



# 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?

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# 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-information-services/oer-to-help-new-practitioners-cope/open-educational-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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