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The vision of educational materials, openly accessible on the Web, has recently attracted substantial attention. Yet, it is commonly recognized that the Open Educational Resources (OER) repositories are much underutilized. In this talk I will present our contribution to the solution of this problem. I will start by presenting the results of two studies that we conducted on the barriers for the large-scale uptake and reuse of OER. Then I will describe our web portal for accessing OER in Computer Science, which design was informed by the conducted studies. I will present our approach to improving the findability of open educational resources, including the proposed *query-by-navigation* technique, and other distinguished features of the CS OER Portal and will discuss future directions for research.

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