

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PORTAL

Detailed Browsing Instructions



PURPOSE OF BROWSING THE PDP CONTENT CATALOG –

Users can use their results from the PDP Competency Self-Assessment to browse the learning resources in the PDP Content Catalog. Additionally, (1) If they are working on their certification, they can browse the learning resources for material related to SEP Experience Areas; (2) If they have questions related to various SE Domains, then can browse for learning resources on SE Domains in the PDP Catalog; and (3) Finally, if they have questions about ISO 15288 processes in the SE Handbook, they can browse for process-related learning resources, too.

A separate capability for searching the learning resources in the PDP Catalog is available to search by title, abstract, POC, etc. Additionally, a Systems Engineering Content Search will be added to search incose.org, SEBOK, BKCase and OMG MBSE Wiki. Both will be on the PDP Home Page.

BROWSING THE PDP CONTENT CATALOG USING FILTERS –

At the top of the PDP Browsing webpage under the 2 videos and some webpage text, there are filters available for competency groups, competency topics, proficiency levels, SE domains, ISO 15288 SE Processes in the SE Handbook, and SEP experience areas. For each filter, there are drop-down lists, and within each filter, the user can select a single item or multiple items. For each item within a filter, an “OR” search is used, while for between filters, an “AND” search is used. For example, if the following filters were selected:

- Competency Group: “1-Core”
- Competency Topics: “1-Critical Thinking,” “1-Systems Thinking”
- Proficiency Levels: “Awareness,” “Practitioner”

Then the browsing would look for the following learning resources in the PDP Catalog: Core **Competency Group**, AND Critical Thinking OR Systems Thinking **Competencies**, AND Awareness OR Practitioner **Proficiency Levels**.

As soon as filters are applied, the number of learning resources changes at the top of the learning resource results cards. The filtering will stay the same until you change it or click the “Clear Filters.” Button.

AN OVERVIEW OF THE PDP BROWSING PAGES –

Here’s information on the main PDP Browsing page.

- In the top row, the 6 filters and the clear filter button are available.
- Next is how many total learning resources are available. If there are no learning resources for the filtering requested, items of interest will be added over time – keep checking back. NOTE: Each learning resource could have several media types, e.g., webinar, video, presentation, and document.
- Next, the Learning Resource Result cards are provided.
 - There are six Learning Resource Results cards per page, with additional numbered page links provided below the six cards on the current page.
 - The Learning Resource Results Card consists of:
 - An image at the top (NOTE: there are separate images, one for each competency group and one for each competency topic),
 - In the image, the learning resource title and the competencies / proficiency levels the learning resource was categorized is listed (only 15 characters will be listed; if there are more, they will be available on the respective Learn More page),
 - The date of the learning resource (either full date or year – most recent is provided first),
 - Icons for the available media types (i.e., webinar, pdf, website, etc.), and
 - A brief high-level overview of the learning resource.
- At the bottom of the Learning Resource Results Card, there are 2 buttons:
 - “Learn More” button – for more details on the learning resource
 - “Add to Bookshelf” or “Remove from Bookshelf” buttons
 - “Add to Bookshelf” – to save to your individual bookshelf to review later
 - “Remove from Bookshelf” – you have reviewed the learning resource and don’t need it anymore; you can remove it from your bookshelf
 - NOTE: The button is titled, “Add to Bookshelf” until clicked and added to your My Bookshelf page. The button changes to “Remove from Bookshelf.” When the “Remove from Bookshelf” button is clicked again, the learning resource is removed from your My Bookshelf and the button changes back to “Add to Bookshelf.”

Here’s information on the Learn More page.

- For any Learning Resource Results Card, click the “Learn More” button
 - This is where more details for each learning resource are available.
 - In the image at the top, there is the title, the date, and the “Add to / Remove from Bookshelf” button
 - Below the image is a link to “Close the Learning Resource”
 - To keep the user’s current filtering on the PDP “Browsing the Content Catalog” page, when the “Learn More” button is clicked, a new tab will open in your browser.
 - When the learning resource tab is closed, the original filtering still remains on the PDP “Browsing the Content Catalog” page.
 - The full abstract and all competencies / proficiencies are provided.

- For each media type, there is a link to the learning resource (the PDP doesn't store any material, it provides a "pointer" to the material).
- On the right of the page is a piece of paper with a pencil icon. Click that to add notes to the learning resource (e.g., page 25 is important, review again chapter 3, etc.) and then click the "Save" button. The PDP user's notes will be kept with the Learning Resource Results Card in their "My Bookshelf" storage area in their user profile. Click the notes icon again to close the input.
- On the bottom left is the feedback icon (two quote circles). Click that to provide feedback.
 - There are 3 boxes at the top – one for your name, your email, and to report the type of feedback:
 - Report a broken link,
 - Report a bug,
 - Report learning resource is not categorized correctly,
 - Recommend and upload new material, and
 - General comments.
 - Provide your comments in the "Tell us your feedback" box.
 - Click the submit button.
 - An email will be sent to pdpadmin@incose.net.
 - Click the feedback icon again to close the feedback option.

SAVING LEARNING RESOURCE REVIEWS FOR LATER –

There may be times when you don't have time to review all the learning resources you found browsing the PDP Content Catalog. For this instance, you can do a quick browse of the PDP Content Catalog, and then add the learning resources you want to review later to your bookshelf by clicking the "Add to Bookshelf" button. This will save those learning resources to your My Bookshelf page.