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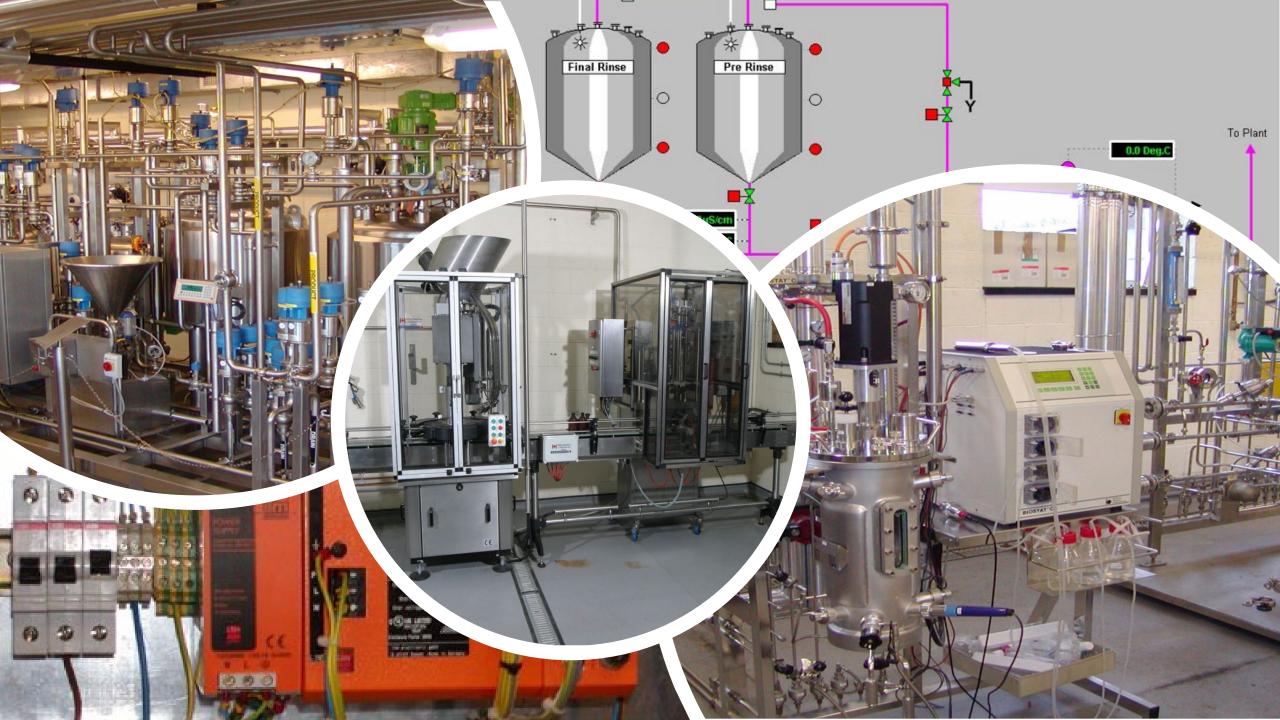
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What did we do?

- Workshop in Pilot Plant
- Student Mobility issues
- Space Considerations
 - Learning Environment
 - Physical Space
 - Tasks
- Challenge: Limited access to certain pieces of equipment
- Solution: Use of AT in the Laboratory setting



What did we learn?



Preparation is key



Being adaptive and innovative



Ensuring good student experience for all



Small class group





Consider UDL principles in design of the laboratory practicals



Explore use of AT to support teaching and learning



Use of add-on technologies to circumvent the difficulties potentially posed by equipment or facilities.

Principles of Universal Design

- Equitable Use
- Flexibility in Use
- Simple, Intuitive Use
- Perceptible Information
- Tolerance for Error
- Low Physical Effort
- Size and Space for Approach and Use





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