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Project: *A Sense-Making Approach to Personal Information Management*

What?:

Is Dervin's Sense-Making approach a potentially fruitful framework for studying PIM? My position: Yes.

Why?:

PIM is: Personal, individual, highly context/situation bound, idiosyncratic

So is information seeking and use, where Sense-Making has been used successfully.

What?:

- gappiness/discontinuity
- information as process
- verbings
- the individual moving through space and time
- individual as expert and theorist

Sources:

- Dervin, B., Foreman-Wernet, L., and Lauterbach, E. *Sense-making methodology reader : selected writings of Brenda Dervin*. Hampton Press, Cresskill, NJ, 2003.
- Dervin, B. *Sense-Making Methodology Site [Web Page]*. 2005 May 12; Accessed 2006 June 30. Available at: <http://communication.sbs.ohio-state.edu/sense-making/>.

Next Questions:

How do people organize information for personal use from a Sense-Making approach?

What types of situations and gaps lead people to organize and re-organize information for their personal use as a Sense-Making strategy?

What gaps arise in the process of organizing information for personal use, and how are they bridged?

