

Open Educational Resources

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Key terms box

Open Educational Resources

Free Educational Resources

E-learning

Learning object

Open content

Definition of related terms

Open content is any creative work that anyone can copy or modify for further reuse.

Learning object is a collection of content items, practice items, and assessment items that are combined based on a single learning objective.

E-learning is a form of education, learning and teaching that is supported by the use of electronic devices.

Definition of Open Educational Resources

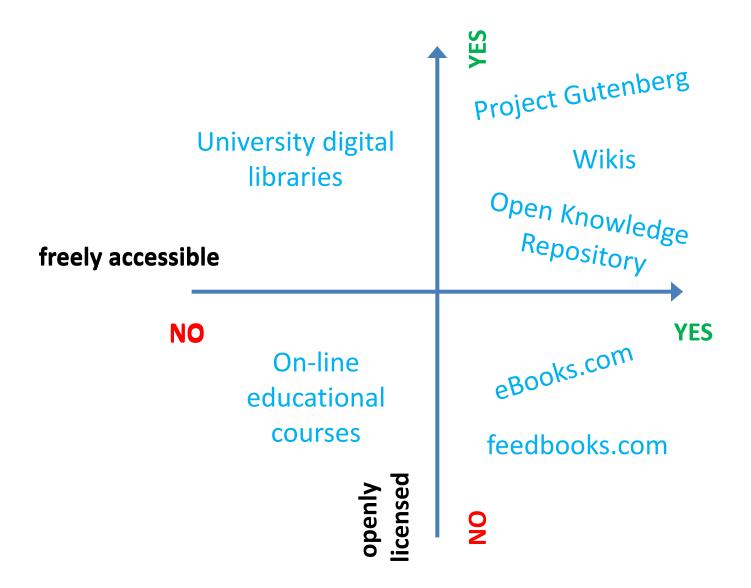
Open Educational Resources = Free Educational Resources

Open Educational Resources (OERs) or Free Educational Resources are a <u>freely accessible</u> and <u>openly licensed</u> content that is useful for educational, teaching and learning purposes.

OERs = f(open content; learning objects)

Open Educational Resources are essential part of E-learning.

Classification of educational resources



History of the Open Educational Resources

The term learning object was introduced in 1994 by Wayne Hodgins and quickly popularised the idea of creating digital content for educational purposes.

The OER movement originated from development in open knowledge, open source, free sharing and peer collaboration.

The term Open Educational Resources was first adopted and defined at UNESCO's 2002 Forum on the Impact of Open Courseware for Higher Education in Developing Countries.

Characteristics and types

The most common characteristics attributed to the OERs are the following:

- freely accessible content;
- openly licensed content;
- no monetary value is paid;
- public and collective good.

Types of OERs:

 open textbooks, streaming videos, software, course materials, tests, etc.

Wikimedia projects and OERs

Wikimedia projects are fine example of repositories for OERs.

The most commonly used Wikimedia projects in the sense of OERs are:

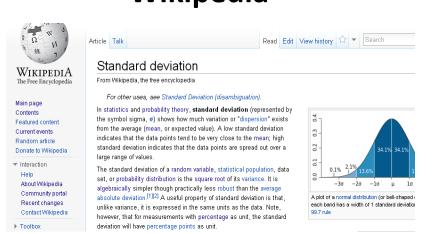
- Wikipedia a free encyclopedia;
- Wikimedia Commons a free repository of media files;
- Wikibooks a free repository of textbooks and manuals;
- Wikisource a free content library;
- Wikiversity a project offering free materials and courses.

Examples from Wikimedia projects

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