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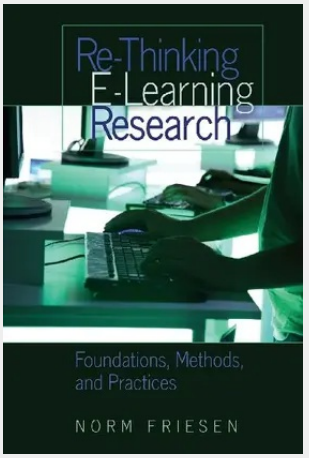
Re-Thinking E-Learning Research

Foundations, Methods, and Practices



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