Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About MOOCs

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The Original Concept

Massive Open Online Courses (reminiscent of MMOGs = massive multiplayer online games)

- ☐ Fully online
- ☐ Free thanks to open access resources
- Open to all
- ☐ From prestigious universities

The Major Players

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Pedagogical Commonalities

- ☐ Video lectures
- ☐ Predominance of machine-graded assignments
- ☐ Heavy reliance on discussion forums
- Peer-graded assignments

Coursera

ORIGINAL MODEL

- Free
- Large number of courses
- Many disciplines

CURRENT MODEL

- Certificates only through Signature track (\$\$)
- Large number of courses
- Many disciplines
- Specializations

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coursera Courses Christine Monnier ▼ UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM Solid Science: Research Methods by Annemarie Zand Scholten



Announcements

Survey!

Forums

MODULES

- 1. Origins
- 2. Scientific method
- 3. Research designs
- 3. Research designs

Announcements

Final exam available

Due to bad weather the publication of the final exam was postponed, to make sure on campus student were able to start later, sorry folks you should be able to access it now!

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Assignment 6.4 deadline moved to Oct 21st

Hi everyone, Karmijn just pointed out that on the schedule page it says the submission deadline for assignment 6.4 is October 21st, while elsewhere it was indicated that the deadline was October 20th. Because there were some problems with assignment submissions for other reasons I have decided to extend the deadline until tomorrow. Apologies to people who were completing an evaluation, but I'm hoping that the damage is limited and that you will understand that this will allow others to have a chance to complete the assignment and help evaluate others!

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Upcoming Deadlines

Exams

Practice exam

Mon 27 Oct 2014 7:55 AM CDT

Final exam

Mon 27 Oct 2014 7:55 AM CDT

Assignments

6.4 Practice, ethics & integrity: writing assignment - evaluative (large) (Evaluation)

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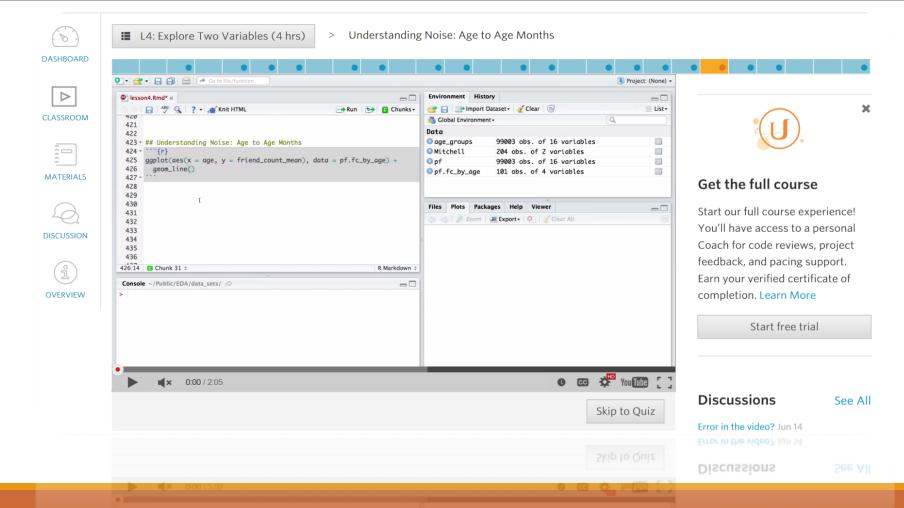
ORIGINAL MODEL

- Free
- Certificates
- Very short video lectures
- Limited range of course and fields

CURRENT MODEL

- Free version no certificate
- Monthly fee certificate + tutoring +
 - Downloadable files
- Very short video lectures
- Machine-graded questions throughout
- Exit interviews
- Nano-degrees

Udacity



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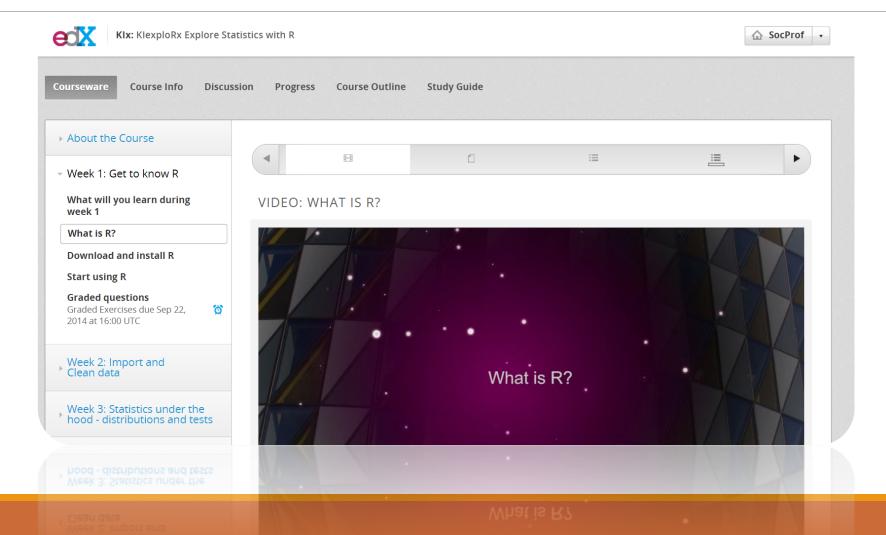
ORIGINAL MODEL

- Free
- Certificates
- Lecture capturing of courses
- More advanced topics
- Narrower fields

CURRENT MODEL

- Free or voluntary fees
- Everything else is the same

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What Works and What Does Not

WHAT WORKS

- Content delivery
- Machine-graded items
- Forums (sometimes)

WHAT DOES NOT

- •Retention / completion
- Content delivery
- Peer assessments
- Forums (sometimes)

Q/A





