

Empathy Training MOOC

MOOC Platform Research

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Existing Host Educational Platform

- UDEMY - commercial - build on an existing platform. (there is a free version but non brandable)
- **edX**: <https://open.edx.org/> : non-profit, open source - I set up a demo server here:
ec2-54-162-184-110.compute-1.amazonaws.com

“edX has a fast, modern feel, with the ability to accommodate large enrollments. edX is suitable for organizations that want a modern, flexible, robust course-management platform. Although it is open source, **investment will need to be made in both installation and some maintenance**. But the return will be a platform that can provide best-in-class content to thousands of students.”

Source: <https://edtechmagazine.com/higher/article/2014/02/comparison-five-free-mooc-platforms-educators>

- Coursera - commercial
- Udacity - commercial
- Duolingo - not a host, it is a MOOC example
- Shaw Academy - has scheduled classes where students and teacher can interact through video/chat
- **Khan Academy**: non-profit, most training are videos based (using Youtube): not seeing any category for soft skills learning
- **Peer 2 Peer University** (P2PU) : nonprofit online open learning community
- **Canvas**: An open, online course network that connects students, teachers & institutions
<https://info.canvas.net/offer-a-course?seen=yy>
- **Moodle**:

Moodle is an open-source learning management system (LMS) that allows users to build and offer online courses. **It tends to be easier to install than edX, and there are hosted or one-click install options available.**

Moodle is suited for organizations that want a full-featured, customizable LMS. The platform offers more than edX in terms of educational tools, analytics and SCORM compliance. The trade-off is that the platform is over 10 years old. The number of configuration options can be daunting, and system performance suffers with larger numbers of students.

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- Coursesites: <https://www.coursesites.com/webapps/Bb-sites-course-creation-BBLEARN/pages/index.html>

CourseSites by Blackboard is an exceptionally robust platform. It has most of the features that Moodle has, including extensive teaching tools, reporting features and SCORM compliance. It is also cloud-based. You can set up a course in minutes and never have to worry about maintenance or upgrades.

The service is free for up to five live courses, and Blackboard has given no indication that this will change. The trade-off seems to be that your courses are branded with the Blackboard logo, and your students must register with Blackboard in order to join a course.

CourseSites is a good option for individuals — for example, a teacher who wants to migrate part of a curriculum to an online format — or organizations looking to start experimenting with online courses without having to install anything . The five-course maximum and the inability to brand your course place limitations on how this platform can be applied. But with the lowest maintenance costs and the highest number of features, CourseSites is a good option.

More platforms hosting online course (but pretty sure it’s all commercial; meaning we would need to pay for using it: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/tomaslaurinavicius/2017/02/22/host-your-online-courses/#314ac38863be>)

Build Our Platform (Website)

- **Google Sites**
 - Is what we use now. It’s fast and free.
 - But simple and not very visually appealing.
 - Can set up a prototype quickly.
 - No unique url?
- **WordPress**
 - Need to know about WordPress - not so fast
 - Free
- **SquareSpace**
 - nice design templates. Limited f

- Expensive-ish

Possibility to install LMS solutions via your own website. (Jess - I don't know what LMS Solutions are and secretly hoping Alex knows...). Benefits:

- don't share profit with anyone,
- own all the marketing and clients' data,
- responsible for promotion and can set prices you want,
- can be highly customizable,
- widely used for unique idea realization (in most cases such ideas are more likely to pay off than standardized ones),
- goes with support
- availability of wide amount of plugins, modules and extensions available to extend website's functionality.

Examples are:

- [JoomlaLMS](#) for Joomla;
- [LearnDash](#) for WordPress;
- [Origno](#) for Drupal.

Source: <https://community.articulate.com/discussions/building-better-courses/looking-for-a-platform-to-host-a-free-mooc>

