Finding OER

When looking for OER, a Google search may not be sufficient or even efficient. Here are some tips and resources:

Points to consider

• You may not find an exact replacement for a commercial resource: some adaptations and using more than one OER may be necessary

• OER repositories are often multidisiplinary

• Resources come in a variety of types and formats

• Not all repositories are organized the same way: some offer filters and reviews to help refine search results

• Some repositories include resources that are "free" but not necessarily "open", therefore take the time to verify the copyright or licence terms of each item to confirm it is an OER

Search tips

• Search by discipline and subject first

• If searching by keyword, start with broader concepts and then narrow down using discipline-specific terms and/or limiters on the platform

• Look at the table of contents in commercial textbooks for inspiration

• If possible, use the "advanced search" function

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Suggested OER repositories and sources

B.C. Open Collection (BCcampus)
https://collection.bccampus.ca/
• Multidisciplinary

eCampusOntario Open Library
https://openlibrary.ecampusontario.ca/
• Multidisciplinary, with over 200 resources in French

LibreCommons (LibreTexts)
https://commons.libretexts.org/
• Multidisciplinary

MERLOT
https://www.merlot.org/merlot/index.htm
• Multidisciplinary, federated searching, advanced search by language
• MERLOT includes copyright-protected content. Search results are presented in three categories: "MERLOT Collection" (mostly OER), "Other Libraries" (pointing to other open collections), and "The Web" (including education and government sites)

Milne Open Textbooks
https://milneopentextbooks.org/
• Multidisiplinary

OER Commons
https://oercommons.org/
• Multidisciplinary, advanced search by language

Open Michigan
https://open.umich.edu/find/find-open-educational-resources
• Organized by discipline

Open Textbook Library
https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/
• Multidisciplinary

Pressbooks Directory
https://pressbooks.directory/
• Multidisciplinary
• This repository also includes copyright-protected content