

Data Protection, Privacy, & Partnerships in OER



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Data Protection & Privacy in OERs



Digitize education but also collect user data. This data, if not properly protected, can lead to unintended exposure, and user privacy at risk.



Focus on Data Protection prevents harm to the vulnerable educators & learners!

- Privacy is a fundamental right! Educators and OER platforms must prioritize protection of user data.

Challenges Managing Privacy in OERs



- Smaller Institutions struggle with implementing robust security due to lack of skilled professionals and / or budget.
- Some platforms might monetize user data to fund operations.
- Global OER platforms navigate fragmented laws in various regions. (FERPA, GDPR, CCPA)



Developing Secure OERs using Partnerships



- Governments, educators, and tech companies can co-develop secure OER platforms.
- Advocate for global standards that simplifies compliance.
- Use modern encryption, secure cloud hosting, and anonymization.



Educate learners & educators about digital privacy best practices.

Protect the OER Movement



- It is imperative to have collective voices from policymakers, educators, & technologists.
- Collaborate to develop privacy-preserving platforms.
- Balance openness with security, privacy, and sustainability.
- Advocate for ethical practices in your respective organizations.



Securing the future of OERs safeguards users' privacy while promoting accessibility.