Library Support for MOOCs

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What is a MOOC?

- Massive Open Online Course
- Free course of study
- Available to anyone, anywhere, via internet
- Unlimited participation
- Typically produced by universities and specialist organisations

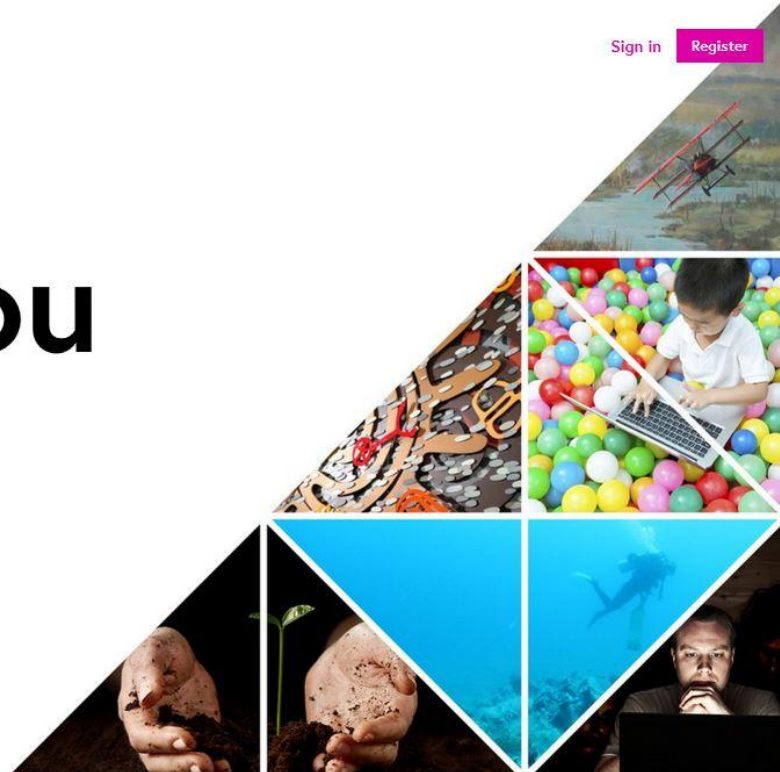# Why provide a MOOC?

Universities get:-
- Kudos
- International recognition
- Build their brands worldwide
- Attract more students

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- University of Bath is FutureLearn partner
- VLE-type interface

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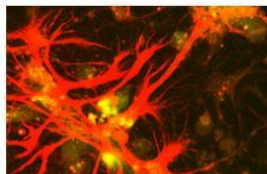**Join now**

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Why have Library input?

- Students want to read around the course

- No guarantee of access to academic literature

- How to recognise quality information online

What did I know about the students?

- How many? ✗
- Student demographics ✗
- Level of education ✗
- Nationality ✗
- Previous knowledge of subject ✗
- My own experience as a FutureLearner ✓

Presentation aimed at:-

- Person with basic web searching experience
- Access to Google and Google Scholar
- Limited or no access to academic literature
- Limited or no access to National Library
- Access to online booksellers
- Access to Open Access ejournal articles

Presentation style

- Powerpoint/audio presentation
- FutureLearn standard look and feel
- Adapted presentation made for Cancer MOOC
- Fairly informal audio
- Powerpoint voiceover scripted and Plain English
- Off-the-cuff voiceover on online demos

Welcome to the course

Join us as we explore the changing environment of warfare in the 21st century.

1.1 WELCOME TO THE COURSE AND THE COURSE TEAM ARTICLE

1.2 HOW TO USE FUTURELEARN ARTICLE

1.3 LET'S GET STARTED DISCUSSION

1.4 SEARCHING FOR QUALITY INFORMATION ONLINE VIDEO

1.5 SEARCHING THE WEB VIDEO

This session will cover:

- Different types of literature and how to find them

- How to get the best out of your search tool

- How to assess the quality of the literature you find

To find journal articles

- Free index to scholarly literature
- Articles themselves may not be freely available
- Ask your local university library or national library

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Google scholar

◉ Articles (☐ include patents) ○ Case law

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Evaluating websites: Domain names

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Drone strikes in Pakistan - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Drone_strikes_in_Pakistan ▾
Since 2004, the United States government has attacked hundreds of targets in
Northwest Pakistan using unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) controlled by the ...

Pakistan suspects US drone strikes killed at least seven ...
www.theguardian.com › World › Pakistan ▾
26 Dec 2014 - Officials say attacks took place in the same area where the Pakistani
army has been mounting an air-and-ground operation against Pakistani ...

2 Drone Strikes in Pakistan Are Said to Kill 9 Militant Suspects
www.nytimes.com/2014/12/27/world/asia/pakistan-militants-drone.html
26 Dec 2014 - PESHAWAR, Pakistan — At least nine people suspected of being
militants, including four foreigners, were killed in two separate drone strikes ...

Out of Sight, Out of Mind: A visualization of drone strikes in ...
drones.pitchinteractive.com/ ▾
Out of Sight, Out of Mind. A visualization of all documented drone strikes in Pakistan
since 2004.

Living Under Drones
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TBIJ reports that from June 2004 through mid-September 2012, available data indicate
that drone strikes killed 2,562-3,325 people in Pakistan, of whom ...

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.gov - government

.org - includes research institutions & charities

.com – includes news & publishers

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Jane Timothy   Follow   13 APR

Thank you for the video which is useful but for many of the futureleaarn videos I read the associated pdf files. For this pdf I would like to see references at the end - especially for the links to copac and libdex and the two internet sites mentioned at the end of the video. Many thanks

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Katy Jordan   13 APR

Thanks for pointing this out, Jane, I'll see what we can do to get those links included.

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Astrid Bernzen   Follow   15 APR

Agree, i really like the PDF's to save for future reference or reading offline.

Another TIP: It would be even greater to have more audio files. If you follow more MOOCs you spend a lot of time behind the computer (or tablet) which is not so healthy. With audio files you can walk and run around.

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Katy Jordan   16 APR

Jane, rather than add the links to the PDF slide transcription, we've added them on the main section 1.4 page under See Also, which is just below the link to the pdf download. I hope this helps!

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FutureLearners liked it!

"Katy has produced a brilliant how to video, the tips and how to use search engines, are explained simply and easily understood."

"This is one terrific video! The course has set itself a high standard from the get-go."

"Brilliant! I learned more about searching the internet in 11 minutes and 38 seconds that I might have learned in hours."

If you're interested – Vimeo files

1.4 Searching for quality information online
1.5 Searching the Web

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