

# PHOTODENTRO SAAS: SOWING THE SEEDS FOR AN ECOSYSTEM OF "PHOTODENTRO" OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE REPOSITORIES

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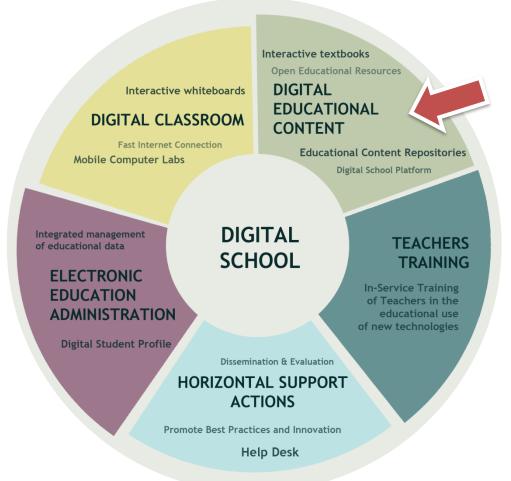
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# The context: Digital School





**Digital School Platform, Interactive Books,** and Learning Object Repositories





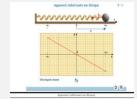


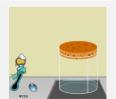


# **Digital School Content-based e-Services**

http://dschool.edu.gr

**Open Educational Resources (OERs)** 







**Interactive Textbooks** 







e-me Digital Educational Platform for pupils and teachers







**Photodentro Digital OER Repositories** 

photodentro.edu.gr









# **Photodentro OER Repositories**



#### ΦΩΤΟΔΕΝΤΡΟ > ΜΑΘΗΣΙΑΚΑ ΑΝΤΙΚΕΙΜΕΝΑ



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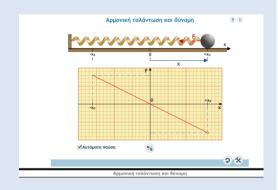


http://photodentro.edu.gr/lor

Nov 2016: ~8,400 Learning Objects

## **Learning Objects**

Small, reusable units of learning Semantically autonomous Open Licenses (CC BY NC SA)







# Photodentro Video



# http://photodentro.edu.gr/video

Nov 2016: ~ 1000 video

### **Educational Video**

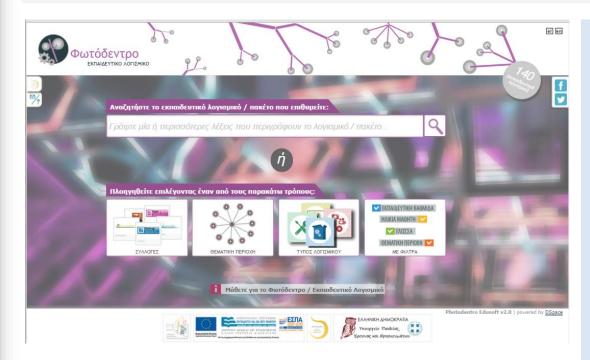
Short length (<10min)
Curriculum related
Core-concept, suitable for in class use
Open Licenses (CC BY NC SA)











# http://photodentro.edu.gr/edusoft

June 2016: 140 educational software

# **Educational Software** (for download)



Educational multimedia titles



Sets of learning scenarios



**Educational Software Tools** 



Open learning environments







http://photodentro.edu.gr/ugc

# **User Generated Content Open Educational Resources**

#### Goals:

- Provide a place where teachers can publish and share their own Open Educational Resources
- Build a community of teachers

Overall Approach:
Trust teachers first

No prior evaluation of resources Teachers have Public Profile







http://photodentro.edu.gr/oep

## **Open Educational Practices**

Reusable teaching practices on resource-based learning

#### **OEPs**

- draw upon the use, reuse, or creation of OERs
- have been implemented in a real educational setting
- their creators openly share results, experiences & reflections



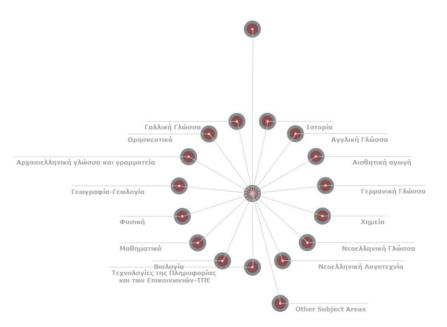




# **Photodentro Browsing & Searching**



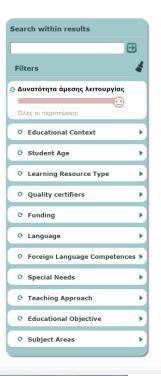
## **Browsing by Subject**



# **Browsing by Learning Resource Type**



## **Using Filters**







# Photodentro Semantic Interoperability

# PHOTODENTRO LOM-GR APPLICATION PROFILE









# **Photodentro Technical Implementation**



**Based on DSpace open source Repository Management system** 



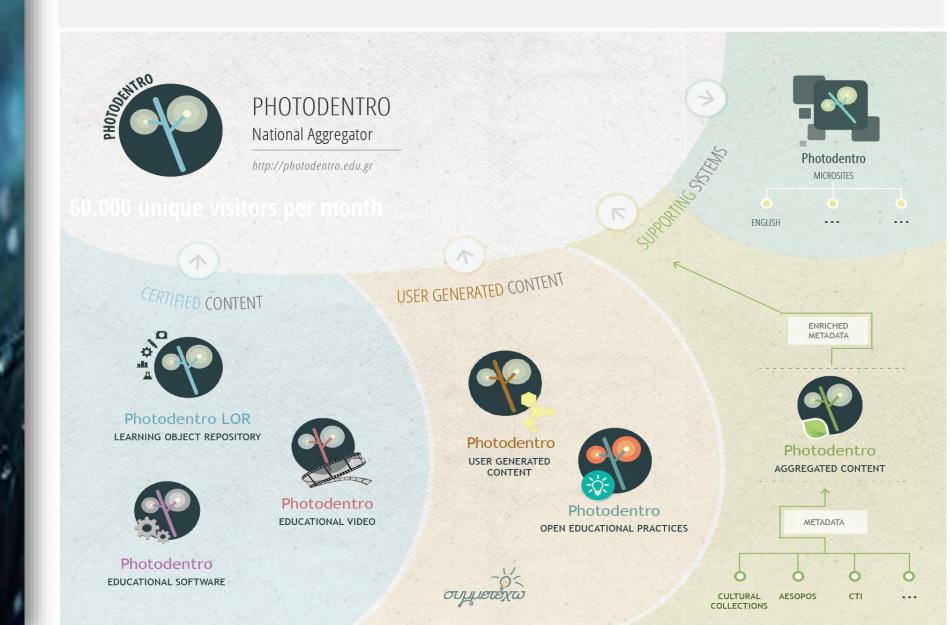
**Apache Tomcat** 





It provides an Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting (OAI-PMH) target

# **Photodentro Repository Infrastructure**





# Photodentro Greek national Aggregator of Educational Content



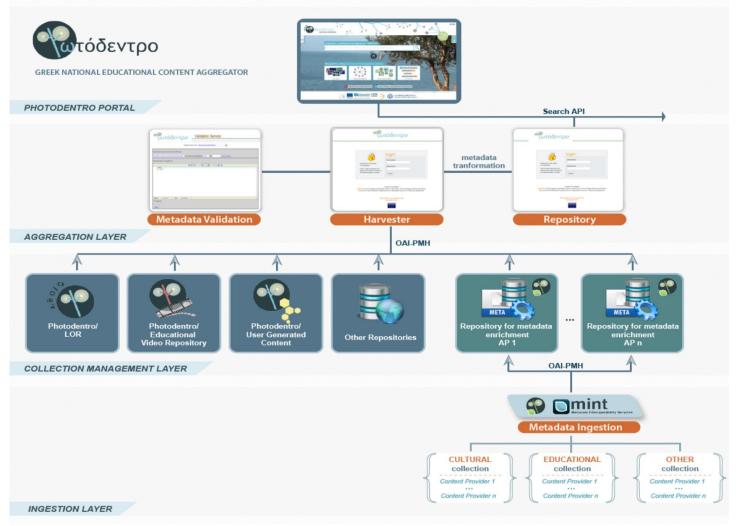






# Photodentro Greek national Aggregator of Educational Content

## **Photodentro Layered Architecture**





### **Goals**

Increase the number of learning resources that Photodentro Aggregator can directly harvest

**Keep the content quality high** 

Keep the metadata quality high

Broaden the adoption of Photodentro IEEE LOM metadata application profile, thematic taxonomies and vocabularies

## **Educational Organizations & Institutions**

are in need of repository infrastructures that allow them to share educational content

limited or no resources to support such software projects in-house

# **Goals & Needs**

# Photodentro Software as a Service (SaaS)



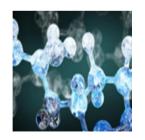


Software as a Service (SaaS) is a software delivery model that provides access to software and its functions remotely, usually as a Web service

Software: centrally hosted and managed by the SaaS provider Subscribers access the same code base Data and any customisation: kept separate

# THE SOFTWARE AS A SERVICE (SAAS) MODEL

# **CASE 1: Hosting single OERs**



Need to publish / host a single OER on a Photodentro Repository

Example OER: An educational resource developed in the context of an EU project



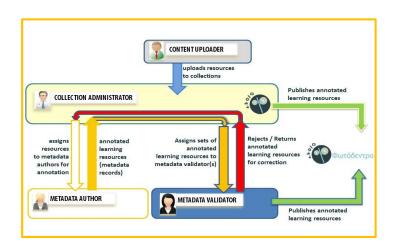


Why: Take advantage of the large number of Photodentro users (schools, teachers, pupils)

Photodentro software is already there - No customisation options



# Service: Well-defined authorisation & QA policy Workflow process



## **Quality Seals**







## **CASE 2: Hosting OER collections**



Need to publish / host a whole collection of OERs

Example : Deykalion collection of 100 OERs for physical phenomena by Ioannina Univ.





Requirement: Experience in LOM-based metadata authoring

Limited customisation options (logos, quality seals, thumbs)



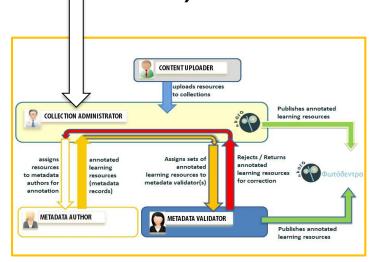




#### **Service:**

**Create a new collection in an existing Photodentro repository** 

Give content provider full control to manage its own collection (collection administrator role)



Provide training & consulting in the metadata authoring process

## **CASE 3: A Custom OER Repository (Hosted deployment approach)**



Need to clone & customise an existing Photodentro repository

Why: to support a certain type of learning resources or to fulfil a specific need





Example: A Photodentro clone for the Pedagogical Institute of Cyprus

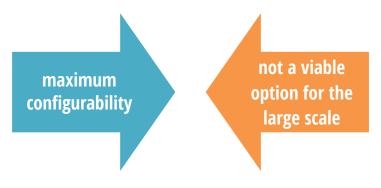
Customization Level:
vary from very small changes
to full customisation



#### **Service:**

- Analyze user demands
- Clone a Photodentro Repository
- Customize it to meet the needs of the organization
- Provide training, consulting and technical support

A typical hosted solution: an individual copy of an application is deployed as a single installation per client



## **CASE 4: My "Photodentro Repository"**



Click-and-clone: Create "my own copy "of Photodentro Repository "on the fly"

Who: schools, small organisations, educational departments in larger organisations, ...





Why: uploading and publishing their OERs without bothering with technical details

Light customisation of the GUI is in most cases enough



#### **Service:**

Typical Software as a Service model (SaaS model)

# **Photodentro SaaS Levels**



## **Light customisation options**

(e.g. changes to the logo and key labels, choosing existing themes for the graphical user interface)



## **Basic customisation options**

(e.g. designing new specialised control vocabularies and custom metadata forms, additional customisation of the frontend)



## **Full customisation options**

Targeted for very large repositories Ability to move the Photodentro SaaS instance to non-shared infrastructure



## For Photodentro SaaS provider

# Expand the installed basis of Photodentro Repositories in a technically viable manner Increase the pool of OERs that can be harvested by Photodentro aggregator "My Photodentro" option: familiarise teachers and educational community with concepts like OERs, metadata, CC license, etc.

#### For Photodentro SaaS users



# Results & Benefits of the Photodentro SaaS approach

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