



# Getting Started with Omeka

## Plan Your Site:

- Plan your content, goals, and audience before you start building.
  - Visit *Build a Website*, <http://info.omeka.net/build-a-website/>, for resources and tips on getting started.
- Read the *Use Cases* based on your role (student, scholar, library/archives, etc.)
  - Visit *Use Case: Scholars*, <http://info.omeka.net/omeka-net-help/use-case-scholars/>.
  - You'll find links to more Use Cases towards the bottom of the right-hand sidebar on the above page.
- Explore a showcase of Omeka.net sites built by others.
  - <http://info.omeka.net/showcase/>
- Consult the Omeka documentation and tutorials, which provides detailed modules on every aspect of starting an Omeka site.
  - <http://omeka.org/codex/Documentation>

## Resources:

- **Controlled Vocabulary:** used to organize information using predefined terms for easier searching and discovery.
  - <http://www.controlledvocabulary.com/>
- **Metadata:** descriptive information about an object or an item.
  - <http://www.niso.org/publications/press/UnderstandingMetadata.pdf>
- **Dublin Core:** an international standardized metadata schema that allows you to describe items using a standardized vocabulary.
  - Dublin Core definitions and documentation: <http://dublincore.org/documents/dces/>.
- **Getty Thesaurus of Geographic Names:** controlled vocabulary providing preferred names/terms and synonyms for people, places, and things.
  - <http://www.getty.edu/vow/TGNSearchPage.jsp>
- **Comparisons between Omeka.net vs. Omeka.org:** <http://bit.ly/compareomekas>.



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## Have Questions or Need Help?

- Search for or post a question to the Omeka Forum:
  - <http://omeka.org/forums/>
- Send an email to the Omeka team at Center for History and New Media at George Mason:
  - <http://info.omeka.net/contact>

## List of URLs for accessing/downloading creative commons files for this Omeka workshop\*:

<http://levysheetmusic.mse.jhu.edu/> (sheet music)

<http://www.davidrumsey.com/> (maps)

<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/> (newspapers)

<http://archive.org/> (texts)

<http://www.europeana.eu/> (primary sources)

<http://digitalgallery.nypl.org> (digital images)

<http://www.npg.org.uk/> (digital images--portraits)

<http://wellcomeimages.org/>(digital images—medical)

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