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## Open edX: What Is It And Why 19 Million People Use It?

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There is no one-size-fits-all product in the world except (maybe) water, and Open edX is no



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## DOES AN OPEN SOURCE LMS FIT YOU WELL?

Spend 2 minutes on answering  
questions in this quiz to know  
whether Open Source LMS is  
something your online learning  
project needs

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world - [edx.org](http://edx.org).

It was created to fulfill the instructional design needs of various organizations to create engaging experiences that cover different topics, pursue other goals and use different learning scenarios.

That's why [Open edX](#) became so flexible and diverse.

Open Edx helps teach learners physics, maths, and even acoustics using engaging and interactive [LMS features](#) that are available straight out of the box. It also offers the ability to integrate multiple third-party systems like [SCORM](#), LTI, iFrame. But before we dive into the features of Open edX, we'll briefly describe its history and how it compares with other [learning management systems](#).

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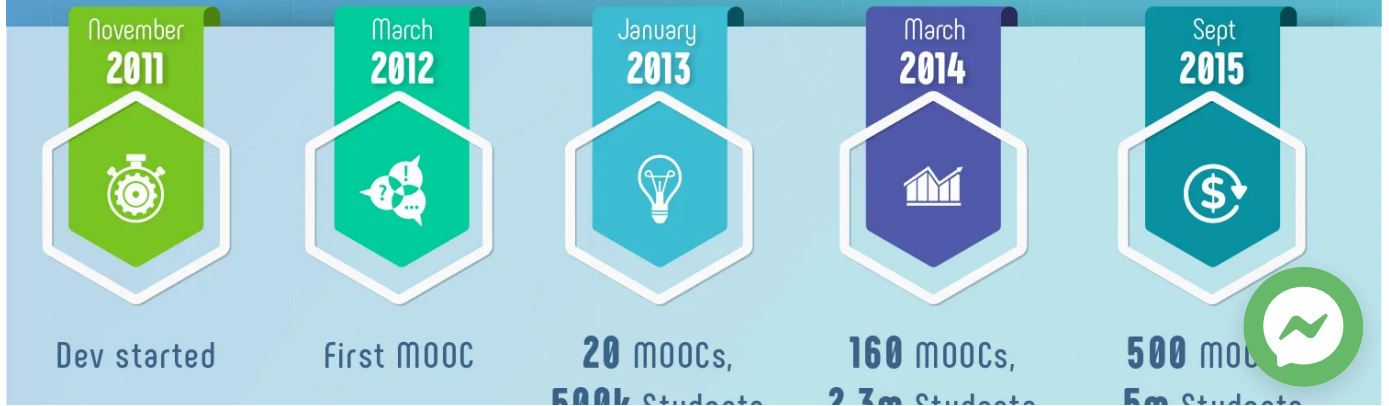
### Brief Open edX History

was founded in May 2012 by scientists from Harvard and MIT. 155,000 students from 162 countries enrolled in the first edX course, and in 2013 the number of students reached 1 million



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## Quick history



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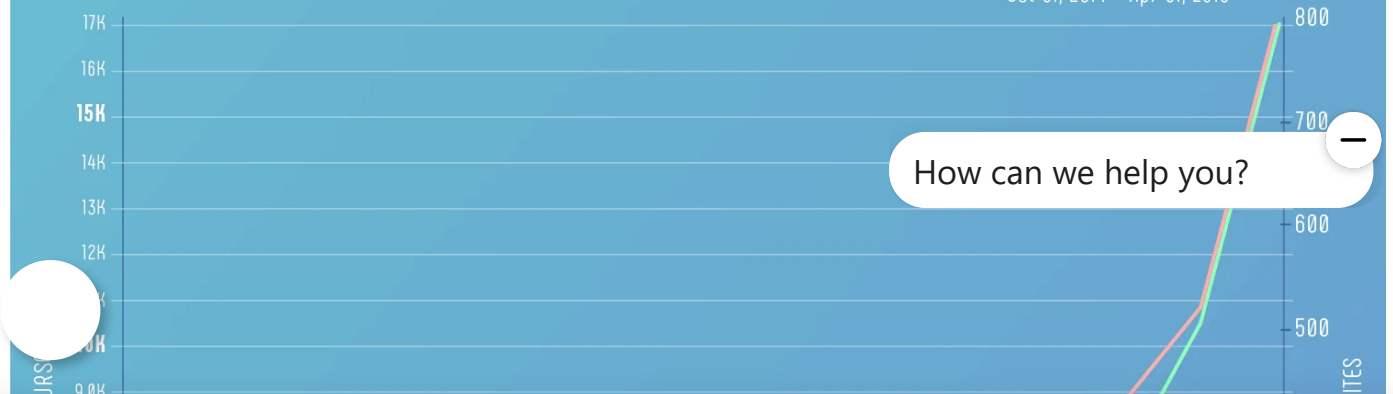
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## Adoption Stats In Dynamics

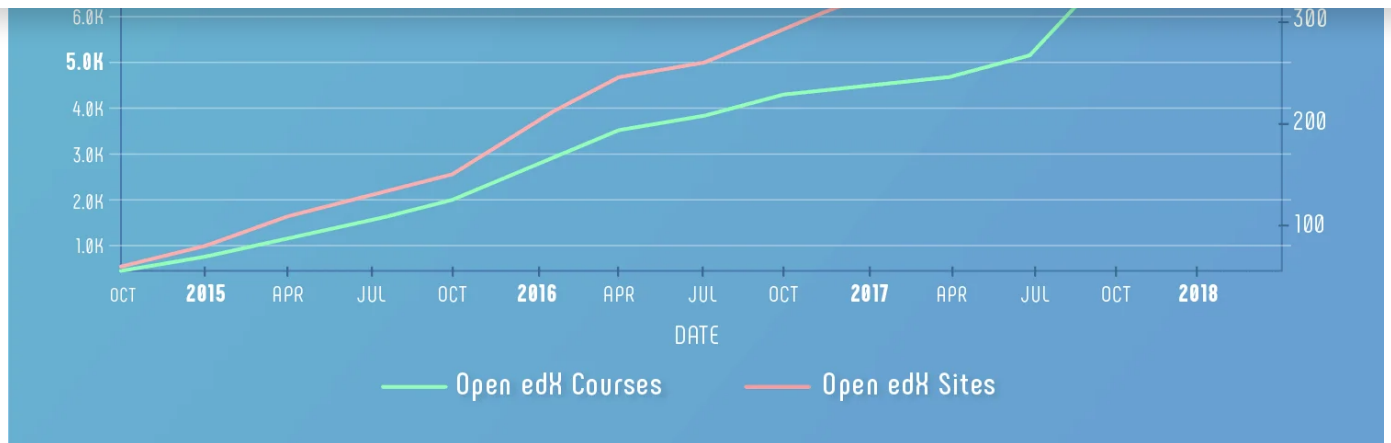
Growth of Open edX Courses and Sites Over Time

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## The Top Open Source LMS Vendors

### ADMINISTRATION SECTION

### PERFORMANCE

Features	edX	Sakai	moodle	canvas
CMS	4/5	4/5	4/5	4/5
Notifications	4/5	4/5	4/5	4/5
SSO	5/5	4/5	4/5	4/5
SCORM, LTI, API	5/5	4/5	5/5	4/5
Mobile	4/5	4/5	4/5	3/5

### LEARNING ANALYTICS SECTION

### PERFORMANCE

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Feedback Tracking	3/5	4/5	3/5	3/5
Student Tracking	4/5	4/5	4/5	4/5
Automated Report Creation	4/5	4/5	4/5	4/5
AUTHORING TOOLS SECTION		PERFORMANCE		
Features				
Gamification/Simulations technologies	3/5	3/5	4/5	3/5
Assessment and Testing technologies	4/5	5/5	3/5	3/5
Audio/Video Conferencing tools	5/5	3/5	3/5	3/5
Learning outcomes technologies (Grading functionality)	4/5	3/5	4/5	4/5
Social & collaboration technologies (chat tools)	3/5	4/5	3/5	3/5

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Blended/Hybrid learning	4/5	3/5	3/5	3/5
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## Who Currently Uses Open edX?

As we said, Open edX is adopted by a wide range of organizations:

Large Organizations

The world's most prominent organizations, including Google, Microsoft, McKinsey, Johnson & Johnson, use Open edX for employee education, customer onboarding, etc.

Educational organizations

Harvard, MIT, Arizona State University, and others use Open edX to engage many students and provide them with interactive content, the ability to track educational progress, etc.

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Open edX gives the ability to small organizations to create high-quality and customized content that increases organizations' profit and learner engagement.

## Why is Open edX used by 19 million people today?

As has been mentioned, demand for LMS is colossal today, and it keeps gaining momentum.

So how does Open edX stand out in comparison to other LMSs? The logic is simple: it provides better readiness for the [online learning future](#), thus explaining its increase in popularity.

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### Organizations looking to replace LMS

37%

Overall

43%

Large  
Organizations

38%

Mid-Size  
Organizations

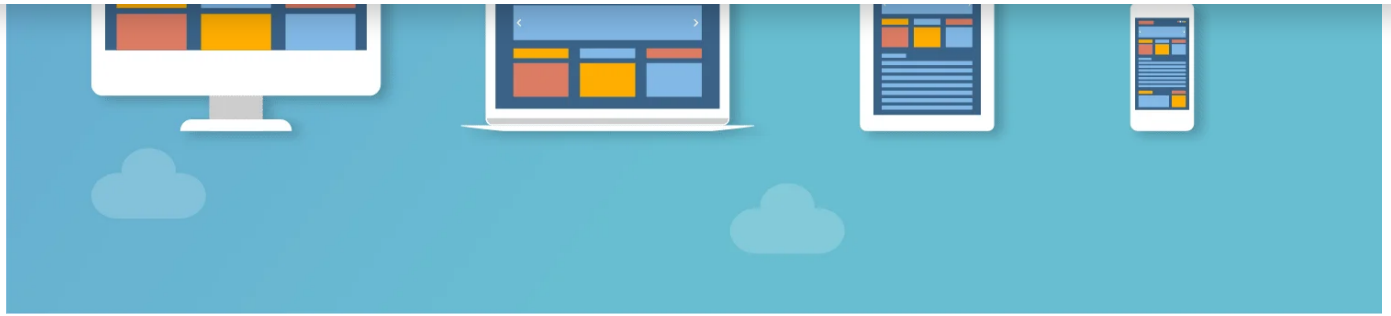
26%

Small  
Organizations

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We bet that Open edX is one of the systems that these organizations are switching to.

Let's take a look at these challenges:

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### Top 5 Learning technology priorities **in small** organizations

46%

Social/  
collaborative  
tools

42%

Data  
analytics

33%

Content  
management

33%

Mobile  
delivery

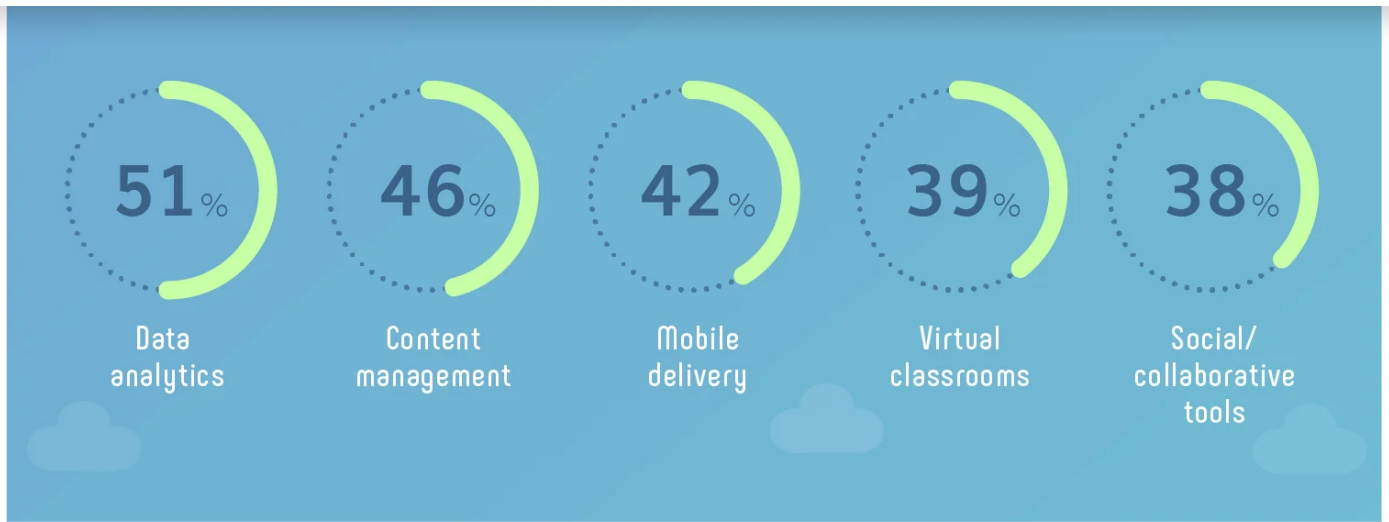
31%

Virtual  
classrooms

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When we define what is needed, let's look at how Open edX delivers all of these needs.

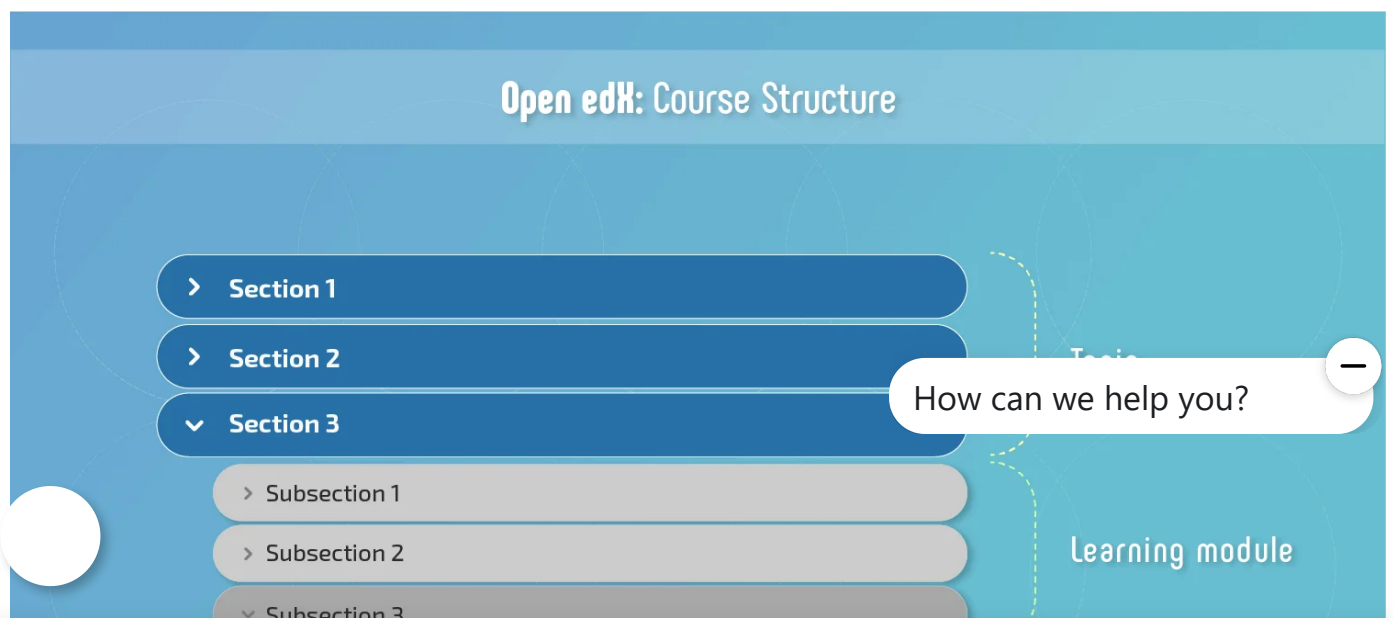
## Open edX Features: Learner Interface Overview

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Easy to use user interface design is an essential part of the learning experience. It can influence a user's perception of the entire learning process.

Having diverse purposes and community influence, Open edX has a clear and simple yet effective interface with everything that learners need, leaving out all the bells and whistles that distract users from the learning process.

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Unit 3

Unit 4

Lessons

## Progress Dashboard

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Videos

Interactive videos and images

SCORM, LTI, iFrame

20+ types of assessments

The list can be extended and customized to the needs of a particular project (simulation, virtual lab, etc.)

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## Open edX Features: Instructor Interface Overview





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Group learners and manage content routing

Add, organize learning content inside the course

Manage the visual features of the course

Manage and issue certificates

Manage monetization

Track learning metrics, build reports

The range of the tools is not complete, and basic Open edX functions are not available in all particular cases. To know more, you can simply [book a demo](#) with us.

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### ***Polls and Surveys***

It's crucial to figure out what your learners want. A good survey tool can help instructors to get answers to essential questions.

### ***Online Discussions***

Course creators can create Discussions within a course and ensure collaboration between learners.

### ***Group Tasks***

Using this feature, an instructor can create groups focused on specific needs, or work-related interests. Groups may be used for assignments, organization.

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An internal [Raccoon Gang project RG Analytics](#) aimed to create easy-to-use, actionable insights for Open edX course instructors.

## Open edX Features: Customization

[Open edX custom feature development](#) is applied and enables the specific functionalities required by course authors.

## Game-based learning and gamification

[Game-based learning](#) is often considered an essential component of modern education. Gamification increases engagement and course completion rate significantly. It can be easily implemented into Open edX courses.

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One-to-one Instruction

Confidence Based Approach

Personalized Learning for a Heterogeneous Group



Greater Time Efficiency

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Create Individualized Learning Paths

Providers focused remediation

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## Competency-based learning

Competency-based education allows students to advance their skills or competencies at their own pace regardless of their environment. Open edX includes the ability to implement modern learning concepts based on a competency-based learning approach: [scenario-based learning](#), self-directed knowledge assessment, skill-based branching scenario.

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If an open-source platform fits your needs, you should [choose a preferred Open edX provider](#). To know more about custom Open Edx solutions, you can [schedule a demo](#) with the Raccoon Gang team.

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