ICT in classrooms, current trends and introduction to OERs

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Perfect storm! (from wikipedia)

- A "**perfect storm**" is an expression that describes an event where a rare combination of circumstances will aggravate a situation drastically. The term is also used to describe a hypothetical <u>hurricane</u> that happens to hit at a region's most vulnerable area, resulting in the worst possible damage by a hurricane of its magnitude.
- November 1991, the east coast of the US :
 - warm air from a low-pressure system coming from one direction,
 - a flow of cool and dry air generated by a high-pressure from another direction, and
 - tropical moisture provided by <u>Hurricane Grace</u>.

Perfect storm!



Book: <u>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Perfect_Storm</u> Movie: <u>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Perfect_Storm_(film)</u> Paradigm: <u>http://www.i-learnt.com/Paradigm_The_Perfect_Storm.html</u>



The first storm: ICT Infrastructure

- High Speed Data Networks
- Interoperability Standards
- Identity and Authentication
- School Networking
- Classroom Technologies

The second storm: Curriculum & Teaching Pedagogy

- Curriculum Development:
- National Assessment:.
- Accreditation of student management systems:

The third storm: Capability & Professional Development

- ICT Clusters
- Digital Learning Objects
- OER Open Educational Resources

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- For tens of thousands of years, human beings have come together to learn and share knowledge.
- Until now, we have had to come together at the same time and place.
- But today, the technologies of the Internet have eliminated that requirement.
- Soon anybody will be able to learn anything anywhere at any time, thanks to a new development called e-learning.

Now What?



Open Educational Resources

- During the past ten or more years, thanks to innovative universities and educational projects from around the world, the Open Educational Resources (OER) movement has appeared and grown rapidly, addressing major educational issues such as the "knowledge divide" and access for all to relevant information.
- Opening Access to Education, by sharing high quality courses and training material is now considered as a necessity by major Universities and International Organizations, such as the OECD or UNESCO.
- OER represents a tremendous opportunity for youth, teachers, schools, NGOs, governments and any entity or citizen involved in the field of education and vocational training around the World. The quantity as well as the quality of available resources are exponentials. It is time to sensitize everyone.

• Open Educational Resources are digitized materials, offered freely and openly for educators, students and self-learners, to use and re-use for teaching, learning and research.

- OER includes open access to both the content and the technology such as Open Software, Open Standards and Open Licenses to distribute the material.
- Historically, the term "Open Educational Resources" was first adopted at UNESCO's 2002 Forum on the Impact of Open Courseware for Higher Education in Developing Countries.

"free sharing of software, scientific results and educational resources reinforces societal development and diminishes social inequality. From a more individual standpoint, open sharing is claimed to increase publicity, reputation and the pleasure of sharing with peers."

Jan Hylen, OECD Centre for Educational Research and Innovation

<u>http://www.unesco.org/iiep/virtualuniversity/forumsfiche.php?queryf</u> <u>orumspages_id=27</u>

Education Is Sharing

the technical argument

Teachers Share With Students

Knowledge and skills Feedback and criticism Encouragement

Students Share With Teachers

Questions

Assignments

Tests

If There Is No Sharing

There is no education

Successful Educators

Share most compeltely with the most students

Knowledge is Magical

Can be given without being given away

Physical Expressions Are Not

To give a book you must give it away



When Expressions Are *Digital*

They also become magical



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Both Knowledge and Expressions

Can be given without giving away

Unprecedented Capacity

We can share as never before

Unprecedented Capacity

We can *educate* as never before

What Does "Share" Mean?

Online it means copy and distribute

Cost of "Copy"

For one 250 page book:

- Copy by hand \$1,000
- Copy by print on demand \$4.50
- Copy by computer \$0.00084

Cost of "Distribute"

For one 250 page book:

- Distribute by mail \$5.20
- Distribute by internet \$0.00072

Copy and Distribute are "Free"

This changes everything

Educational Sharing

Also means <u>adapting</u> or <u>editing</u>

Sense-making, Meaningmaking

Connecting to prior knowledge Relating to past experience (In an appropriate language)

Digital Makes Editing "Free"

Editing a printed book or magazine is difficult and expensive

Free Copy, Distribute, Edit

We can share as never before
Free Copy, Distribute, Edit

We can *educate* as never before

Except We Can't

© forbids copying, distributing, and editing



© Cancels the Possibilities

Of digital media and the internet



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What to do?





Use copyright to <u>enforce</u> sharing

How do we fully leverage ICT in education?

Share and Collaborate, Freely



Share and Collaborate, Freely GitHub Stackoverflow WORDPRESS

Copyright law prevents us from fully leveraging the power of ICT



Copyright restricts our ability to share with each other and collaborate

price = 1 / supply



with digital, supply is infinite

price => \$0

© keeps prices of digital educational materials artificially high





use copyright licenses to enable sharing

C creative Commons

Open Educational Resources



Which "open"?



free is assumed online



open = free + permissions

Open

1. Free and unfettered access

2. Perpetual, irrevocable 5R permissions

The 5Rs

Retain	 Make and own a copy
Reuse	 Use in a wide range of ways
Revise	 Adapt, modify, and improve
Remix	Combine two or more
Redistribute	 Share with others

What ICT OER Makes Makes Legal and Possible Free

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retain is fundamental

retain is <u>prerequisite</u> to revise and remix

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Open Educational Resources

1. Free and unfettered access

2. Perpetual, irrevocable 5R permissions

"Faux-pen"

1. Free (possibly gated) access

2. All rights reserved (or stronger)
| Status | Permissions | Complexity | Ok to Use? |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|--------------------------|
| Public Domain | 5Rs | None | ОК |
| (BY) | 5Rs | None | ОК |
| BY SA (BY SA) | 5Rs | Low | ОК |
| | 5Rs | Moderate | ОК |
| | 5Rs | Moderate | ОК |
| | 3Rs | None | Enrichment
Only |
| | 3Rs | Moderate | Enrichment
Only |
| Youtube Terms of Use | 2Rs | None | Enrichment
Only |
| Fair Use Claim | 5Rs | High | Case-by-Case
Approval |
| "Boutique" Licenses | ? | High | Case-by-Case
Approval |
| All Rights Reserved | - | - | No |

"Closed Until Proven Open"

1. Online resources without an explicit copyright statement

2. Resources in library databases

traditionally © materials + internet



openly licensed materials + internet





OER Adoption

Replacing whatever was previously in the "Required Materials" section of your syllabus with OER High Impact OER Adoption

Adoption that:

- 1. Improves student success,
- 2. Improves affordability, and
- 3. Does it at scale

High Impact OER Adoption

An adoption that:

1. Improves student success,

- 2. Improves affordability, and
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Kinds of OER Adoption











rethink

"what does open allow me to do?"

The Remix Hypothesis

	Change in Student Learning
Replace	Small
Realign	Moderate
Rethink	Large

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OER Life Cycle

Expanded



SEARCH & FIND

#	OER Repository	URL	
1	MIT Open Courseware	http://ocw.mit.edu	
2	Utah State University	http://ocw.usu.edu/	
3	OpenLearn (Open University - UK)	http://www.open.ac.uk/openlearn/home.php	
4	Connexions (Rice University)	http://cnx.org/	
5	MERLOT (All Licences, not only CC)	http://www.merlot.org/merlot/index.htm	
6	OER Commons	http://www.oercommons.org/	
7	Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)	http://www.doaj.org/	
8	United Nations University (UNU)	http://ocw.unu.edu/	
9	Open Learning Initiative (Carnegie Melon)	http://www.cmu.edu/oli/index.shtml	
10	Yale University	http://oyc.yale.edu/	
11	webcast.berkeley (Podcasts and Webcasts)	http://webcast.berkeley.edu/	





COMPOSE

- Link to Outcomes
- Language (translation, remove colloquialisms)
- Pitch at your learners level
- Chunk information appropriately
- Insert into your methodology/pedagogy
- Contextualise materials





- **ReUse** (Use OERs as per original)
- **Rework** (Rework OER but remain true to its message)
- **Remix** (Mix OER materials)
- Be true to copyrighted conditions of materials



PRODUCE, DEPLOY & REFINE

- **Produce**: Medium, (Paper vs Digital) has implications for distribution and access.
- **Produce**: Quantity, implications for cost.
- **Deploy**: Who should have access to the documents and when?
- **Refine**: After the first run the document needs to be refined/revised based on 'lessons learnt' so that it is remains useful.





- Need to get the OER's back to the OER community.
- Others should benefit from your revisions (especially in Africa where material context is significant)
- Need to advertise your 'improvements'.

Some words of wisdom from others

To unlock the potential of OERs, they 'have to be first located, then adapted, used and the adaptations (perhaps with commentary on the form and impact of their use) made available to a wider community; otherwise they remain just another piece of 'content', merely stuff rather than a tool (Cantoni, quoted in Conole & Weller, 2008, p.11).'

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