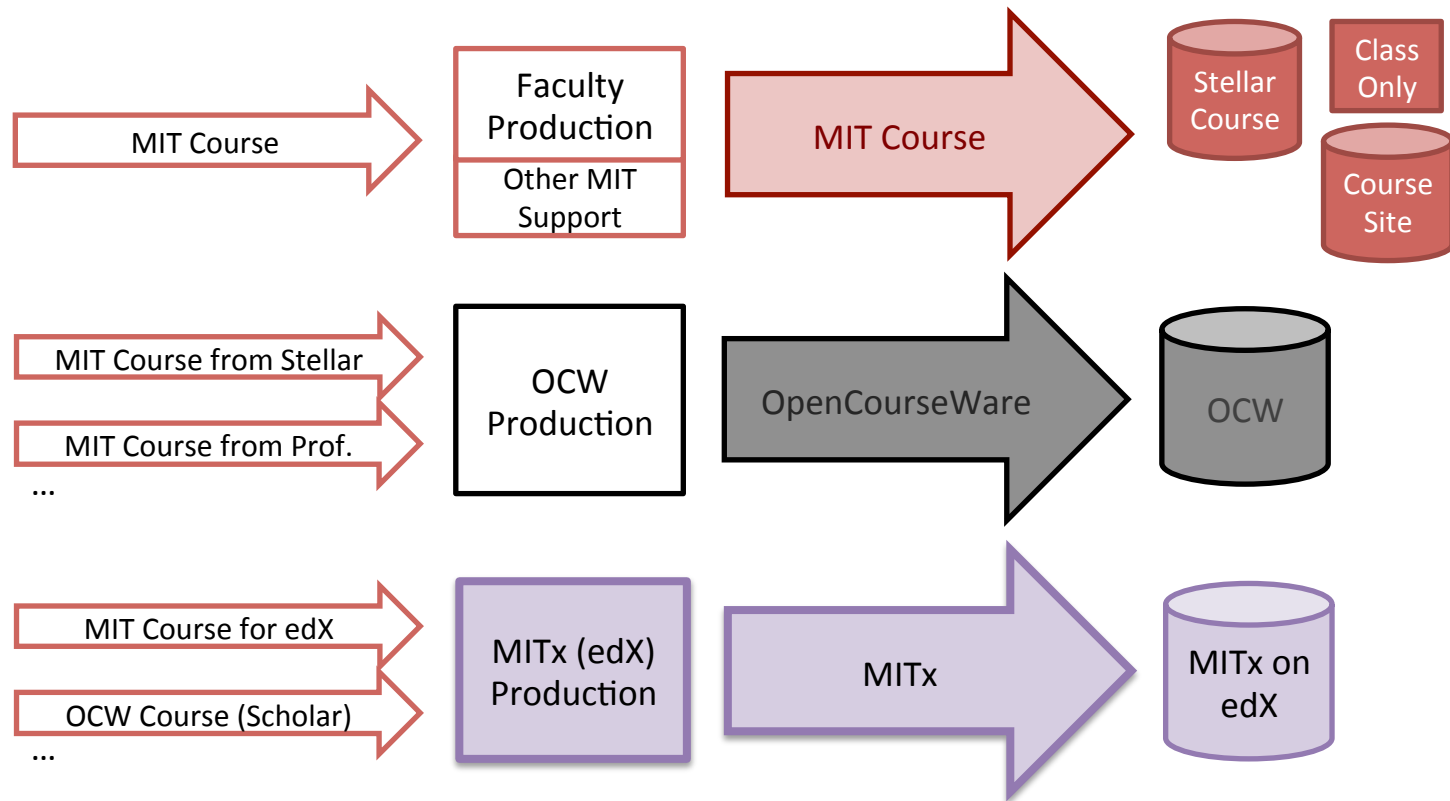# BACKSTAGE
What's Behind the Curtain

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The Problem

- MIT Faculty are ***investing heavily in content development*** (notes, videos, assessments) for edX and OCW delivery.

- Ideally, MIT should ***manage these resources*** and make them available as needed to our community for re-use.

- Solution must...
  - Support integration with edX, OCW and others
  - Be adaptable to new technologies and market products

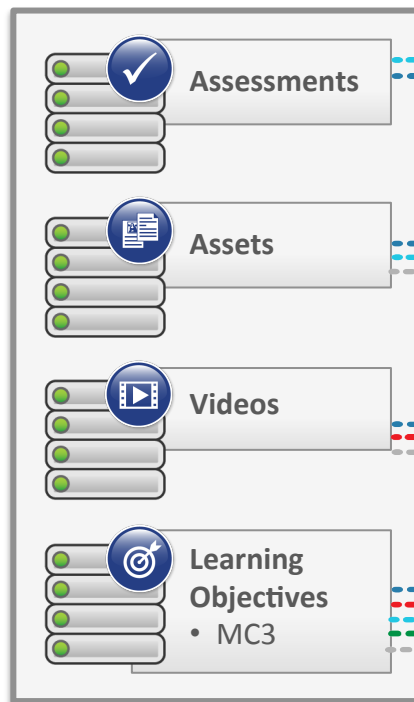# Current Development Workflows

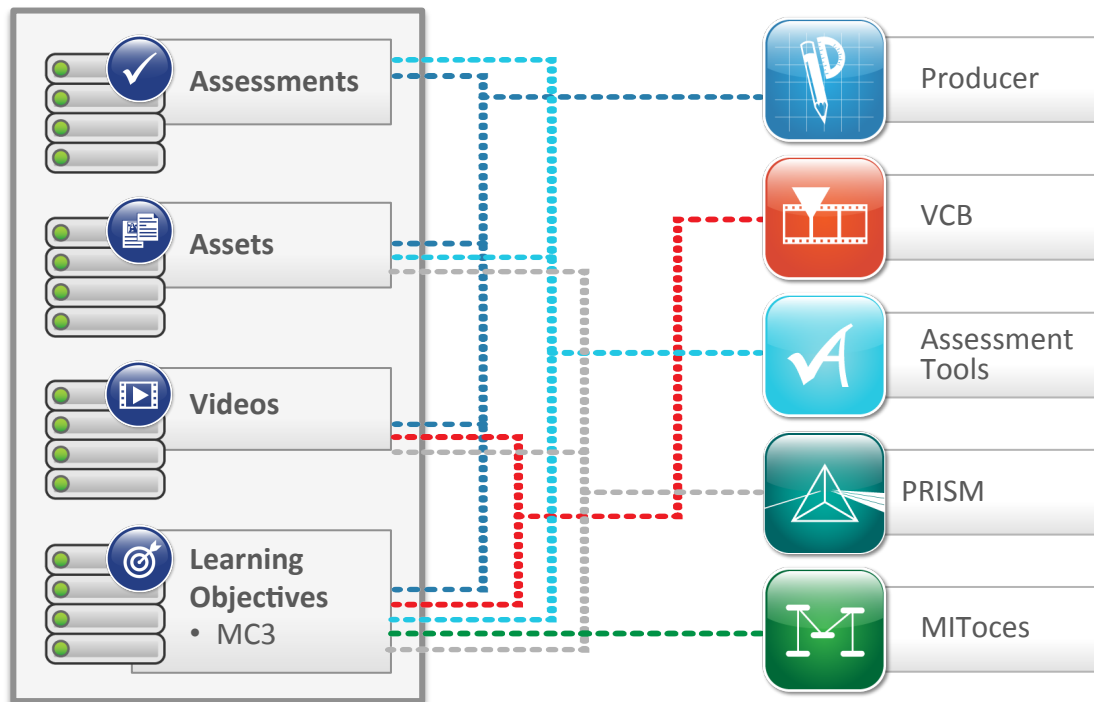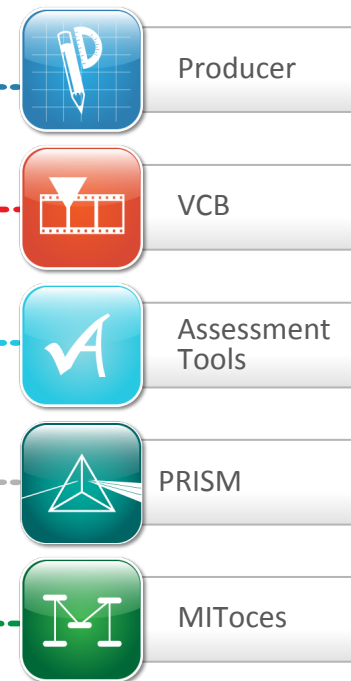# Possible Future
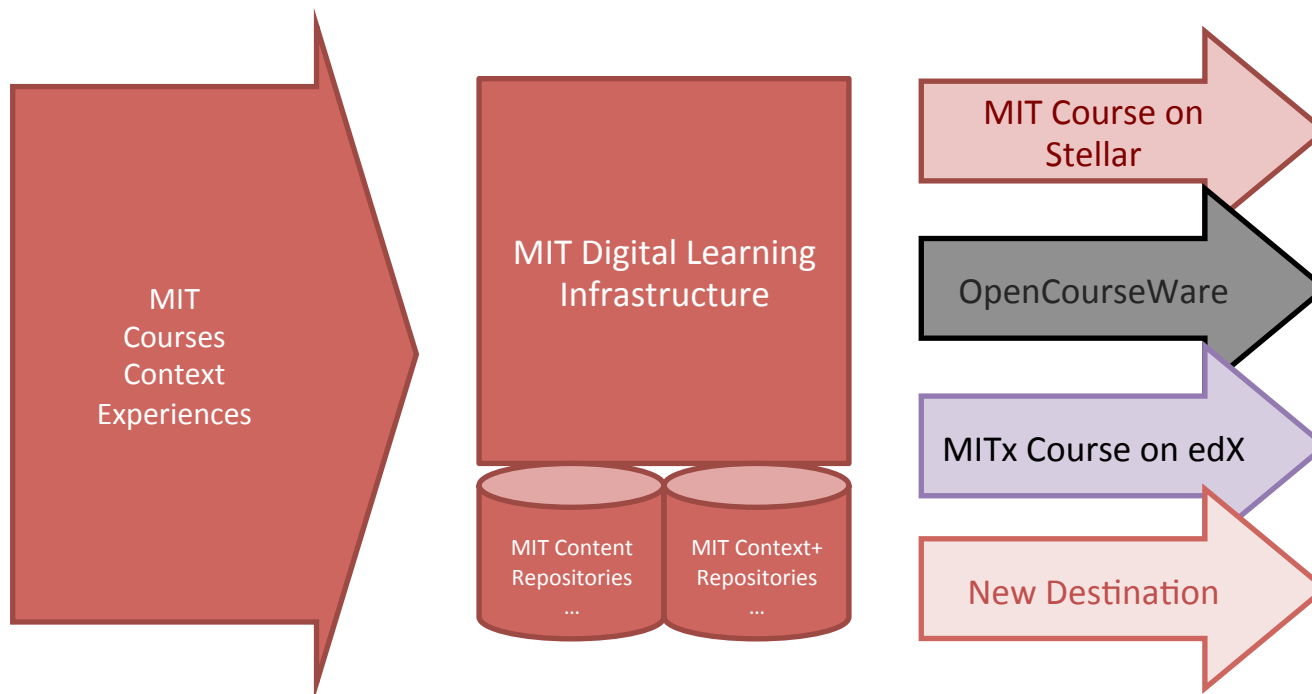
Proposed Solution – Backstage Services

- "Headless" content services with published APIs
  - REST, Python, Java
- Key applications using these services
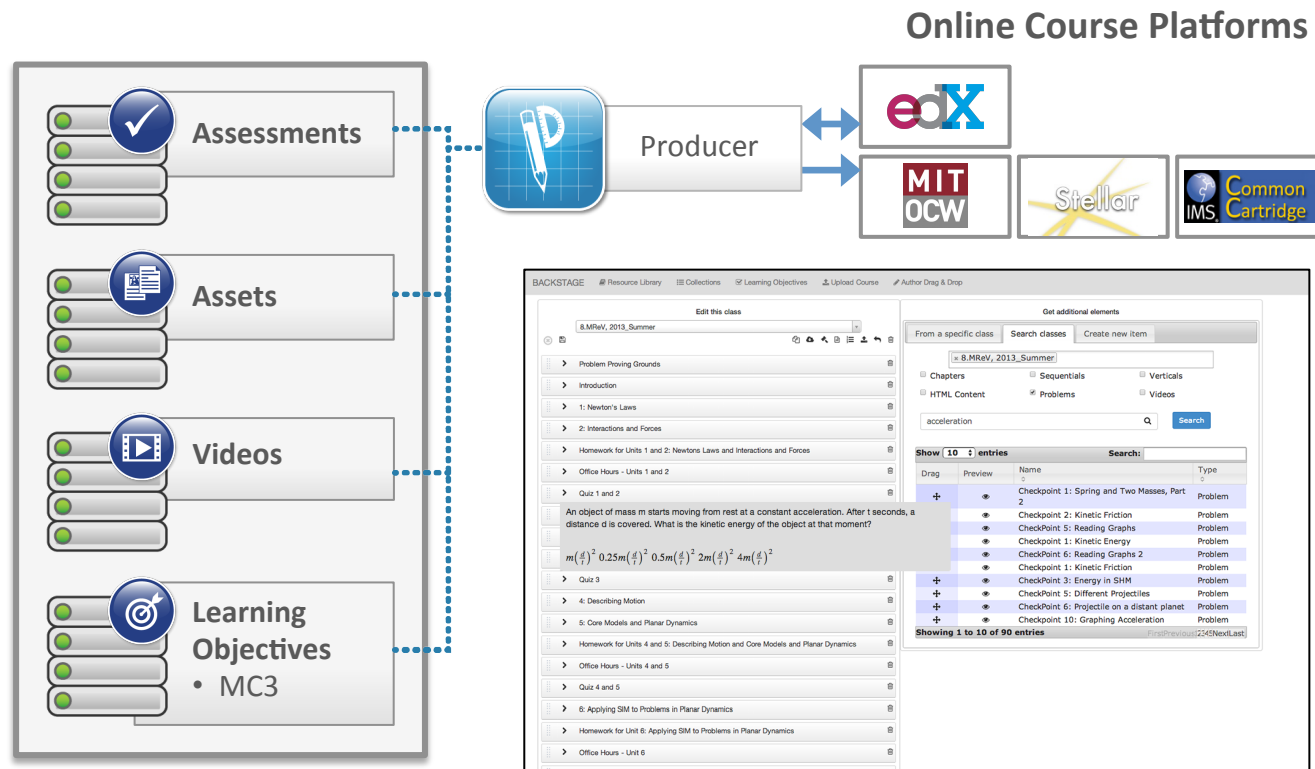- Support a developer community

Backstage Core Service Suite

Producer – Asset Management for Reuse

- Motivation
  - Support content reuse in MITx (edX) content workflow
  - Ease content search and integration
  - Explore alternative authoring tools for edX delivery
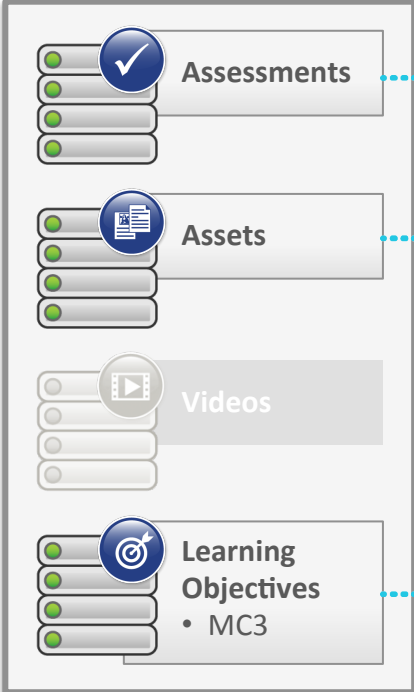- Status
  - Proof-of-concept being tested

Producer and Backstage Services

Assessments

- Motivation
  - Manage, share and author assessment items
  - Track usage and IRT data across assessment offerings
  - Implement APIs for taking as well as managing/sharing
- Status
  - Proof of concept drag-and-drop authoring tool (demo)
  - App to Embed Assessments (QTI assessment items)
  - Physics Question Bank (PQB) under development

Assessment Backstage Services

Drag and Drop edX assessment item authoring

Video Concept Browser – Browse Video by Concept

- Motivation
  - Enable better use of whole-class lecture video (60-90 minutes) by segmenting by concepts/topics
  - Pre-production for MOOC courses
- Status
  - App to browse lecture videos by concepts (demo)

VCB and Backstage Services

VCB

Navigate course video by concept or learning outcome

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Discussion Questions

- How are you reusing course content?
  - Between MOOCs
  - From existing sources, LMS/VLE, OER, etc.
  - What tools are you using?

- Are you tracking data about asset effectiveness?
  - E.g., Did learners have difficulties answering a particular question correctly? Did learners skip materials? Etc.

- Does your course include learning outcomes and transparently link outcomes with content and assessments?

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The End!

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