



Building a Community of Users with OpenCourse.org

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OpenCourse.org is a Collaboration Platform

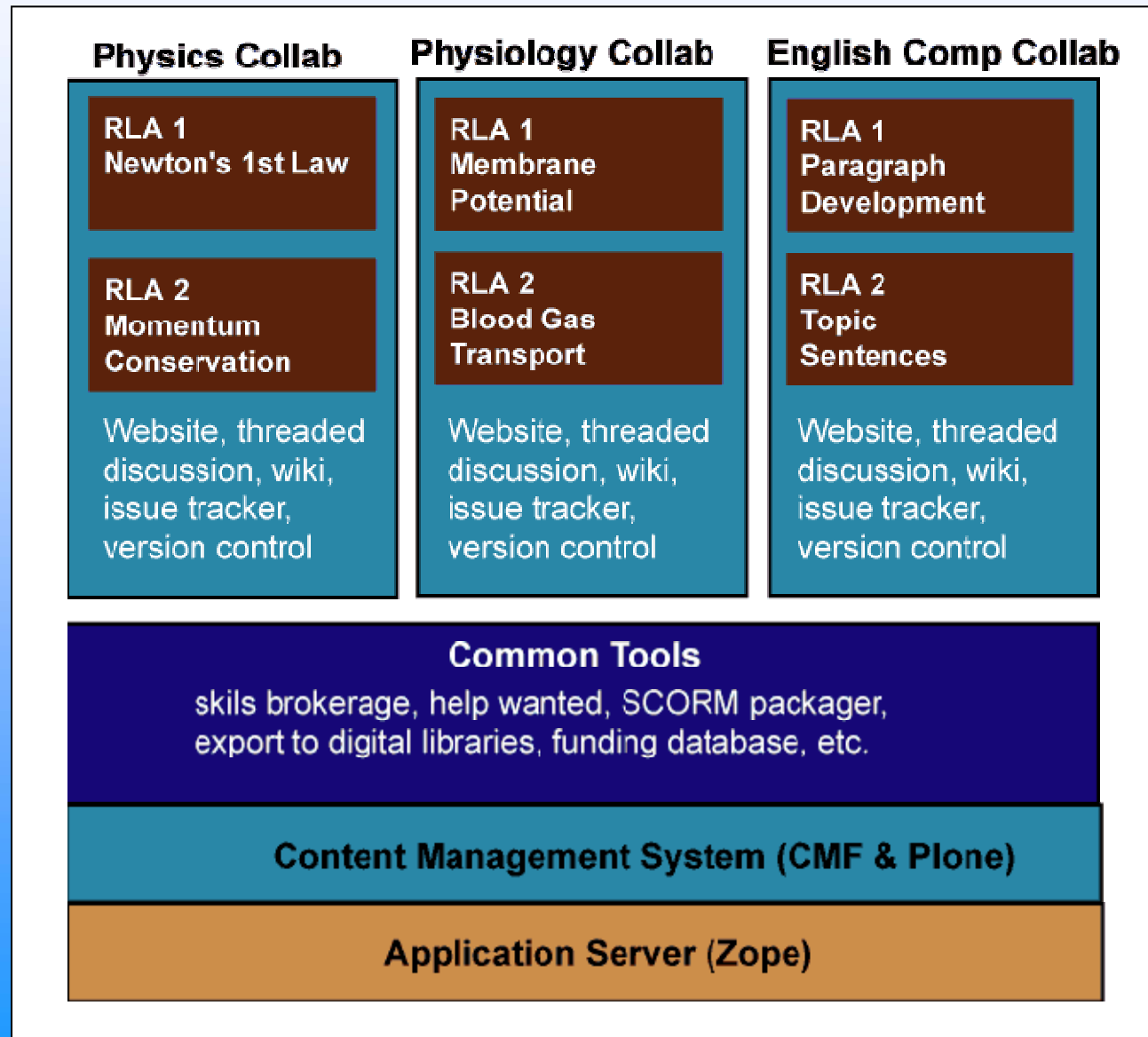
- An NSDL collaboration service for content developers
- Free Web hosting for open course collaborations
- Tools for joint work at a distance
- Open to users since March
- From concept to collaboration in <30 minutes



What is Open Course?

Open Course = Open Content
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Community

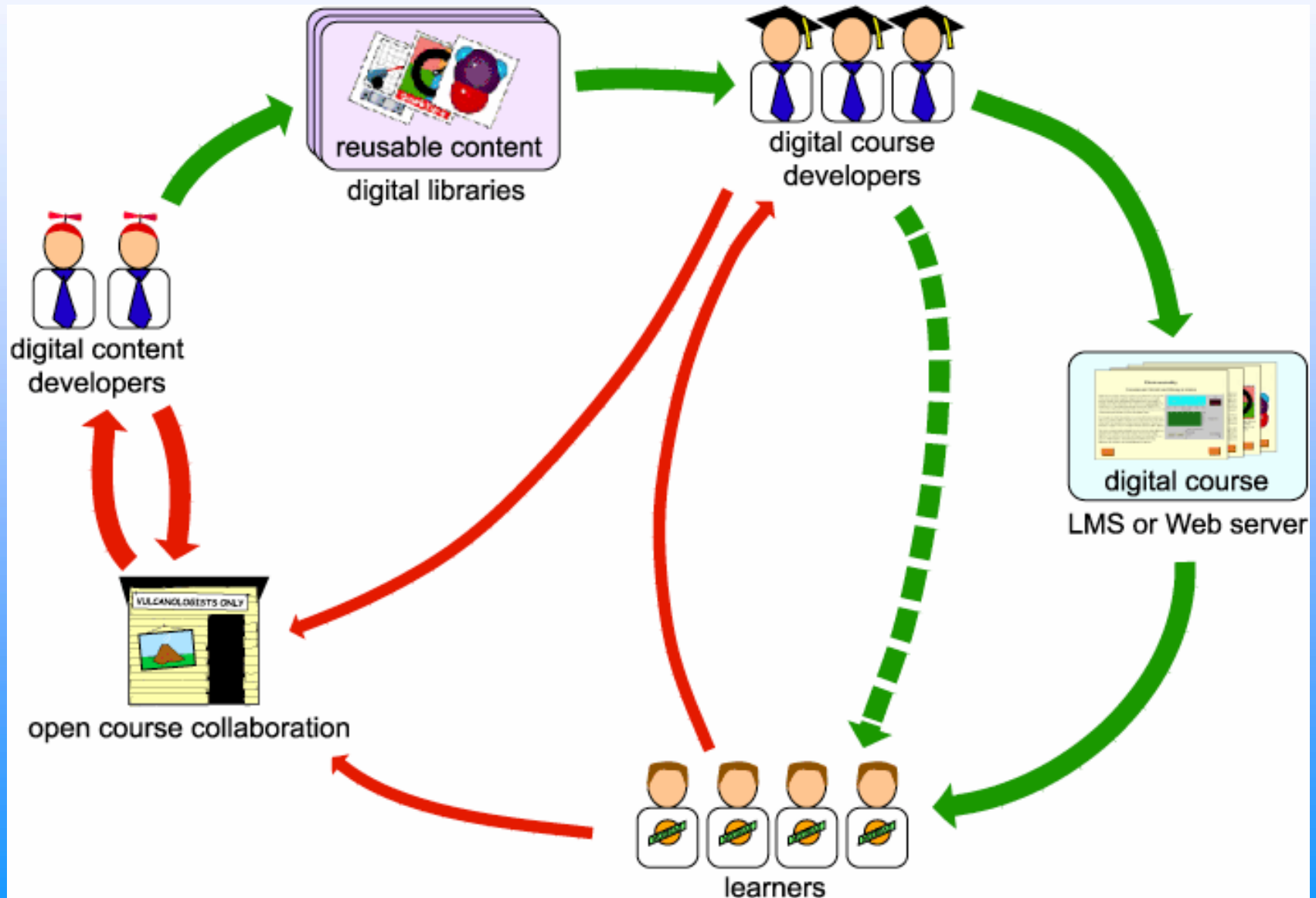
OpenCourse.org Architecture





**What is your interest in
e-learning collaboration?**

The e-Learning Ecosystem



Go ahead and log in

- Go to OpenCourse.org
- Click on “Join” at upper right
- Fill out some stuff

Collaboration Support

- Threaded discussion
- Wiki
- File sharing area
- Photo album
- RLA workflow framework
- Issue Tracker
- Membership (OpenCourse, collab, RLA)
- News and Events
- Help Wanted



- Version control (Subversion)
- Reputation (WHFI)
- Skills Brokerage
- SCORM tools
- Single-button publishing to Merlot, other DLs
- Funding Database

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Please answer these 3 QQ:

- ⇒ What aspect of OpenCourse.org do you think would be most useful to you?
- ⇒ What step(s) did you find most confusing or counter-intuitive?
- ⇒ What would you like to see that isn't there?



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http://opencourse.org/Collaboratories/all-projects200/files/usercommunity.ppt/file_view