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OpenStax believes that everyone has something to learn, and everyone has something to teach.

Frustrated by the limitations of traditional textbooks and courses, Dr. Richard Baraniuk founded OpenStax (then Connexions) in 1999 at Rice University to provide authors and learners with an open space where they can share and freely adapt educational materials such as courses, books, and reports.
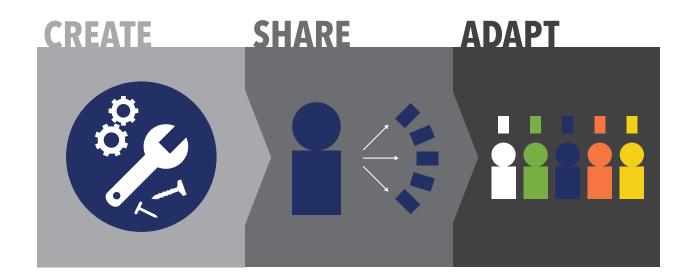
Today, OpenStax CNX is a dynamic non-profit digital ecosystem serving millions of users per month in the delivery of educational content to improve learning outcomes.

There are tens of thousands of learning objects, called **pages**, that are organized into thousands of textbook-style **books** in a host of disciplines, all easily accessible online and downloadable to almost any device, anywhere, anytime.

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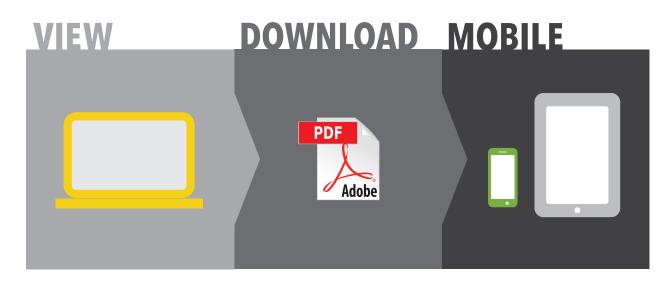
How it works

Authors can:

Allowing learners to:

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Frictionless Remix

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