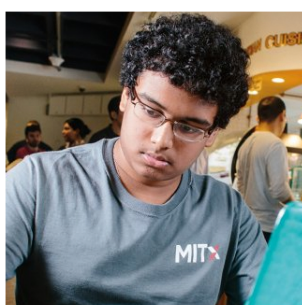




## About OpenCourseWare

MIT OpenCourseWare is a free and open publication of material from thousands of MIT courses, covering the entire MIT curriculum and used by millions of learners and educators around the world.

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### A Community of Open

"MIT has been my middle school, my high school, my entire education."

#### Ahaan Rungta

Student, USA

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## OCW Innovations

In 1999, MIT Faculty considered how to use the Internet in pursuit of MIT's mission—to advance knowledge and educate students—and in 2000 proposed OCW.

Today, MIT OpenCourseWare is a cornerstone of MIT's ongoing commitment to openly sharing educational resources. OCW continues to grow, with more new and updated courses, more video and interactive resources, and enhancements like OCW Scholar and OCW Educator. As the online options for learners and teachers continue to multiply, the value of MIT OpenCourseWare—free and open materials spanning the entire MIT curriculum—has never been greater.



#### OCW Announced in the *New York Times*

2001

- Watch the [press conference](#) on the establishment of MIT's OpenCourseWare (OCW).



#### 50 Course Published

2002

- Proof-of-concept site.
- First [language translations](#) added, in Spanish and Portuguese.



#### Official OCW Site Launch in October 2003

2003

- 500 courses published.



#### OCW Adopts Creative Commons License

2004

- First mirror site established in Africa.

- Other institutions work with MIT to create their own OCWs.



### OCW Wins Over a Dozen Major Awards

2005

- First updates to previously published courses.
- OCW wins over a dozen major awards.
- [OpenCourseWare Consortium](#) formed [renamed the Open Education Consortium in 2014].

### OCW Highlights is Developed for High School Secondary Education



2006

- OCW Consortium meets in Kyoto, portal launched.
- 1550 courses published.



### Publication for Virtually all MIT Courses Completed

2007

- Highlights for High School is officially launched.
- New monthly traffic record: Over 2 millions visits.

### 50 Million Visits



2008

- Audio/Video content added regularly to YouTube and iTunesU.
- Persian translations added.



### 225 Mirror Sites Around the World

2009

- 1 million visits to Highlights for High School.
- 1 million visits from the MIT community.

### 100 Million Visits Reached



2010

- 30 Supplemental Resources provide videos, online textbooks, and more beyond courses.
- 2000 courses published.



### OCW Scholar Courses, Designed for Independent Learners, are Launched

2011

- OCW celebrates a decade of open sharing.
- MIT launches MITx online courses, expanding its commitment to free global learning.

### 125 Millions Visits Reached



2012

- Turkish course translations and Korean video translations added.
- MIT's new Office of Digital Learning brings together OCW, MITx and other resources.
- OCW website redesigned for better user experience.



### OCW Educator Launched, Providing Insight on How Courses are Taught at MIT

2013

- Highlights for High School website redesigned for better user experience.

### 1 Billion Page Views and 175 Million Visits



2014

- 100 courses have complete video lectures.
- 900 older versions of courses have been updated.



### OCW Continues to Expand Reach to People Beyond the Site on How Courses are Taught at MIT

2015

- More than 432,000 people like or follow OCW on Facebook and Twitter

- More than 52 million iTunesU downloads of OCW audio and video lectures
- More than 2,300 live course sites
- Published the 50th open [online textbook](#)

### OCW Celebrates 15 Years of Open Sharing

2016

- Thank you for [15 years of open sharing](#)
- Created new [About OCW video](#)
- 200 Million visits reached
- More than 1 million OCW YouTube channel subscribers
- More than 100 courses with [Instructor Insights](#)
- Added interactive, searchable transcripts to course videos
- Added more context to courses with [Crosslinks](#) and the Undergraduate Curriculum Map

### More Than 2,400 Live Course Sites

2017

- Another site enhancement unveiled: [dynamic sorting and filtering on course lists](#)
- Published two new OCW Scholar courses, [5.111SC Principles of Chemical Science](#) and new version of [8.01 Classical Mechanics](#)

### 1.7 Million People Subscribe to OCW YouTube Channel

2018

- A new tab For Educators is on the homepage - helping educators quickly find teaching materials and instructor insights
- An upgraded Search tool is available on the site
- Published 200 [Instructor Insights](#)
- More than 2,500 OCW courses and resources are available

The impact of OCW can be best described by the thousands of learners who use OCW every day. We welcome you to [read a compilation of some of the inspirational feedback](#) we've received over the years.

“ Getting to learn something you love can sometimes be as satisfying as drinking a glass of water when thirsty. MIT OCW is the medium which is helping quench the thirst of many others like me. ”

PRABHAKAR S., INDEPENDENT LEARNER, INDIA

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