

# Open Access & Open Educational Resources

Information session for researchers, students,  
and staff at the University of Oslo

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**Open Access**

# What is Open Access (to Scholarly Communication)?

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The Budapest Open Access Initiative proposed the following definition\* in their 2002 statement:

“[A scholarly work is *open access* when it is] free[ly] avail[able] on the public internet, permitting any users to read, download, copy, distribute, print, search, or link to the full texts of these articles, crawl them for indexing, pass them as data to software, or use them for any other lawful purpose, without financial, legal, or technical barriers other than those inseparable from gaining access to the internet itself. The only constraint on reproduction and distribution, and the only role for copyright in this domain, should be to give authors control over the integrity of their work and the right to be properly acknowledged and cited.”

\*<https://www.budapestopenaccessinitiative.org/read>

- Free availability online
- Can be read, downloaded, printed, searched, linked to
- Can be read and processed by machines (indexing, data analysis)
- No financial, legal, technical barriers apart from Internet access
- Authors have control over their work's integrity
- Authors have the right to be acknowledged and cited

# Open Educational Resources

# What are Open Educational Resources?

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The UNESCO's Forum on the Impact of Open Courseware for Higher Education in Developing Countries coined the term Open Educational Resources (OER) in 2020.

Wikipedia states, that "[o]pen educational resources are freely accessible, openly licensed text, media, and other digital assets that are useful for teaching, learning, and assessing as well as for research purposes."\*

OER give the public permission to retain, reuse, revise, remix, and redistribute materials, that means, you can make a copy and own a resource, modify and adapt it, combine it with other materials, and share and publish a modified version publicly.\*\*

\*[https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open\\_educational\\_resources](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open_educational_resources)

\*\*<http://opencontent.org/definition/>



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# OA vs. OER



# Open Access vs. Open Educational Resources

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## Open Access

- are mainly scholarly articles and similar texts with a license that permits copying, sharing, downloading, and free access
- materials are copyrightable (they are expressions)
- depending on the license, you may not be allowed to adapt, modify, or remix them

## Open Educational Resources

- are often materials that are in the public domain or where the license permits free use (CC0)
- remember: neither knowledge nor facts can be copyrighted!
- they can be modified, remixed, adapted, and published like that
- are purpose-specific materials (for teaching and learning) in a variety of mediums (text, images, audio, video...)

# Open Access: Why Should I Care?

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## ***I'm a researcher:***

With OA, your research can be spread wider, and you can access other people's research more easily.

## ***I'm a librarian at a research institution:***

With the help of OA, you will be able to collect publications of all researchers at your institution in electronic archives and help spread the research of your employees.

## ***I'm an (exchange) student:***

With OA, you will be able to keep access to cutting edge research, textbooks, and other materials even when you leave the university.

Adapted from the information on Open Access provided by the University of Oslo via  
<https://www.ub.uio.no/english/writing-publishing/open-access/what-is-open-access.html>

# Further Information from the University of Oslo Library

In English

<https://www.ub.uio.no/english/writing-publishing/open-access/what-is-open-access.html>

På norsk

<https://www.ub.uio.no/skrive-publisere/open-access/hva-er-open-access.html>

# Open Educational Resources: What's In It For Me?

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## ***I'm a researcher:***

With OER, you have a treasure trove of teaching material at your disposal which you can modify, adapt, remix, compile and share at no cost to you and your students.

## ***I'm a librarian at a research institution:***

With OER, you can support classes, seminars and lectures at your institution and provide access to and inform about additional teaching and learning resources to the materials developed by researchers at your institution.

## ***I'm an (exchange) student:***

With OER, you can not only access your learning materials from wherever you are, you can also compile materials to support your individual learning objectives and interests without having to pay for expensive textbooks and digital content. And if you see room for improvement, you can modify and update the material and share it with your classmates and the rest of the learner community!

# License & Credits

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