

Build it! Share it!

Taking a Campus OER Community of Learning to Open

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Learning Objectives:

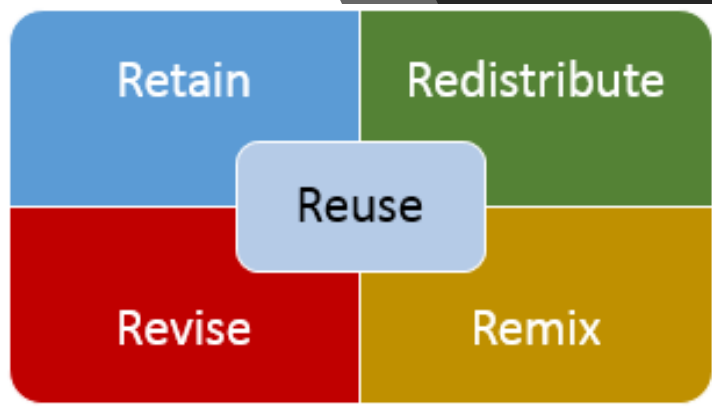
- Discover insights and principles to consider when designing your own Community of Learning and planning for moving to open platforms.
- Identify some best practices for program development to fit the structure of an Open Educational Resources platform.
- Learn tips for adapting an interactive course to a system designed for capturing and sharing learning objects.

Canvas OER Community of Learning: an Overview

- TXST Canvas modules Learning objectives
- Participation and Feedback
- Successes and Challenges
 - Changes in personnel
 - Limitations of Canvas
 - Limitations on sharing – not fully open (ironic given the topic!)
 - Turning on Canvas Commons (sharing limited to Texas State for uploads)
 - Limited Accessibility (does have accessibility checking)



Moving Canvas Modules to an OER Platform

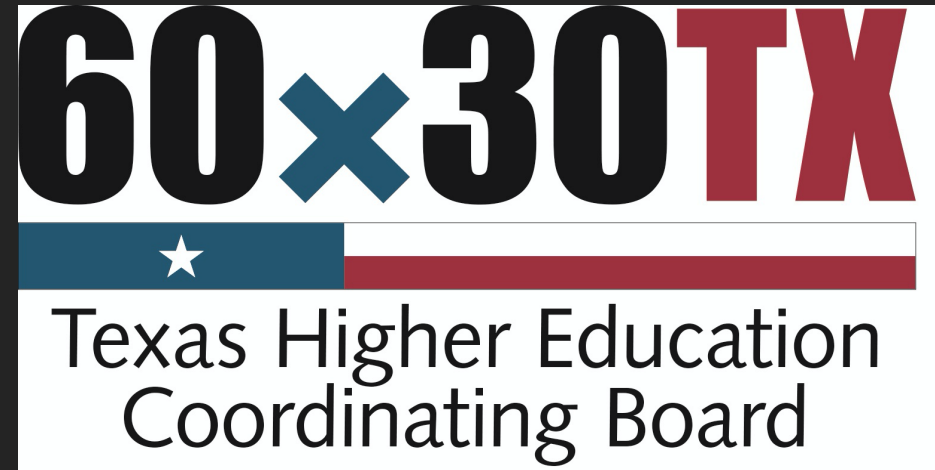


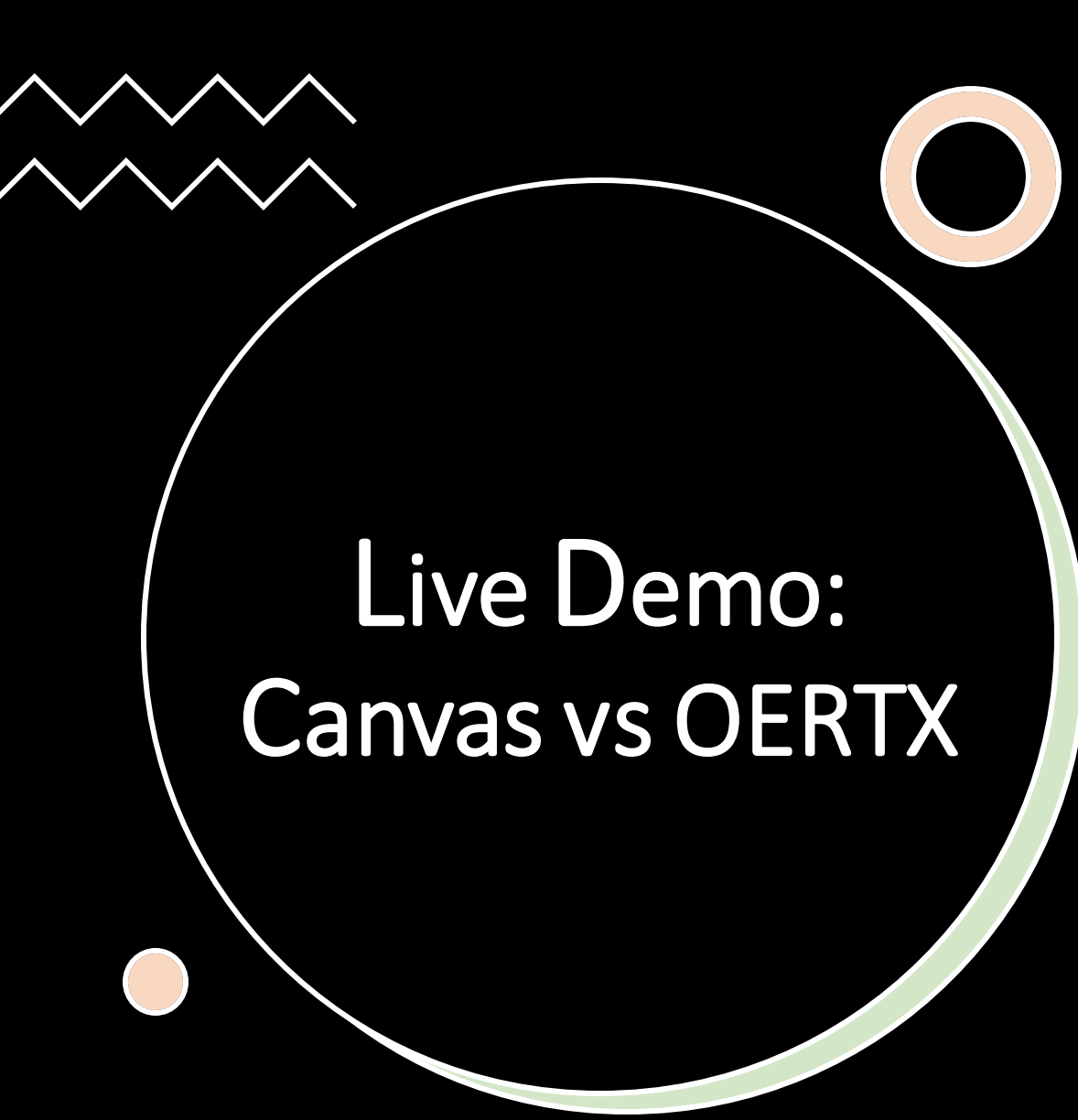
Choosing the platform for our project:

- Grant for OER and Schol Comm
- OERTX
 - Support for the Texas community
 - Fairly easy to use
 - Accessibility features
 - Existing OERTX grant programs for Texas faculty

OERTX Platform: Successes and Challenges

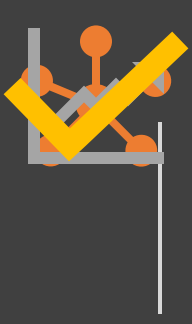
- **Open Author tool**
- **Easy to use**
- **Facilitates multiple authors**
- **Limited ability to create interactive elements**
- **Limited customization options**
- **Limited peer-to-peer support**





Live Demo: Canvas vs OERTX

- OER Community of Learning (Canvas)
 - OERTX
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Next Steps

Expand interactivity

Expand content

**Explore mechanisms
to gauge adoption**

Building your own OER on an open platform: Things to consider

Best practices

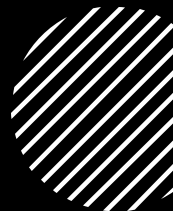
- Features elements that encourage interest, sustainability and continued growth
- Consider accessibility and copyright
- Ease of use for content creators AND users
- Longterm planning for continued content creation and maintenance

Potential challenges

- Personnel
 - Not having dedicated staffing
 - Staff who move on to different projects or jobs
- Maintenance
- Impact
- Platform limitations



Read!



Guidelines on the Development of Open Educational Resources Policies <http://oasis.col.org/handle/11599/3455>



Best Practices in Fair Use for Open Educational Resources <https://tinyurl.com/3d2exc8p>



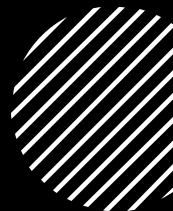
Code of Best Practices in Fair Use for Open Educational Resources: A Guide for Authors, Adapters & Adopters of Openly Licensed Teaching and Learning Materials <https://oer.pressbooks.pub/fairuse/>



Community Building: Using Peer Review to Engage Librarians and Faculty in the Design of an OER Community of Learning <https://digital.library.txstate.edu/handle/10877/13242>



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Grab it, mix it, reuse it! Build it and share it!

- Our OERTX course: <https://oertx.highered.texas.gov/courseware/lesson/2287>
- Our Canvas course (open version): <https://canvas.txstate.edu/courses/1697940>

**HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT OER, OPEN PLATFORMS OR OUR PROJECTS?
ASK US!**