

1. Your thoughts about Open Ed Resources in general
 - a. In general I think that Open Education Resources is a great idea. I knew that schools like MIT and Stanford were making their courses available to students for free online, but I was not aware of the OER initiative started by MIT. I was surprised that I didn't find any mention of SCORM (Shareable Object Reference Model) on the Open Courseware Consortium Website or any of the sites I visited that were linked from the OCW Consortium site. SCORM is an open standard for sharing learning objects and many LMS systems like Blackboard support it. The U.S. government's Advanced Distributed Learning Website (adlnet.gov) makes many learning objects available to teachers and so I would think that it would be incorporated into OER.
2. Your thoughts about the wide variety of OER and the implications for education in general
 - a. The variety of content available through various universities' OER or Open Courseware initiatives is astounding. In theory this would mean that higher quality content will be made available to more students (in fact MIT has a video about exactly that - <http://www.youtube.com/user/mit?blend=1&ob=4>). I wonder what affect this will have on instructional designers and teachers in general. My guess is that there will become a much stronger distinction between content experts, content developers, and course proctors.
3. Please share one example of a high quality resource that you found during your evaluation of the OER content
 - a. I found this one to be interesting; at least it is to me. The course is titled *Mathematics for Computer Science*. <http://ocw.mit.edu/courses/electrical-engineering-and-computer-science/6-042j-mathematics-for-computer-science-fall-2005/index.htm>