



Prospectus for the Establishment of Consortium for Open Technologies for Online Learning (CotoLearn)

Community Name: Consortium for Open Technologies for Online Learning

Abbreviated name: CotoLearn

The Purpose of Establishment

The purpose of establishing of CotoLearn is to create a community where individuals can come together through the power of education and reach their full potential. We strive to make learning accessible to all and offer flexibility in our approach, fostering an environment that encourages continuous learning for everyone.

At CotoLearn, we strive to create a place of learning where everyone can have fair and flexible access with open-source software (OSS). Our goal is to expand the scope of education by incorporating open educational resources (OER) and to create a diverse and sustainable place of learning.

Activity Plan

Through the following three activities, CotoLearn aims to activate the ecosystem of open-source software and open educational resources.

(1) Open-source software (OSS) activities:

We will support OSS development among members and enhance the collaborative environment for joint development.

(2) Activities of open educational resources (OER):

We will compile the educational resources that our members have contributed to and create an OER archive.

(3) Awareness activities:

i) Organize symposiums and conferences to promote understanding and dissemination of OSS and OER.

ii) Offer practical experiences to acquire the skills to operate software created by team members and promote their adoption.

iii) Host events to raise joint funds among members for project advancement.

CotoLearn is a community dedicated to promoting fairness and diversity in education to help individuals reach their full potential. We utilize open-source software (OSS) and open educational resources (OER) to promote an educational environment that is inclusive, allowing for free learning and development for all. We are committed to supporting the development and distribution of educational technology and the sharing of educational resources to strengthen the community that utilizes them.

We sincerely look forward to the participation of companies, schools, and individuals who sympathize with our purpose.

Attention companies: If you are interested in educational technology, open-source software development, and new approaches to education, let's collaborate to create the future of learning. With your technical expertise and forward-thinking vision, we can build an innovative learning environment.

Attention Schools: If you are looking to enhance your educational programs by utilizing open-source software and open educational resources, we can help. We aim to provide your students with new and diverse educational opportunities that will complement their learning journey.

Attention individuals: This community is open to individuals interested in self-improvement, including students, teachers, programmers, designers, and anyone passionate about learning. Come together to share your skills and knowledge and grow alongside one another.

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