an Instructional Designer. This would allow me to learn how to design a classroom in the WebCT.
   Pima Community College has given me experimental design space in the WebCT. I suggested in a meeting that there be an orientation class for all new students to the WebCT. They would love for me to volunteer my time to help create this class. I think that this class would help the success of the online classroom enrollment with less dropout rate.

7. **What will be the artifact envisioned for your Meaningful Product?**
   I would design a classroom in the WebCT about navigating and functioning in the online classroom environment. I want to also develop a lesson plan to teach new students how to enhance their learning experience inside the online classroom.