

Activity: Searching for Subject Specific OER

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Search for OER that are a good fit with your curriculum.

More on searching for OER in Repositories in the Activity to follow.

Where?

Activity: Participants search the Internet for existing OER that could incorporate into course design.

Objectives (AIM):

- Improve your searching skills
- Discover and share with the group any links to OERs relevant to your discipline.
- Explore what the understanding of the group is with respect to OERs and Licensing.

Motivation for activity (WHY):

Establish a starting point to discovering and viewing OERs that are available of relevance to your courses.

WHAT: (to do)

- Using the suggested list provided OR your own OER repository sites, search for repositories and their constituent OERs in your discipline or a sub-discipline.
- Collate your findings / responses
- Make a selection of the OER you have found and insert the URL's into your Vet Ed planning template.

HOW: (to respond to the assigned task) – if we have access to a discussion forum

- Contribute your group's responses to these questions in a discussion forum by clicking on the 'Add a new discussion topic' button. (10 mins)
- Each sub-discipline/department/faculty should start a new discussion topic with a relevant subject header so that it will be easy for participants interested in particular topics to find related links.
- To facilitate easy sharing of information, please include the following:
 - The actual URL of the repository and the resource discovered
 - A short (1 line/sentence) description of the resource
 - Name the course within which you think you may be able to make use of the resources, and the relevance of the resource to this course.
 - Would you need to adapt it or could you use as it is?

FEEDBACK: (from the group / facilitators)

On conclusion of the activity we will share and discuss the online responses and work toward a common understanding of licensing for online courses.



Suggested strategies for searching for OER

- 1. Start with known OER repositories
- 2. Embark on a thorough search for suitable material using Google, OER search engines, OER repositories
 - Takes time but better to do yourself only you really know the subject and the angle on the subject or the teaching of the subject; you also need to get to know the community out there
- 3. Within the repository search using key words and combinations of these
- 4. Then do more general Google searches on the terms/key words to find resources that might not explicitly be licensed as OER, but might allow various types of re-use.
 - For Google searches type in the name of your topic + Creative
 Commons

List of Vet specific Repositories

- http://www.vin.com/ required registration
 - Not sure of licensing conditions
- http://www.afrivip.org
 - VET OER portal from UP
- http://ocw.tufts.edu/Schools/4
 - Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine
- Royal Collage of Veterinary Science:
 - http://knowledge.rcvs.org.uk/library-and-informationservices/oer-to-help-new-practitioners-cope/openeducational-resources/
- Pen State OER Veterinary resources

Lists of General Repositories

- Directory of OER repositories
- Exemplary Collection of Open eLearning Content Repositories
- Algonquin College List of OER repositories
- UWI-AU OER Project- OER links
- OER Africa List of Repositories
- List of OER Search Engines
- UNISA OPEN

Repositories ...

- OPENUCT Initiative
- UNISA Institutional Repository
- OER Africa
- AVU
- OER Commons
- Open Courseware Consortium
- MERLOT
- Coursera
- JORUM

continued ...

- JISC
- OpenLearn
- Athabasca University Press
- Athabasca OCW
- University of Leicester OER Repository
- Open Michigan
- Open Otago
- DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals)
- OpenDOAR (Directory of Open Access Repositories)

Other general sharing sites

Note: The license on individual resources needs to be adhered to.

Other general:

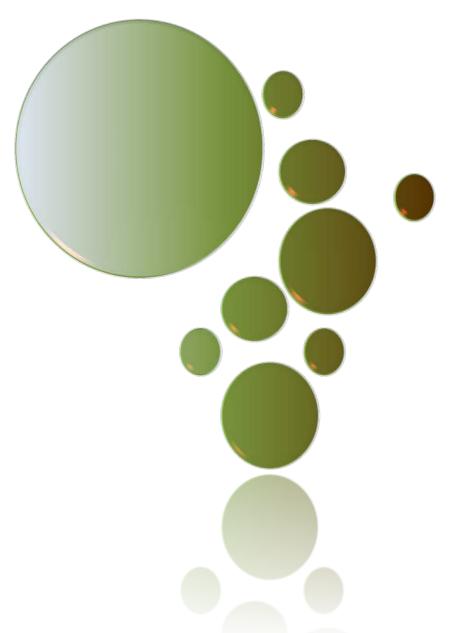
- http://www.youtube.com (videos)
- http://vimeo.com (videos)
- http://www.slideshare.net (slide presentations)
- http://prezi.com (presentations)

Reflection & Sharing

Do you have any general questions about searching for OERs & repositories that have not yet been addressed?

Note on reusing and remixing OERs

 This requires some further investigation and skills development!



Thank you

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