OER Exploration & Creation

Session Objective & Agenda

Empower participants to **explore** and **create** OER through hands-on activities and collaborative learning.

- Explore OER in various repositories.
- Discover OER for potential use.
- Evaluate OER for usability.
- Discover authoring tools.
- Consider how librarians may contribute OER.
- Create/adapt a resource.
- Apply Creative Commons (CC) license to OER.
- Contribute to OER repository.

OER Take Many Forms

OER are *more* than just textbooks...

examples include:

- **entire courses** (Coursera, MIT OpenCourseWare, Open Course Library)
- **multimedia** (CreativeCommons, Mutopia Project)
- **data sets** (data.gov, U.S. Census Bureau)
- **ancillaries/stand-alones** (OER Commons, MERLOT, COERLL)
- **library instruction resources** (ACRL Sandbox, CORA)

Popular Repositories for OER

- [OER Commons](#)
- [MERLOT](#)
- [Pressbooks Directory](#)
- [OpenStax](#)
- [Open Textbook Library (OTL)](#)
- [ACRL Sandbox](#)
- [Project CORA](#)

1. Content & Accuracy

2. Clarity, Comprehensibility, Readability

3. Appropriateness & Fit
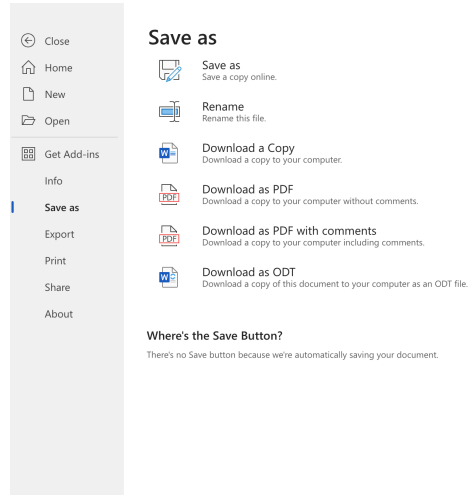
4. Adaptability & Modularity

5. Accessibility

Hands-On: Search & Evaluate

Search & Evaluate

1. Access: **at.virginia.edu/OER_worksheet**

2. Download OR make a copy for editing.

3. Complete Steps 1-3

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Search for tools, help, and more (Option + Q)

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Hands-on Exercise

Please download this document or make a copy to edit.

Step 1: Topic identification
Identify at least 1 overarching topic and related keywords.

Topics	Keywords (to help with the search queries)

Step 2: Search
Select 1-2 repositories or aggregators listed below as starting points for your search

Authoring
Tools

Authoring FAQs

Q: Does OER creation require a high-tech solution?

A: Not at all. OER can be as simple as a shared document.

Q: What about copyright and Creative Commons (CC) licenses ?

A: Licensing is foundational for all OER work. A license that allows the 5 Rs is ideal.

Q: Can multimedia be OER?

A: Yes, but there are considerations around adaptability and storage.

Q: What if I'm not ready to start from scratch?

A: Let's talk about adapting content...

Reasons for Adaptation

Address a particular teaching style or learning preference.

Add material contributed/suggested by students.

Adjust for different learning level/course level.

Correct errors or inaccuracies or update with new information.

Address diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility.

Add media or links to other resources.

Considerations for Adapting Material

About the <u>original</u> source:

- What's the file format of the source material?
- How much content needs to be changed?
- What license is attached?
- Is the material accessible?

We're here to help!

About <u>your resources & plans</u>:

- How comfortable are you with the technology?
- Do you have the tools needed to edit the source material?
- Do you understand and are you comfortable with the CC license?
- Where do you plan to publish your final adaptation?
- Is the material accessible?

Ways Librarians May Contribute

💡 Add a CC license & related language to your LibGuide.

💡 Contribute to repositories such as ACRL Sandbox and CORA.

💡 Add content to Canvas Commons – and license for open.

Hands-On: Adapt Content

Adapt Content

1. Return to your copy of: **at.virginia.edu/OER_worksheet**

2. Complete Steps 4-8

Hands-On: Contribute Content

Consider a Repository

- [OER Commons](#)
- [MERLOT](#)
- [Pressbooks Directory](#)
- [OpenStax](#)
- [Open Textbook Library (OTL)](#)
- <mark>[ACRL Sandbox](#)</mark>
- <mark>[Project CORA](#)</mark>

[Libra](#) and [Avalon](#)

Contribute Content cont...

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2. Complete Step 9 and (optional) Step 10

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