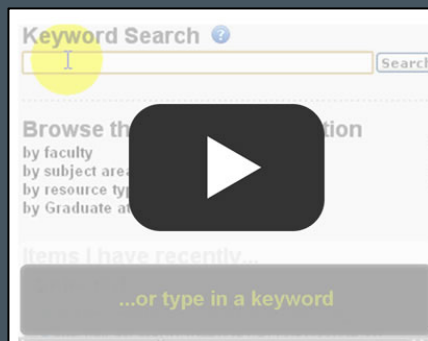OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY

Quick start guide to OER

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IT developer and co-manager of **RADAR** (Research Archive and Digital Asset Repository) the University's multi-purpose "resource bank"
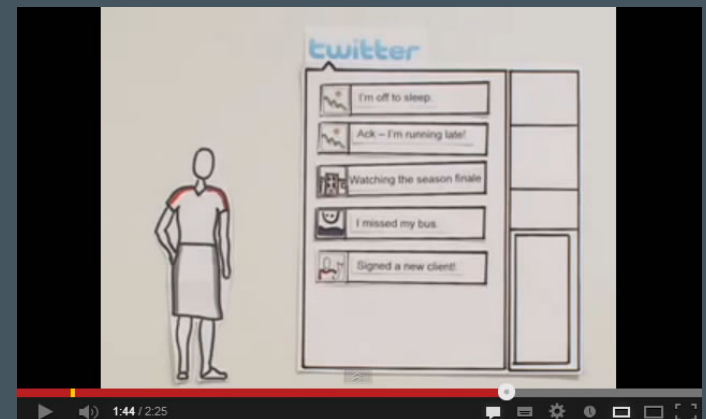
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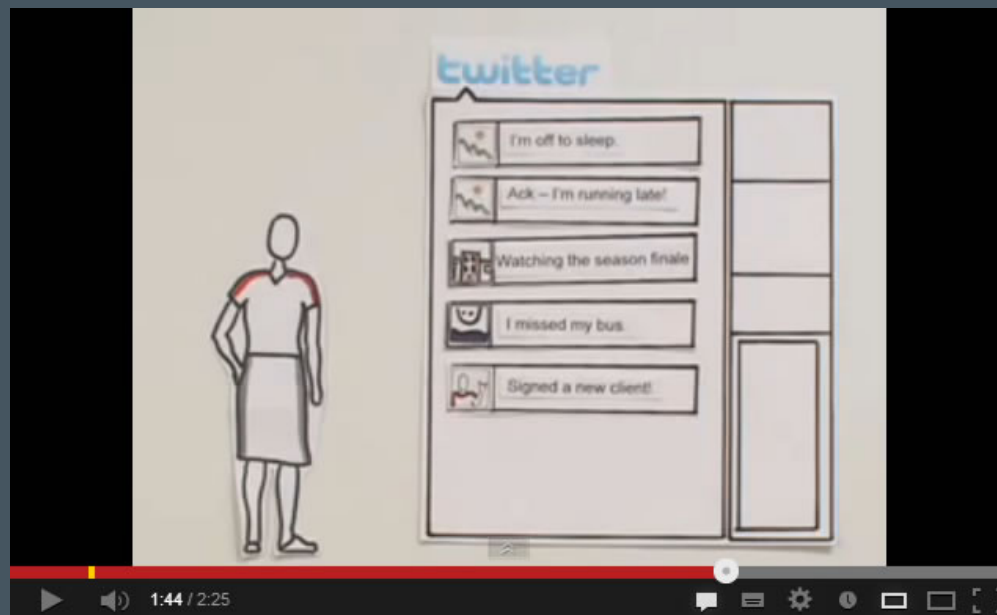[how to find resources and add to Moodle](#)

What is OER?

Open Educational Resources (OERs) are

"freely accessible, openly formatted and openly licensed documents and media that are useful for teaching, learning, education, assessment and research purposes".

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open_educational_resources
- accessed 18 Dec 2012

An example

- Short animated guide to Twitter
- Humorous style and clear language
- 3 million views on YouTube so far

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- Quality/consistency problems
- Language or cultural issues

Other sources of OER

JORUM
jorum.ac.uk
1000's of FE and HE teaching resources

RADAR
brookes.ac.uk/go/radar
100s of Olympics teaching resources
Cartoons

Oxford University podcasts
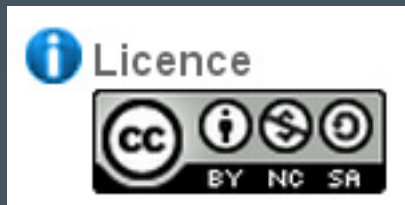**podcasts.ox.ac.uk**
1000's of audio and video resources
Wide range of subjects
Most popular have been Philosophy and Middle English

What about copyright?

A **licence** is the way resource owners can state what you can, and can't do with the resource, for example "non-commercial" use only. Many people use a licence called *Creative Commons*

BY = you must credit the author
NC = you can only use the work
for non-commercial purposes

OER at Brookes

- Brookes courses using OER,
e.g. OCSLD courses

- Staff are encouraged to upload
OER to RADAR

- Copyright training provided by
the Library :
**sign up now by emailing
radar@brookes.ac.uk**

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Oxford University STEEPLE OER project
http://www.steeple.org.uk/wiki/Main_Page

"Can I use it or can't I?" :Copyright guidance for uploading resources to RADAR Teaching collection (Katie Hambrook, Oxford Brookes)
https://radar.brookes.ac.uk/radar/items/f4857f6b-5c1e-34a5-f057-50963dee7e1b/1

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