

Progia Open LearnWare

Increasing adoption of Open Educational Resources (teaching and learning materials that are in the public domain) by learning institutions is changing the landscape of education everywhere and hence provides a strategic opportunity to dramatically improve both the access and the quality of education worldwide.

Progia Open LearnWare is an on-line learning & teaching platform that integrates Open Education Resources (OER) with a practical set of software tools that make OER delightful to use for schools, educators and the learners.

Enhance the Learning Experience

For students, Open LearnWare provides a comfortable, seamless learning experience with better comprehension.

With OpenLearnWare, Teachers can use an existing course or build their own course by mixing and matching existing or new materials such as slides, annotation, audio, video, tests, assignments etc.

Schools can offer an online 24x7 learning option to their students with much reduced cost and resources. They can use the platform for testing and grading and can offer specialized certification courses for continuing education.

Features

- Integrates OER, mobility and social media effortlessly
- Easy to use
- Scalable & Expandable
- Flexible and Cost effective
- Full featured Online Document Management System
- Create and manage courses and assessments
- Enroll students for specific courses and send out automatic notification, instructions and other reminders as necessary.
- Keep track of enrolled students and their grade books.
- Engage in group discussions among class participants

Cater to global audience: Use On-line Learning and Content Management System to let students take training on-demand, any place and at any time

Offer best-of-breed content: Use Open Education Resources to either supplement your own courses or create new courses according to your market needs

Increase revenue: Cross license compelling content with other training companies

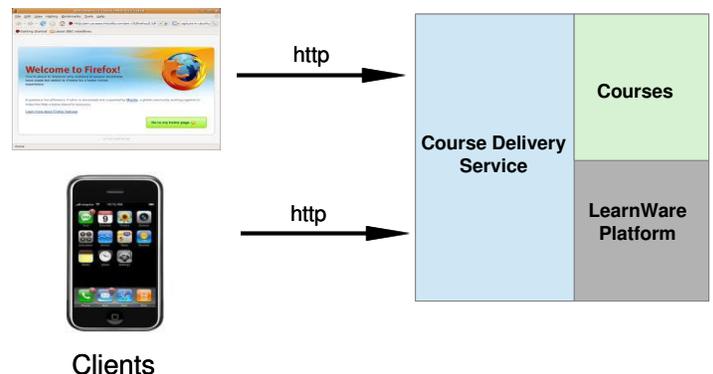
Consider, for instance, a course titled “Mobile App Development” is needed in IT curriculum of a training company.

It turns out that this course is already available as an OER course from Stanford University and can be accessed at their website by anyone.

A student can take this class for free from this website. An IT training company can use this material to supplement their own course. An Entrepreneur can make this course more suitable for entry level students with detailed examples, language translation, development tools and start a training class to teach hands-on course on Mobile app development.

As another example, consider a training company that teaches Finance and Accounting to College graduates. Now the training company wants to prepare their students in “soft skills” such as interviewing skills, resume writing, team work etc.

They can select material from the available OER courses for this purpose and use their existing staff instead of hiring an expert in soft skills.



Open LearnWare Consists of:

- Back end web based Content Management System (CMS) with learning management modules
- Front end web based interface for taking on-line courses.

Back-end System

The back end is built on Drupal, a High Performance, Scalable Open Source CMS that facilitates Content Organization, Storage and User Management.

It has an intuitive and convenient combination of features and modern Web 2.0 design, presenting the users a familiar interface to organize and find their files. Documents of all type can be stored, edited and viewed in LearnWare.

The core functionality of the platform can be easily extended by adding optional modules (thousands are available from Drupal community or you can write your own).

Front end Reader

Courses are taken via a separate lightweight application with the following features:

- Fast, user friendly web based software
- Seamlessly integrates and displays multiple media types such as video, audio, text, PDF documents, quizzes, etc.
- 100% HTML5 compliant

How to Get Started

Individual Instructor Account

You can offer these courses as is or use the material from these courses to supplement your own to teach students. You will access the courses at: www.contentbyexperts.net/LearnWare
Ideal for Instructors and Entrepreneurs, who want to use OER to supplement their own classes with minimum cost and overhead.

Individual Instructor and Author Account

Use Progia's Courses and also Create and Offer your own branded Courses
Ideal for Training institutes, Tuition (coaching) centers, Schools, Colleges, Corporations, Staffing companies, Content authors and Entrepreneurs who want to create and offer branded courses.

Institution Account

Brand the school, expand your course offerings, add more revenue, and expand your reach to a broader community.
Ideal for: Colleges, Schools, Training institutes who want branded, exclusive access to and control of LearnWare platform and would like to create unlimited faculty and students accounts and branded courses.

For more information visit us at www.contentbyexperts.net

About Progia

Progia, a New Jersey, U.S.A based LLC, is focused on "Open Education Resources" and how they can be used to build capacity and improve access and quality of education. Progia has developed a state of the art "Learning Management Platform" that schools and training centers can use to integrate OER in their curriculum effortlessly. Progia team is comprised of experienced engineers, creative designers, user experience experts and content writers, who understand what makes an application intuitive, useful and compelling. Progia is privately funded and is run by its members.

