



# Online Learning Objects

Finding high quality learning objects on the web.

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There are several online repositories or collections of learning objects that target Higher Education faculty needs. A learning object can be as small as a paragraph or as large as a complete online course and come in the form of HTML/Text files, simulations, JAVA, Flash, QuickTime movies, etc...

## *General Learning Object Repositories*

**Merlot:** <http://www.merlot.org/>

Database of peer reviewed online teaching and learning materials. Search the database by many different methods. You get a general page with information and ratings on the learning material and a link to a website or file.

*Example of Learning Object:* <http://www.dnaftb.org/dnaftb/> (DNA Learning Module/ website)

**at&t Blue Web 'n:** <http://www.kn.sbc.com/wired/bluewebn/>

An online library of 2168 outstanding internet sites that serve as learning objects. You can search the site by content area, subject area and grade level. Search by grade level to narrow the search down to "college" sites by subject or content area. Each site has a paragraph review and rating.

*Example of Learning object:* <http://www.edheads.org/activities/knee/> (a virtual knee surgery)

*Example of Learning object:* <http://www.landmarkcases.org/> (landmark supreme court cases)

**Internet Archive:** <http://www.archive.org/details/education>

The Archive's library of Open Educational Resources and university lectures. This library contains hundreds of free courses, video lectures, and supplemental materials from universities in the United States and China. Many of these lectures are available for download.

*Example of Learning object:* <http://www.archive.org/details/DentalInsiderDentalInsiderPodcast> (dental insider podcast)

*Example of Learning object:* <http://www.landmarkcases.org/> (landmark supreme court cases)

**HippoCampus:** <http://www.hippocampus.org/>

Multimedia modules organized in general courses/ subject areas. Instructors can create a customized web page and organize the multimedia modules they want to use on the page. This customized page can be linked to from Blackboard.

**Wisc-Online:** <http://www.wisc-online.com/>

A catalog of flash based digital learning objects developed by a team of professional designers and faculty members. You have to create an account to view the objects, but you can link directly to an object from your Blackboard course.

## *Content Specific Learning Objects*

**Health Education Assets Library:** <http://www.healcentral.org/index.jsp>

A digital library that provides freely accessible digital teaching resources of the highest quality that meet the needs of today's health sciences educators and learners.

*Example of Learning object:* [http://www.anatomy.wright.edu/ntv/SP/SPFi\\_57/SPFCiLowers\\_57.mov](http://www.anatomy.wright.edu/ntv/SP/SPFi_57/SPFCiLowers_57.mov) (video clip on Cerebellar Degeneration from Neurological Teaching Videos Collection at Wright State University)

**Nursing Objects Library:** [http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/dept/d31/nur/learning\\_objects/](http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/dept/d31/nur/learning_objects/)

Mesa Community College repository of digital assets related to nursing.