

All of the websites that I am listing this week are about the topic of Course Development Technologies. In addition to listing the links to the websites I have provided a short paragraph about the site in general and my reason for including this particular site in my web search and evaluation project.

The links to the sites are:

<http://www.adlnet.gov/>

I chose the Advanced Distributed Learning Web site because it is sponsored under the Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness and is the official site for obtaining resources and information concerning the Shareable Content Object Resource model (SCORM). SCORM is something I have yet to implement into my own online courses, but I plan to incorporate it into my CSUF master project. I believe that understanding SCORM is critical to developing shareable and reusable Learning Objects, which I intend to make my life's work.

<http://w3.org>

This is the home to the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C). The W3C is the body that governs the development of most of the technologies in use on the World Wide Web today, in fact it was started by the inventor of the World Wide Web – Timothy Berners Lee, who in my opinion is our modern day version of Albert Einstein (sans Steven Hawking). The W3C is responsible for HTML, XHTML, XML, MathML, CSS, SGML, SOAP, PNG, SVG, DOM, URIs & URLs, just to name a few of the innovative technologies that they have developed. Since the primary distribution media for my online course is the World Wide Web I feel it is very important to keep abreast of their latest technologies and recommendations. For example, the <font> tag in HTML has been deprecated for quite some time, which the authors of are textbook, who mention its usage on page 55, would have known had they consulted the deprecated tags list maintained on the W3.org Web site.

<http://www.reusability.org/read/>

This is a Web site maintained by Dr. David Wiley an Associate Professor of Instructional Psychology and Technology at Brigham Young University and is also the Chief Openness Officer of Flat World Knowledge. It is the online version of his book The Instructional Use of Learning Objects. Dr. Wiley recently gave a very interesting [lecture on openness](#) in education at TEDxNYED which coincides with what we learned last week about Open Educational Resources. I selected this site because it goes beyond the technological hype and connects learning objects to instruction and learning.

<http://www.usdla.org>

I selected this Web site because their stated mission is “to serve the distance learning community by providing advocacy, information, networking and opportunity. We will help you stay connected and ahead of trends in learning — distance learning , e-learning, mobile learning, computer-based training (CBT), web-based training (WBT), instructor-led training (ILT), online training, online learning, blended learning, classroom training, webinars.”

<http://www.nwlink.com/~donclark/>

This Web site is titled Big Dog & Little Dog's Performance Juxtaposition and is a great resource for information on instructional design models, history, and (as it says on the Web site) "all things related to improving human performance."