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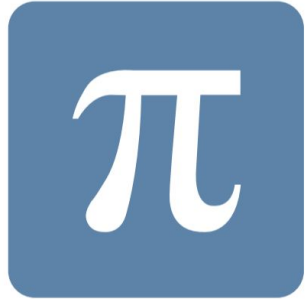
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Adam  
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Mark  
Haseltine

Ed  
Zarecor

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Learners,  
Educators

Scott Dunn

Zach  
Rockwell

Bill DeRusha

Tyler Hallada

Dennis Jen

A.J. St.Aubin

## B2B:

Enterprises,  
White Label

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Magoun

Bill Filler

George  
Babey

Brittney  
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## Core:

Operators

Feanil Patel

Joseph  
Mulloy

John Eskew

Jeremy  
Bowman

## Architecture:

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Nimisha  
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Dave  
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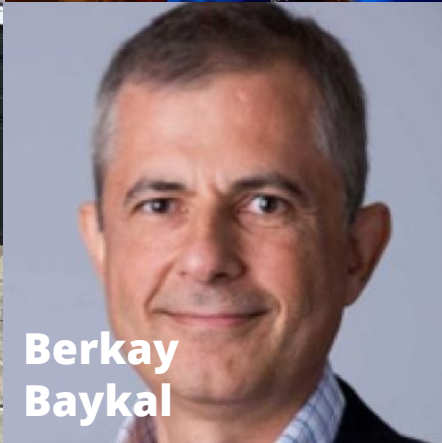
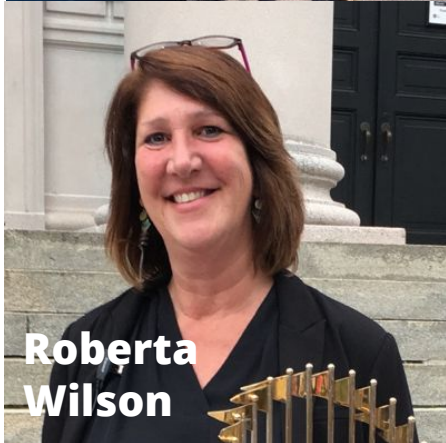
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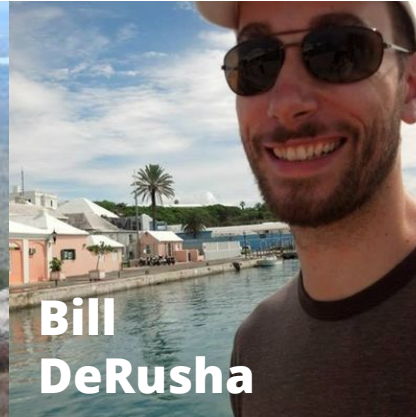
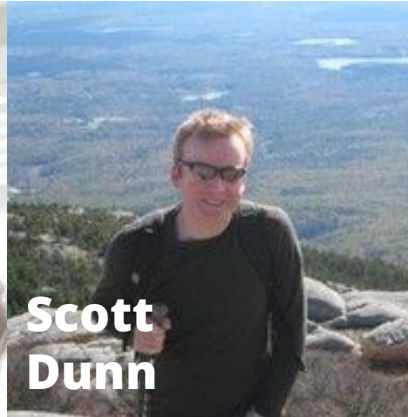


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# Meet edX: **B2C** - Learners & Educators



# Meet edX: **B2B** - Enterprise & White Label



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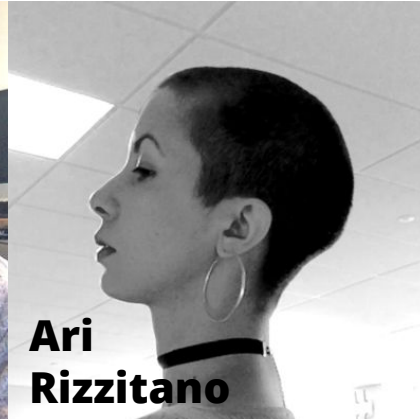


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# Meet edX: **Architecture**



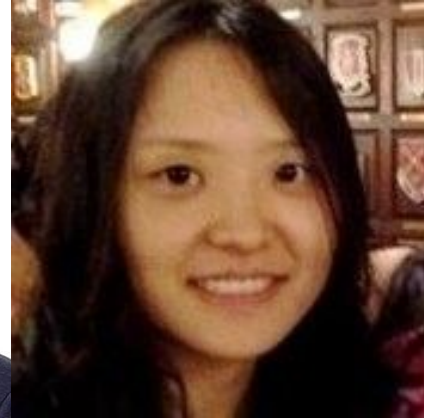
# Meet edX: **Product**



**Marco  
Morales**



**Greg  
Sham**



**Jennifer  
Shin**

# Meet edX: **Data Science & Accessibility**



**Nick Ettliger**  
Data Analyst



**Jeff Witt**  
Accessibility Lead



# Meet edX: **Educational Services**



**Clayton  
Hainsworth**



**Ben  
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**Audra  
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**Jennifer  
Akana**

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# Community by the Numbers

1500+

Sites

18,000+

Courses

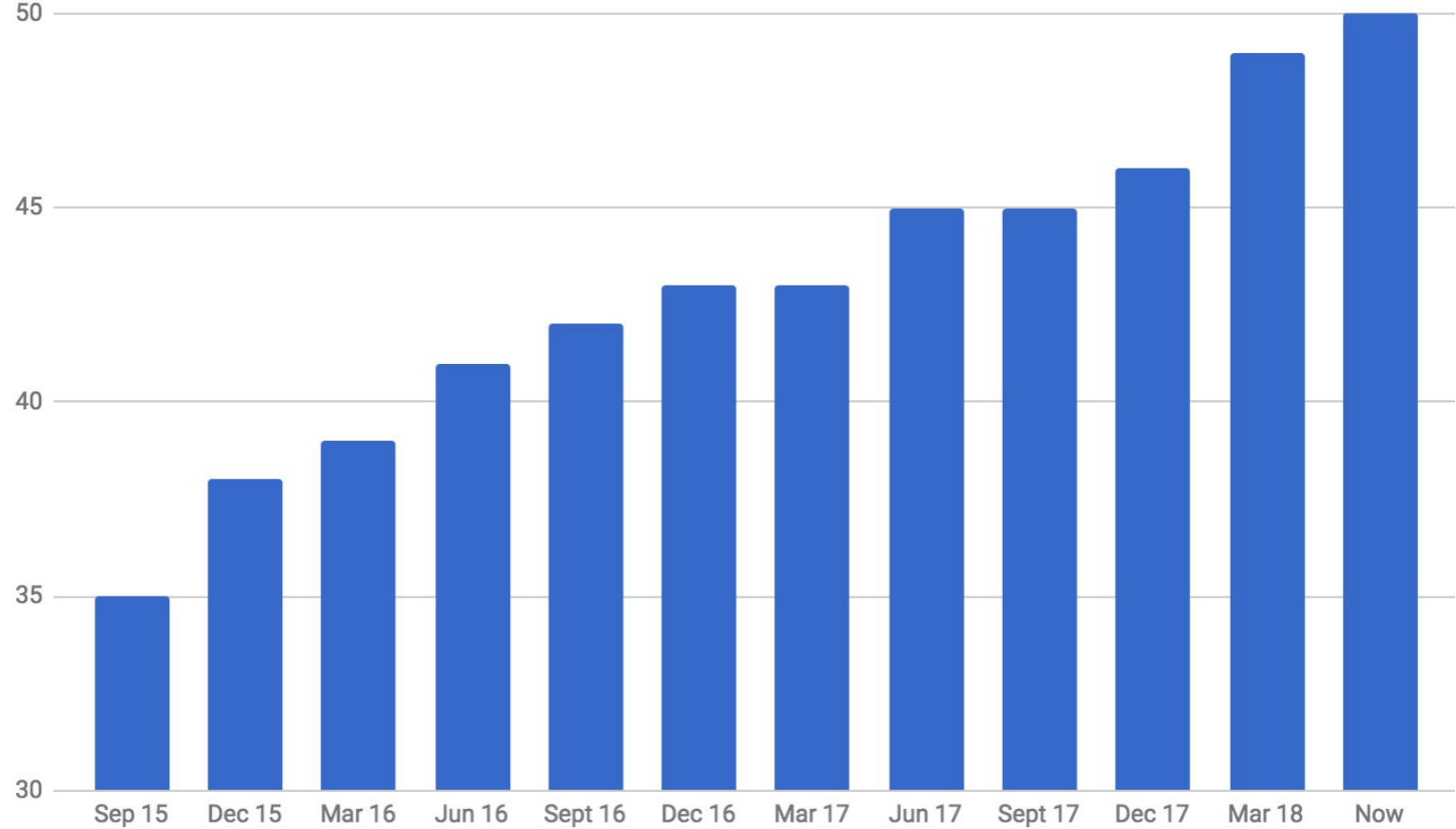
We learned about **over 700** more sites and **over 13,000** courses in the past year!

+ >17m edx.org learners  
>18m Open edX learners

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More than **35 million** learners  
on the Open edX platform

# Contributing Organizations to Open edX



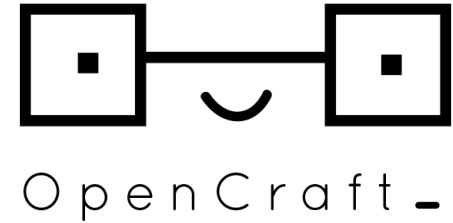
# Individual Recognition

Dockerization and help on [#docker](#)

- **Regis Behmo** - <https://github.com/regisb/openedx-docker>
- **Samuel Paccoud** - <http://github.com/openfun/arnold>

Helpful articles and docs: **Lawrence McDaniel** - <https://blog.lawrencemcdaniel.com/>

# Top Contributors



- Top contributing org: **OpenCraft** - they destroyed last year's total (70) with **96(!)** merged pull requests

- Top contributing university: **MIT**, edging **Stanford**



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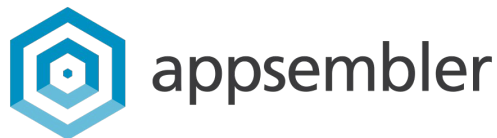


# Notable Achievements

**Microsoft** - contributing OAuth scopes



**Appsembler** - Figures lightweight analytics



**Harvard + OpenCraft** - Blockstore OEP



**HARVARD**  
UNIVERSITY



OpenCraft -

**Xuetang** - 1,300+ courses, 10M+ learners!





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- Formerly Senior VP, Global Product at TripAdvisor
- I have an MBA, but I'm one of the good ones

# Upcoming Themes



Discovery



Programs,  
Degrees



Revenue  
Generation



B2B,  
Enterprises



Architecture



## Open edX Platform Vision

Create the world's leading open source  
digital learning platform

# The Open edX Platform

Open edX is the premier open source platform for eLearning

- Open source is critical to the success of edX
- The ecosystem (you) drives platform innovation
- edX Platform runs world's largest public-facing version of Open edX



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# Why a Product Organization?

## Single Product Organization

Data Science & Analytics

Engineering

Experience

Product Management

Structure is designed to make it faster and easier for us to **get code into the Open edX community**



## Why a Chief Product Officer?

- Accountability and leadership around product delivery
- Encourage maniacal focus on customer problems
- Support purposeful evolution and growth of the platform



# Product Philosophy

Drive Learner Outcomes



Reach New  
Learners



Support Educators at Scale



Toward A  
Sustainable Model

# Open edX Named Releases

Ginkgo ~April '17



Hawthorn ~July '18



Ironwood ~Q1 '19



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# What's Changed: Hawthorn



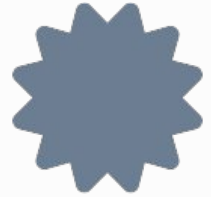
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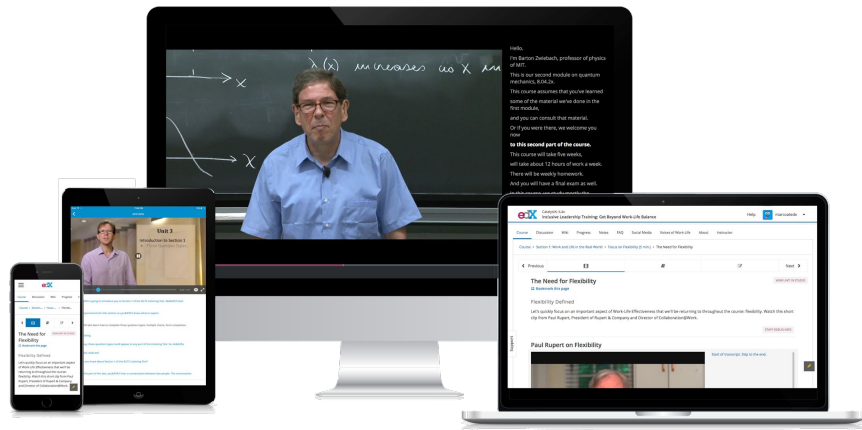
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Program About Pages

**Expanded Device Support**

Overhauled Mobile Experience

Certificates Language Support





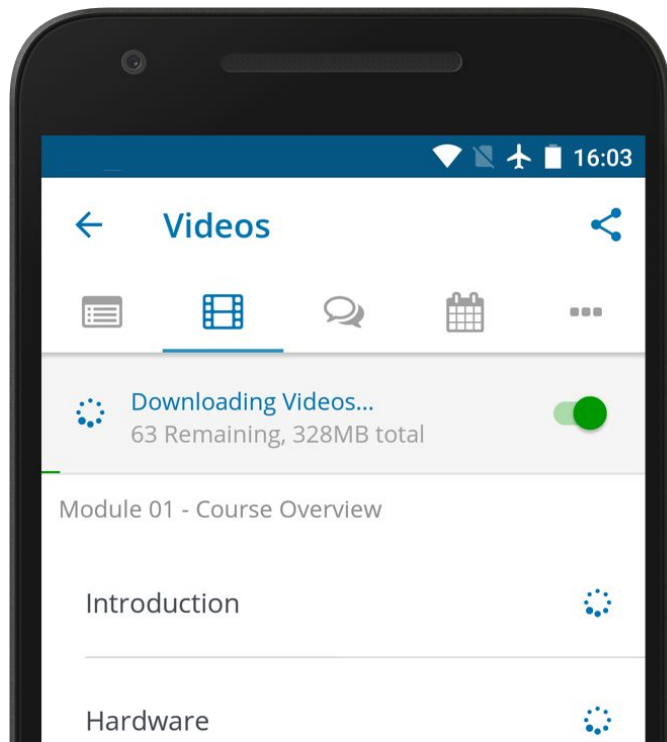
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# Drive Learner Outcomes

Adaptive Video Streaming

## **Learner Navigation & Progress**

Inline Discussion Visibility

Discussion Response Notifications

Scheduled Nudge Emails

Transferrable Student Records

Translated Learner Certificates



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# Support Educators at Scale



Automatic Certificate Delivery

**Cross-Course & Grade Data Visibility**

Open Response & Proctored Exams

Flexible Content Gating

Video & Asset Management

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# Sustainable Model: Platform

## Bundled and Group Purchases

Expanded SSO Support

Data via Email, SFTP, API

Data Consent Learner Flow

New: Support Enterprise Learners



## edX Course Creator

Become an expert in creating courses for the edX platform.

**Pursue the Program (~~\$100~~ \$90 USD )**

# Sustainable Model: Platform



Bundled and Group Purchases

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# Introducing: Open edX for Enterprises



Discovery



Access



Learning



Data & Reporting

# Sustainable Model: Enterprises



Enterprise Catalog APIs

Enrollment via API, Direct URL

Enterprise Branded Onboarding

3rd Party Catalog Integrations

# What's Next: Ironwood & Beyond



Discovery



Programs,  
Degrees



Revenue  
Generation



B2B,  
Enterprises



Architecture

# What's Next for Product: Themes & Focus

HOW:

**Theme** - a defined area of focus with clear goals

**Team(s)** - dedicated within themes to deliver on success criteria

WHY:

- Explore areas of broad impact
- Encourages clearer prioritization
- Clear goals & success criteria
- Do fewer things well



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# Architecture: **What's Next?**



Legacy



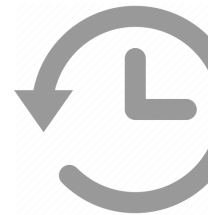
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Future

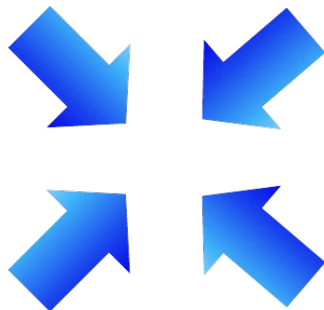


# Architecture: Legacy Management



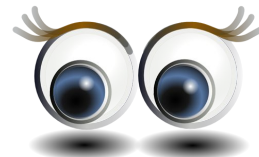
5 Years

35M learners  
18K courses  
1500 sites



Manage

Cost  
Cognitive  
Support

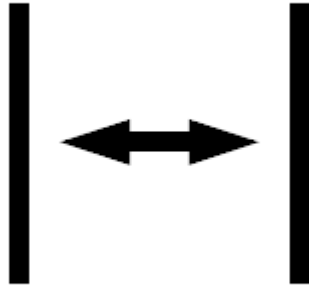


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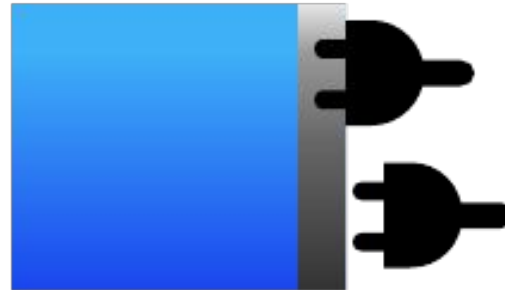


# Architecture: Platform Enablement



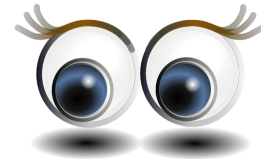
Boundaries

Frontend Split  
Domain-driven  
Microservices



Extensions

Pluggable  
Platform  
APIs



Look for

OEPs  
edX Team  
Architecture Talks



# Architecture: Platform Enablement



## Future Directions of Open edX Architecture

Nimisha Asthagiri

## State of Open edX Frontend

Ari Rizzitano

## Product Roadmap: Birds of a Feather

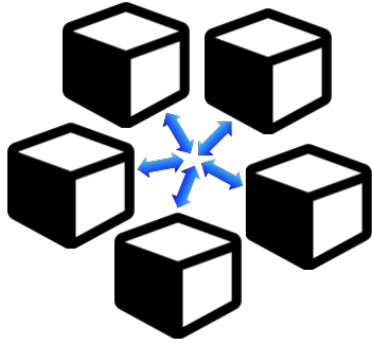
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## Analytics from Scratch: Learning from your Learners

Nick Ettliger

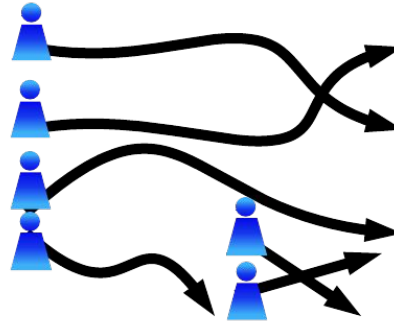


# Architecture: Next Generation



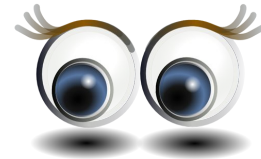
Content Repository

Content sharing  
Content reuse  
Flexible composition



Adaptive Learning

Pathways  
Efficient & Engaging  
APIs & Integrations



Look for

Birds of a Feather  
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# Architecture: What's Next?



Legacy



Platform



Future

*Collaborative effort with Open edX Community*

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# 5 Years of Open edX

## June 2013

edX releases the Open edX platform

## March 2014

First Open edX team

## October 2014

40 Open edX sites, 500 courses

## September 2015

140 Open edX sites, 1800 courses

## Summer 2016

3700 courses, 250 sites  
14M+ learners (8M+ edX.org)

## Summer 2017

Open edX learners equals edX.org: >11M each  
800 Open edX sites, 5000 Open edX courses

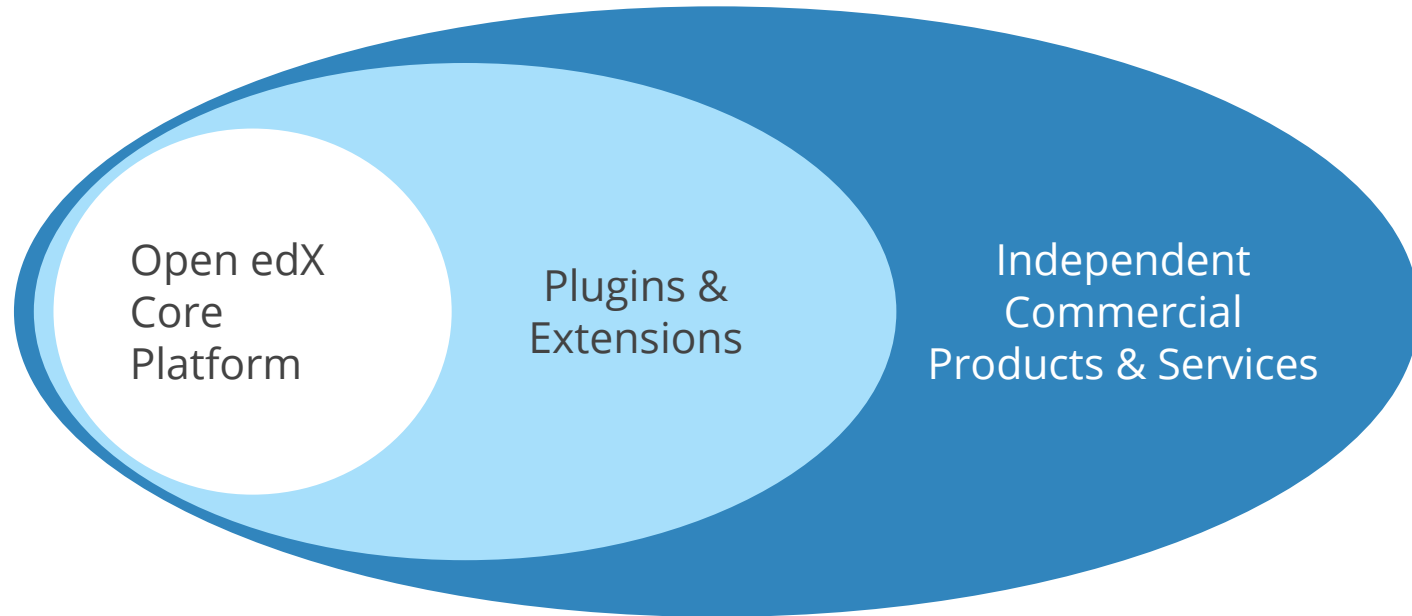
## Summer 2018

35m learners on Open edX (17M+ on edx.org)  
1500 Open edX sites, 18000 courses


# Open edX Platform & Ecosystem

Open edX core platform  
governance owned and managed by edX

Ecosystem projects community  
governed and managed



# How to Participate

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 Share your feedback, help others on Slack & mailing lists

 Contribute to translations and documentation

 Birds of a Feather Discussions - sign up in HEC

 Developer Summit - at HEC on Friday



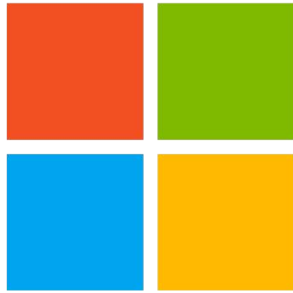
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# Top MOOC sites

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# National platforms



Jordan (edraak.org)



Taiwan (www.openedu.tw)



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