

## Five Things Faculty and Staff Need to Know about Learning Object Repositories

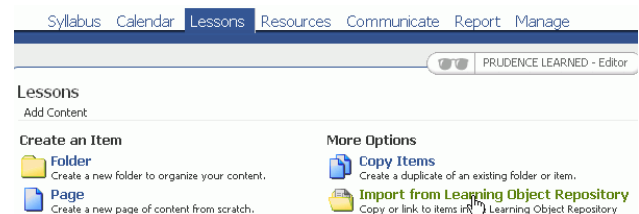
A **Learning Object Repository (LOR)** is a unique content area within ANGEL that a course editor can use to share **Lessons** tab content items with fellow course editors. Repositories have replaced the resources libraries available in previous versions of ANGEL and can be requested by contacting ANGEL Support (<http://cmshelp.psu.edu>).

Here are five things that faculty and staff should be aware of when using Learning Object Repositories:

1. The editor who "owns" the repository specifies who can access its contents for use. Access can range from the most restrictive, a single editor in a specific course, to the most broad, anyone with editor rights in any course throughout the University. Repository owners set the range through the **Access Filters** tool under the LOR's **Manage** tab.
2. Repository owners can add users to the repository through the **Roster** tool found under the **Manage** tab. Anyone to whom the owner gives editor rights will be able to add, edit, and delete content from the repository.
3. Repositories that you own or have editor rights to appear on your **My Profile** page in the **Repositories** component. To add content to a repository, select the name of the repository on your **My Profile** page and select the **Add Content** link on the **Repository** tab.
4. To add content to your course from a repository, go to the **Lessons** tab, select the **Add Content** link, and select the **Import from Learning Object Repository** link. You can copy items from the repository into your course or you can link to those items.
5. Copying an item means you are creating a unique instance of that item in your course. Copying is recommended for content items where you would want the data stored in your course, such as quizzes, surveys, and drop boxes. Using the **Link to Items** option creates a linked item within the course which links to the source item in the repository. Linking is ideal for providing access to large media files such as Flash files or frequently updated items that are used in multiple courses.



### Store content in an LOR.



### Import LOR content into your course.

## To Find out More about Learning Object Repositories

To learn more about this and other topics related to ANGEL, Penn State's Course Management System, check out the ANGEL Community Hub at <http://ets.tlt.psu.edu/angel/>.