

# OAT & TAO Introduction

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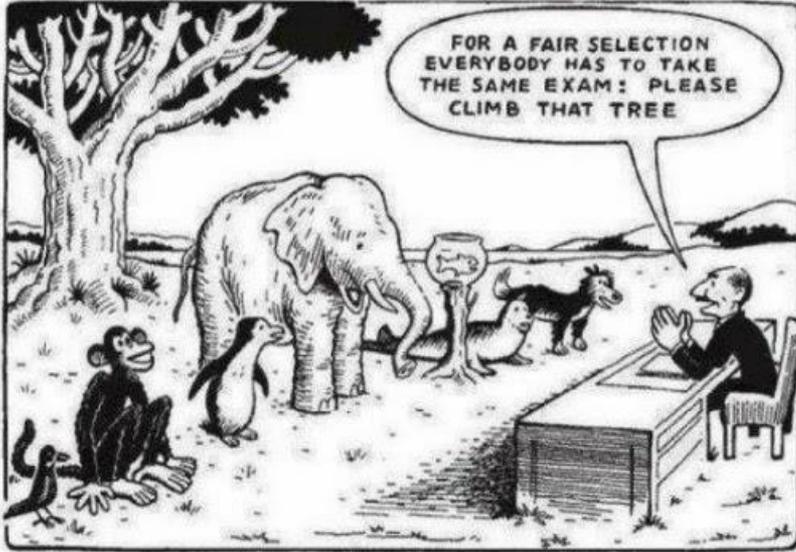
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# Technology Is Transforming Education In a BIG Way



From one-size-fits-all...

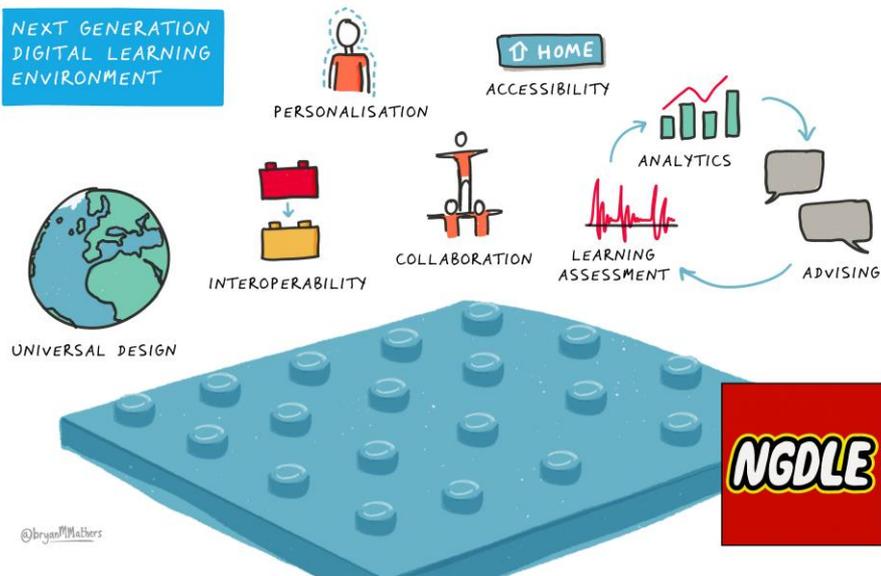
To:

Personalized Learning

# The Next Generation Digital Learning Environment (NGDLE)

“A learning environment consisting of learning tools and components that adhere to common standards.”

NEXT GENERATION  
DIGITAL LEARNING  
ENVIRONMENT



## The Next Generation Digital Learning Environment

### A Report on Research

Malcolm Brown, EDUCAUSE Learning Initiative

Joanne Dehoney, EDUCAUSE

Nancy Millichap, Next Generation Learning Challenges

ELI Paper

April 2015

#### Abstract

In partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, EDUCAUSE explored the gaps between current learning management tools and a digital learning environment that could meet the changing needs of higher education. Consultations with more than 70 community thought leaders brought into relief the contours of a next generation digital learning environment (NGDLE). Its principal functional domains are interoperability; personalization; analytics, advising, and learning assessment; collaboration; and accessibility and universal design. Since no single application can deliver in all those domains, we recommend a “Lego” approach to realizing the NGDLE, where NGDLE-conforming components are built that allow individuals and institutions the opportunity to construct learning environments tailored to their requirements and goals.

Source: <http://www.ngdle.org>



# Powered by Open Standards

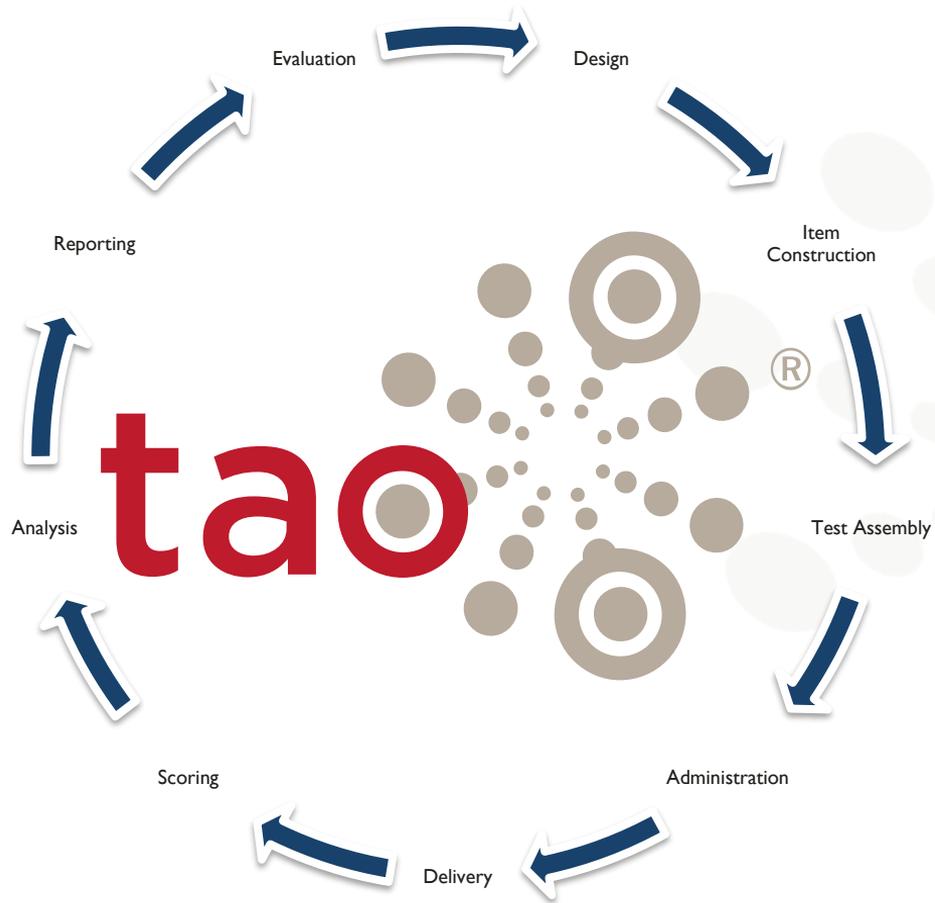
## OAT Leadership

- Co-chair aQTI/QTI 3
  - Currently (natively) supporting QTI 2.0, 2.1, 2.2, APIP 1.0
  - Support for Portable Custom Interaction (PCI), allowing interoperable Technology Enhanced Items (TEIs)
  - Initiator and co-chair Standard on CAT (Computer Adaptive Testing)
- Participant in LTI, Caliper, CASE, Standard on Proctoring Workgroups
  - Currently supporting LTI 1.1
- Member and former chairs of IMS Assessment Product Steering Committee (APSC, formerly EBA); currently chaired by Jason Carlson
  - Also governing Standard on (Remote) Proctoring

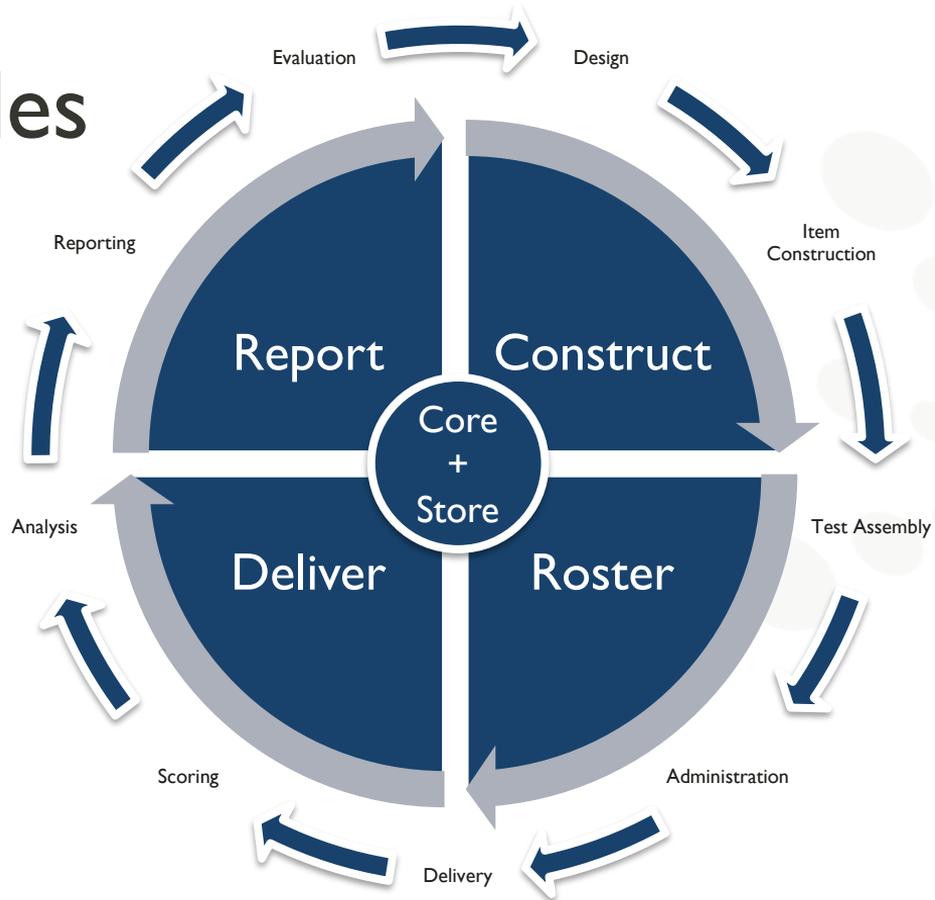
## Relevant Standards

-  QTI Question & Test Interoperability
-  PNP Personal Needs & Preferences
-  One Roster OneRoster: Candidate, Rostering Info
-  CASE Curriculum & Academic Standards Exchange
-  LTI Learning Tools Interoperability  
LTI Resource Search
-  Caliper Caliper: Learning Analytics

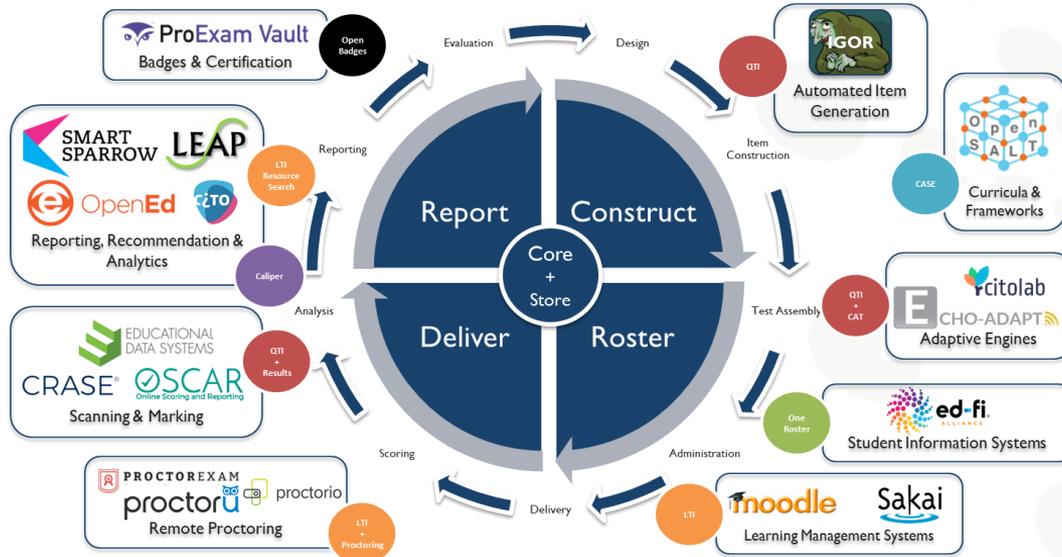
# One Core



# Four Modules



# TAO: Part of a Bigger Ecosystem



**Open Standards Based Approach: Use It, Improve It, Define it**

# Open Source Benefits & Misconceptions

## Benefits

- Freedom to choose
  - Custom extensions
- Community collaboration
  - Benefit from other contributions
- No vendor lock-in
  - Take the code with you
- Lower cost
  - No license fees

<https://flip-initiative.org/>

## Misconceptions

- Everyone can change your code
  - OAT led process (pull request) in place for central repositories
- No content ownership
  - All content remains yours
- Less secure
  - Increased security by transparency, not obscurity...
- Risk to privacy
  - Depends on the implementation

### Diagnostic Tool

This tool will run a number of tests in order to establish how well your current environment is suitable to run the TAO platform.  
Be aware that these tests will take up to several minutes.

[Begin diagnostics](#)

Operating system and web browser

Compatible

Workstation performances

Good performances

Bandwidth

Good bandwidth  
Number of connections in hand: 5/100

Total

Your system is fully compliant.

[Show Details](#)

Done!

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#### Student Toolbar

A ~~choice #1~~

B choice #2

C ~~choice #3~~

1 2 3

United Kingdom

The UK is great.

Student Toolbar

# What About You?

#### Color contrast

Enables you to switch between different colors presets in order to increase the contrast

Pre-select the default profile:

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#### Screen reader

Allows you to read a part or the whole item

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#### Q Zoom

Increase or decrease the size of an item.

#### Student Toolbar

- Point A
- Point Set A
- Segment A
- Line A
- Line B
- Solution Set

# Grazie!

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