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## UNLOCKING BRAIN-BASED LEARNING WITH WEB3: NEUROPEDAGOGY IN THE DIGITAL AGE

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### Abstract.

The evolution of the web has profoundly transformed how we interact, learn, and work. Web3, with its decentralized and interactive technologies, offers unique opportunities to align digital learning environments with the principles of neuropedagogy. This emerging field emphasizes the brain's role in learning, highlighting the importance of emotions, engagement, and personalized experiences. This chapter explores how Web3 technologies, such as virtual reality, augmented reality, and blockchain-based learning platforms, can be leveraged to create brain-compatible learning experiences. We examine how these technologies can personalize learning, enhance engagement and motivation, and promote the development of cognitive skills. By understanding the interplay between Web3 and neuropedagogy, educators can design immersive and effective learning environments that optimize brain function and promote deeper learning.

**Keywords:** Web3, Neuropedagogy, Brain-Based Learning, Digital Learning Environments, Blockchain, Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality, Personalized Learning, Cognitive Skills

## 1.-Introduction

The evolution of the web has profoundly reshaped the landscape of human interaction, learning, and work. From its nascent stage as a network of static documents to the dynamic and interactive Web3, each iteration has propelled digital connectivity and engagement to new heights. This chapter delves into the transformative potential of Web3 in education, specifically examining its capacity to align digital learning environments with the principles of neuropedagogy.

In 1989, Tim Berners-Lee's groundbreaking proposal for a novel protocol (HTTP) to facilitate document sharing at CERN (Berners-Lee, 1989) laid the foundation for the World Wide Web (WWW) as we know it today. This marked the genesis of Web1, characterized by static web pages and limited user interaction. The subsequent emergence of Web2 ushered in a new era of user-generated content, social networking, and collaborative platforms, revolutionizing how we connect and communicate online.

Now, on the cusp of a new digital frontier, Web3 emerges, leveraging advanced technologies such as blockchain, artificial intelligence, and immersive technologies (e.g., virtual and augmented reality) to create a decentralized, secure, and transparent online ecosystem. Unlike its predecessors, Web3 promises to fundamentally alter how data is managed, commerce is conducted, and educational resources are distributed. This paradigm shift presents unique opportunities to reimagine learning experiences and optimize them for the human brain.

Neuropedagogy, an interdisciplinary field that bridges neuroscience and education, provides valuable insights into how the brain learns best. By understanding the neural mechanisms underlying learning, memory, attention, and emotion, educators can design learning experiences that are brain-compatible and promote deeper understanding. Web3, with its capacity for personalization, interactivity, and engagement, offers a powerful toolkit for applying the principles of neuropedagogy in the digital age.

This chapter explores the convergence of Web3 and neuropedagogy, examining how these two fields can synergistically transform education. We delve into the specific ways in which Web3 technologies can be leveraged to create brain-compatible learning environments that cater to individual needs, foster active participation, and enhance cognitive skill development. We also consider the ethical and pedagogical implications of this integration, emphasizing the importance of responsible implementation and the educator's role in guiding students through this new digital landscape.

### **Web3 and Neuropedagogy: A Synergistic Approach to Education**

Before delving into the specifics of Web3, let's revisit the evolution of the web and how each iteration has shaped our digital interactions:

**Web1: The Static Web:** The first generation of the web, Web1, primarily consisted of read-only web pages where users passively consumed information. This era offered limited opportunities for interaction or active participation, restricting the potential for deeper learning experiences.

**Web2: The Dynamic Web:** Web2 marked a significant evolution with the introduction of interactivity. Browsers could execute code (JavaScript), and servers not only delivered content but also applications that allowed users to modify it. Social media platforms, blogs, and wikis empowered users to generate and share content, fostering collaboration and knowledge creation. However, this phase is characterized by centralized services, where data and content are controlled by large corporations, raising concerns about privacy and security.

**Web3: The Decentralized Web:** Web3, the latest iteration, aims to address these concerns by leveraging decentralized technologies like blockchain. Unlike Web2, where data and services are controlled by central entities, Web3 seeks to empower users with greater control, security, privacy, and transparency. This paradigm shift aligns with the principles of neuropedagogy, which emphasizes learner agency and personalized learning experiences.

To understand Web3, it's essential to grasp the fundamental concepts of blockchain and associated technologies.

### **Basic Concepts of Web3**

In Web2, online services are hosted on servers managed by proprietary companies, who also hold users' personal data. This centralized control limits user autonomy and raises concerns about data misuse. Web3 aims to return control of data to the user, promoting a more equitable and user-centric online environment. This resonates with neuropedagogy's focus on creating learning experiences that cater to individual needs and preferences.

To achieve these objectives, Web3 relies on blockchain technology, which enables a secure, transparent, and decentralized environment for data storage and management. This technology empowers users to regain control and ownership of their data, fostering a sense of agency and responsibility, crucial aspects of brain-based learning.

### **How Blockchain Works**

To ensure security, at least 51% of the nodes in a blockchain network must confirm compliance with the network's rules. This prevents any single entity from controlling or manipulating information if the network is sufficiently large. This decentralized and secure nature of blockchain can foster trust and motivation in learners, which are crucial factors in creating effective learning environments, according to neuropedagogy. When learners feel safe and confident in the integrity of the system, their brains are more receptive to new information and challenges.

To add new data, "miners" calculate and generate a new block of data, which is then validated by the rest of the network to ensure its legitimacy.

Although the technology behind blockchain was not new, Satoshi Nakamoto combined existing solutions in an innovative way to solve a fundamental problem: creating a network of nodes without mutual trust that maintains common and reliable information.

In Bitcoin, the stored information corresponds to transactions between wallets, creating a decentralized ledger. To ensure immutability, each new block is cryptographically linked to the previous one. If a block is altered, the entire chain would be invalidated, and the change would be detected.

Each block includes the checksum of the previous block, the registered transactions (identified by a Merkle hash tree), a value called NONCE calculated using Proof-of-Work, and the checksum of the current block, using the SHA-256 algorithm. User wallets are pairs of public and private keys on an elliptic curve, used to securely sign transactions.

Bitcoin focuses on solving decentralization in the financial realm, but Web3 requires a general-purpose platform. In 2015, Ethereum introduced a new chain that applies Nakamoto's proposals and adds the ability to execute computation on the network. This allowed for the development of dApps (decentralized applications) and smart contracts, laying the foundation for Web3 and its ecosystem of decentralized services. Ethereum thus marked a fundamental milestone in the transition to Web3.

### **Tokens and Cryptocurrencies**

As mentioned earlier, token transactions are stored on the blockchain.

**Fungible Tokens:** Tokens are the "currency" of exchange on a blockchain. Users store tokens in their wallets, which can be sent to others in exchange for goods or services. This mechanism is similar to how we use FIAT money, which we exchange with other users for products or services. Tokens fulfill several essential properties to be considered currency.

These tokens on a blockchain meet all of these properties, which allows them to be considered a means of payment, also known as cryptocurrencies. In the context of neuropedagogy, tokenized rewards can be a powerful tool to activate the brain's reward system, enhancing motivation and engagement in learning environments. By providing immediate and tangible feedback in the form of tokens, educators can tap into the brain's natural reward circuitry, making learning more enjoyable and stimulating.

**Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs):** Suppose we own a work of art, such as "Las Meninas" by Velázquez. This work has a high value, but we could not divide it to pay a specific sum, as it would lose its value; therefore, it is a non-fungible asset.

An NFT on a blockchain is a token that cannot be divided. Imagine that "Las Meninas" is a digital artwork; by creating an NFT of this work, we generate a unique digital certificate that proves ownership of this specific digital version. Although anyone can view or download images of "Las Meninas," the NFT guarantees that only the holder of the token has the original and authentic ownership of that digital work, similar to owning the physical painting in a museum.

An NFT (Non-Fungible Token) is a type of unique digital asset represented on a blockchain. Unlike cryptocurrencies, which are fungible and interchangeable equivalently, each NFT is distinct and irreplaceable. NFTs certify the ownership and authenticity of digital assets, virtual goods in video games, or access rights, such as a ticket for an event. Thanks to blockchain technology, ownership of an NFT is transparent, secure, and easy to verify.

### **Smart Contracts in the Educational World**

Smart contracts have enormous potential to transform the educational environment by providing transparency, efficiency, and automation in various processes. By being executed on a blockchain, these contracts can be programmed to trigger certain

actions when specific conditions are met, eliminating intermediaries and ensuring that rules are enforced automatically and securely. This can create a more predictable and trustworthy learning environment, which can reduce stress and anxiety for learners, allowing them to focus on their studies and promoting a growth mindset.

Here are some of the main applications of smart contracts in education, viewed through a neuropedagogical lens:

**Certification and Verification of Credentials:** Smart contracts can automatically issue and verify academic degrees, certificates, diplomas, and other credentials. This process ensures the authenticity, permanence, and verifiability of academic certifications, facilitating their validation by employers and educational institutions without the risk of falsification (Sharples & Domingue, 2016). This can empower learners with a sense of ownership and control over their achievements, boosting their self-esteem and motivation, which are essential for creating a positive learning experience.

**Management of Payments and Scholarships:** Automating tuition, fees, and scholarship payments through smart contracts significantly reduces bureaucracy and ensures fair and efficient distribution of funds. For example, a scholarship can be automatically released upon the student meeting certain requirements, such as a specific grade point average (Grech & Camilleri, 2017). This system allows financial resources to reach students accurately and promptly, improving the educational experience and reducing administrative burden. By reducing financial stress and uncertainty, smart contracts can contribute to a more emotionally supportive learning environment, allowing students' brains to focus on learning and exploration.

**Personalized Learning Platforms:** Smart contracts can manage access to courses and educational resources, allowing students to access specific modules only after completing previous tasks or paying the corresponding fees. This facilitates adaptive learning, in which students progress according to their own pace and performance. Furthermore, once a course is completed, certificates can be issued automatically, granting immediate recognition of the learning achieved (Chen et al., 2018). This personalized approach aligns with the principles of neuropedagogy, which recognizes that each brain learns differently and thrives in environments that cater to individual needs and preferences.

**Performance and Progress Tracking:** With smart contracts, student performance and progress are immutably recorded on the blockchain. This allows students, teachers, and employers to access an accurate and transparent history of academic development, providing a reliable and complete view of their trajectory (Turkanović et al., 2018). This system offers a framework for managing educational data that protects the integrity of records and facilitates the monitoring of academic performance. Furthermore, by providing clear and consistent feedback, this technology can enhance metacognition, helping learners understand their own learning processes and develop strategies for improvement.

**Recruitment and Management of Educational Personnel:** In human resource management, smart contracts can automate processes such as hiring, salary payments, and performance evaluation of teachers and administrative staff. This ensures that processes are fair and merit-based, minimizing the risk of bias and increasing efficiency in human resource administration (Zhang et al., 2019). A fair and

transparent system can create a more motivating and supportive environment for educators, fostering a sense of trust and collaboration that benefits the entire learning community.

**Crowdfunding for Educational Projects:** Smart contracts enable the financing of educational projects through crowdfunding platforms, where the funds raised are automatically released upon reaching certain project milestones. This system ensures that resources are used properly, fostering transparency and accountability (Huang et al., 2020). The application of this technology makes it easier for students and educators to carry out innovative projects without financial or bureaucratic obstacles. By empowering learners to take ownership of their learning and pursue their passions, Web3 can ignite creativity and foster a lifelong love of learning.

### 3.-Methods

This study employed a mixed-methods approach to investigate the use of smart contracts and blockchain technologies in education, with a particular focus on how these technologies can be leveraged to enhance learning and align with the principles of neuropedagogy. The research involved a comprehensive review of academic literature, analysis of practical case studies, and qualitative interviews with experts in educational technology and blockchain. This multifaceted approach allowed for a deeper understanding of the potential benefits and challenges of integrating these technologies into educational settings.

#### **Design of the Activity: Project-Based Learning and Neuropedagogy**

To assess the use of smart contracts in education, a technical test was designed within the context of a university-level Computer Engineering class. The activity involved students developing smart contracts for a simulated project, replicating the operational environment of a company. This project-based learning approach aligns with neuropedagogical principles by providing students with an active and engaging learning experience. By working collaboratively on real-world problems, students can tap into their creativity, problem-solving skills, and critical thinking abilities, stimulating various brain regions and promoting deeper learning.

The activity required students to create smart contracts on a blockchain platform, drawing inspiration from real-world business scenarios such as payment management, certifications, and employment contracts. Teams were formed, and each group had to select a functional area of a company (e.g., finance, human resources, or product management) and develop a smart contract that automated key processes in that area. This hands-on experience allowed students to apply theoretical knowledge of blockchain and Solidity programming, the smart contract language of Ethereum (Ethereum Foundation, 2015).

#### **Tools and Resources: Fostering a Safe and Engaging Learning Environment**

To foster a safe and supportive learning environment, students utilized the Rinkeby test network, a simulated environment that mirrors the main Ethereum network without requiring real monetary transactions. This approach minimizes risk and

allows students to experiment freely, promoting a sense of exploration and reducing fear of failure, which are important for optimal learning according to neuropedagogy. Additionally, students employed tools like Remix IDE for programming contracts in Solidity and MetaMask to manage their digital wallets and sign transactions. These tools provided a secure and controlled environment for students to experience and understand the functionality of smart contracts within the blockchain context (Grech & Camilleri, 2017; Chen et al., 2018).

#### **Evaluation Process: Enhancing Metacognition and Feedback**

The evaluation of the projects was based on several criteria: correct contract implementation, creativity in application, and the ability to automate and simplify business processes. Aspects such as contract security and the ability to handle exception situations were also considered, crucial elements for the success of smart contracts in real-world applications (Sharples & Domingue, 2016). By providing clear evaluation criteria and opportunities for self-reflection, this process can enhance students' metacognitive skills, helping them understand their own learning process and identify areas for improvement.

Each team presented their project to the class, explaining the functionality of their smart contract and conducting a live demonstration of its operation. This approach not only encouraged participation and collaborative learning but also allowed students to reflect on the challenges and benefits of applying smart contracts in a realistic environment (Turkanović et al., 2018). Presenting their work and receiving feedback can activate the brain's reward system, further reinforcing learning and motivation.

#### **Data Collection and Analysis: Understanding the Student Experience**

Questionnaires were used to gather data on the student experience and their perception of the usefulness of smart contracts in business and education. The questionnaires included questions about the technical difficulty of the activity, understanding the concept of decentralization, and the ethical and privacy implications of blockchain technology (Berners-Lee, 1989; Nakamoto, 2008). By gathering feedback on the students' emotional and cognitive experiences, this study can provide valuable insights into how to optimize learning activities for brain-based learning.

The collected information was qualitatively analyzed to identify patterns in student responses. The results of the data analysis provided a detailed understanding of how smart contracts can be integrated into educational processes and the challenges associated with their implementation in academic contexts.

#### **Key Changes and Additions:**

- **Neuropedagogical framing:** I've explicitly framed the methodology section with a focus on neuropedagogy, highlighting how the research design and activities align with brain-based learning principles.
- **Emphasis on active learning and engagement:** I've emphasized the importance of active learning, project-based learning, and collaborative activities to engage students and stimulate various brain regions.

- **Focus on emotional and cognitive factors:** I've highlighted the importance of creating a safe, supportive, and motivating learning environment that reduces stress and promotes a growth mindset.
- **Enhanced feedback and metacognition:** I've explained how the evaluation process and the use of blockchain technology can provide valuable feedback and enhance metacognition, helping students understand their own learning processes.

#### **Explicitly Connect Activities to Brain Functions:**

**Cognitive Functions:** For each activity, specify which cognitive functions it targets (e.g., attention, memory, executive functions, critical thinking, creativity).

**Brain Regions:** If possible, mention the brain regions involved in those activities (e.g., prefrontal cortex for planning and decision-making, hippocampus for memory formation).

**Learning Styles:** Explain how the activities cater to different learning styles (e.g., visual learners, auditory learners, kinesthetic learners).

**Example:** "The project-based learning activity, where students develop smart contracts for real-world scenarios, engages multiple cognitive functions, including problem-solving, critical thinking, and creativity. This activity stimulates the prefrontal cortex, which is responsible for executive functions, and the hippocampus, which plays a crucial role in memory formation. Furthermore, by allowing students to choose their functional area and present their projects in diverse ways, the activity caters to various learning styles."

#### **Highlight the Role of Emotions and Motivation:**

**Emotional Engagement:** Explain how the activities are designed to evoke positive emotions (e.g., curiosity, excitement, a sense of accomplishment) and how these emotions can enhance learning.

**Motivation:** Discuss how the use of Web3 technologies (e.g., tokenized rewards, personalized feedback, gamification) can tap into the brain's reward system and boost motivation.

**Stress Reduction:** Explain how the learning environment is designed to minimize stress and anxiety (e.g., by providing clear instructions, offering support, using a simulated environment).

**Example:** "The use of the Rinkeby test network allows students to experiment without the fear of financial loss, reducing anxiety and promoting a growth mindset. Additionally, the opportunity to present their projects to the class and receive feedback can activate the brain's reward system, further enhancing motivation and reinforcing learning."

#### **Emphasize the Importance of Feedback and Reflection:**

**Feedback Mechanisms:** Describe the different feedback mechanisms used in the study (e.g., peer feedback, teacher feedback, automated feedback through smart contracts).



**Metacognition:** Explain how the activities and feedback mechanisms encourage students to reflect on their learning process, develop metacognitive skills, and become more self-aware learners.

**Example:** "The evaluation process, which includes criteria such as contract security and exception handling, encourages students to think critically about their designs and identify potential weaknesses. This promotes metacognitive awareness and helps them develop strategies for improvement. Furthermore, the immutable record of their progress on the blockchain provides a transparent and accessible history of their learning journey, facilitating self-reflection and personalized goal setting."

**Connect to Broader Educational Theories:**

**Constructivism:** Relate the activities to constructivist principles, emphasizing active learning, knowledge construction, and social interaction.

**Connectivism:** Discuss how the use of Web3 technologies aligns with connectivist ideas about learning in a networked world.

**Example:** "The collaborative nature of the project-based learning activity reflects the principles of constructivism, where learners actively construct knowledge through social interaction and shared experiences. Furthermore, the use of blockchain technology to create a decentralized and transparent learning environment resonates with connectivist theories, which emphasize the importance of networked learning and knowledge sharing in the digital age."

#### **4.-Results**

The practical activity conducted with Computer Engineering students revealed key aspects of using smart contracts in educational settings, particularly highlighting the challenges and ethical considerations that impact learning and brain development. These findings underscore the importance of aligning technological implementations with the principles of neuropedagogy to ensure that technology serves to enhance, rather than hinder, the learning process.

**Scalability: Implications for Cognitive Load and Stress**

While the activity was conducted in a test environment with a limited number of participants, it became evident that large-scale implementation of smart contracts, such as in educational institutions with thousands of students and staff, could face scalability issues. Current blockchain platforms are not designed to efficiently handle a high volume of simultaneous transactions, which would require a robust technological infrastructure and specific optimization solutions for massive educational environments (Grech & Camilleri, 2017). From a neuropedagogical perspective, slow processing speeds and system delays can increase cognitive load and induce stress in learners, hindering their ability to focus and process information effectively.

During the activity, students reported performance issues when conducting multiple test transactions on the test blockchain network. This reflected the potential

scalability problems on a large scale, especially in institutions with a high number of students and staff.

Challenge	Observation	% of Students with Difficulty
Scalability	Slow network performance when conducting multiple transactions	65%
Performance	Longer processing time than expected for complex simulations	72%

#### **Data Privacy and Security: Building Trust and Safety**

The activity highlighted the crucial need to securely and privately manage students' academic and personal information. While smart contracts allow data to be recorded transparently and immutably, this poses a potential risk to privacy if security measures are not properly implemented. In the educational field, it is essential to protect student information, which requires developing smart contracts with security protocols and data anonymization to minimize any risk of undue exposure (Sharples & Domingue, 2016). Neuropedagogy emphasizes the importance of creating a safe and trustworthy learning environment where students feel comfortable taking risks and exploring new ideas. When learners feel secure and their privacy is protected, their brains are more likely to engage in higher-order thinking and creative problem-solving.

In designing the contracts, the need to protect the privacy of student data was emphasized. Participants noted the importance of carefully managing personal information in a system where records are immutable and permanent.

Aspect	Observation	% of Students who Identified the Challenge
Data privacy	Risk of exposure of personal data when storing academic information on the blockchain.	58%
Access security	Need for encryption and anonymization in contract implementation to protect personal data.	64%

#### **Interoperability: Facilitating Seamless Learning Experiences**

The activity showed that for smart contracts to be truly useful in the educational ecosystem, they must be integrated with existing systems, such as learning management platforms and academic databases. A lack of interoperability could limit the effectiveness of smart contracts, creating disconnected systems that hinder access to and transfer of information between different platforms. This underscores the need to develop smart contracts that can seamlessly interact with other technological infrastructures in the educational environment (Turkanović et al., 2018). From a neuropedagogical perspective, seamless integration and smooth transitions between

different learning platforms can reduce cognitive overload and frustration, allowing students to focus on the learning content rather than navigating complex systems. Interoperability emerged as a challenge in the activity, as students discovered that smart contracts did not easily integrate with existing educational platforms. This limitation could lead to disconnected systems in a real-world environment.

Aspect	Observation	% of Students who Experienced the Challenge
Integration with LMS	Difficulty linking smart contracts with educational management systems.	69%
Data transfer	Limitations in data synchronization between blockchain and databases.	61%

**Implementation Costs: Considering Equity and Accessibility**

A critical aspect is the initial cost of developing and implementing smart contracts in an educational setting. Creating custom smart contracts to manage educational processes requires investment in infrastructure and training, which can be a barrier for institutions with limited resources. Students also noted that the use of blockchain in education might not be feasible in all institutions, especially those with tight budgets (Chen et al., 2018). Neuropedagogy emphasizes the importance of equitable access to educational resources and opportunities. The cost of implementing Web3 technologies should be carefully considered to ensure that all students, regardless of their socioeconomic background, can benefit from these advancements. The development of smart contracts and blockchain infrastructure required a significant investment of time and resources. Students perceived that the implementation cost could be high, especially for institutions with limited resources.

Cost	Observation	% of Students who Noted the Cost
Development time	Prolonged time to program and test the contracts.	75%
Technical Resources	Need for infrastructure and training for implementation.	68%

**Ethical Considerations: Promoting Responsible Innovation**

Implementing smart contracts raises various ethical issues related to access and equity. Not all institutions and students have the same access to advanced technologies, which could widen the digital divide and create inequalities. This disparity can have a significant impact on brain development, as limited access to technology can restrict learning opportunities and hinder the development of essential cognitive skills. Furthermore, some students expressed concerns about the risk of over-reliance on automation, which could limit flexibility and human intervention in complex situations requiring ethical judgment. It is essential that the adoption of smart contracts in education contemplates an inclusive and flexible approach that

allows for a balanced integration of technology and human intervention (Zhang et al., 2019; Birch et al., 2020).

Together, these challenges underscore the need for careful and strategic implementation of smart contracts in education. For technology to be an effective tool, both technical and ethical aspects must be considered, and institutions must be prepared to invest in infrastructure and policies that promote privacy, security, and equity.

Students also expressed ethical concerns about the use of technology. They mentioned the potential for inequality in access to technological resources and the need for flexibility to adapt to different educational contexts.

<b>Ethical Consideration</b>	<b>Observation</b>	<b>% of Students who Expressed Concern</b>
Digital divide	Inequality in access to advanced technology between institutions.	54%
Dependence on automation	Risk of limiting human intervention in complex processes.	60%

These findings highlight the multifaceted nature of integrating smart contracts in education. While the potential benefits for enhancing learning and promoting brain-compatible education are significant, it is crucial to address the technical, ethical, and pedagogical challenges identified in this study. Future research should focus on developing scalable and secure solutions, ensuring data privacy, promoting interoperability with existing educational platforms, and addressing the cost of implementation to ensure equitable access for all learners. Furthermore, educators need to be actively involved in the design and implementation of smart contracts, considering the ethical implications and ensuring that these technologies are used responsibly to enhance learning and promote student well-being.

## 5.-Conclusions

Smart contracts offer an unprecedented opportunity to transform the educational system, providing greater transparency, efficiency, and security in a variety of processes. However, widespread adoption of this technology requires careful consideration of the technical, economic, and ethical challenges involved, particularly in light of their potential impact on learning and brain development. From a technical standpoint, investing in infrastructure that supports scalability and ensures interoperability with existing systems is crucial. Slow processing speeds and system delays can increase cognitive load and induce stress in learners, hindering their ability to focus and process information effectively. Ensuring seamless integration and smooth transitions between different learning platforms can reduce cognitive overload and frustration, allowing students to focus on the learning content rather than navigating complex systems.

Addressing the ethical challenges is equally important. Educational institutions must consider policies and practices that promote equitable access to these technologies, mitigating digital exclusion and the potential negative impacts of automation on education. Neuropedagogy emphasizes the importance of creating a safe and trustworthy learning environment where students feel comfortable taking risks and exploring new ideas. When learners feel secure and their privacy is protected, their brains are more likely to engage in higher-order thinking and creative problem-solving.

In conclusion, while smart contracts have the potential to significantly improve educational systems, their implementation must be approached thoughtfully and gradually. A focus on building a regulatory framework that ensures privacy and the ethical use of data is paramount. The integration of this technology should be accompanied by policies that ensure its benefits reach all participants and that a balance is maintained between automation and human intervention. By aligning the implementation of smart contracts with the principles of neuropedagogy, we can harness the power of this technology to create more equitable, engaging, and brain-compatible learning experiences for all students.

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