

## **CRAAP Test - ESaaS**

### **Resource Title:**

Engineering Software as a Service: An Agile Approach Using Cloud Computing (**ESaaS**)

### **Resource URL:**

<http://www.saasbook.info/>

### **Currency: The timeliness of the information:**

**When was the resource published or posted? Has the resource been revised or updated?  
Does your topic require current information? Are the links functional?**

The free PDF (2.0b7) available for download was dated 2021-06-28. The latest update was very recent. The links on the book's website are all functional.

### **Relevance: The importance of the information for your needs**

**Does the resource relate to your needs? Who is the intended audience?  
Is the information in the resource at an appropriate level for your learners?**

Yes, this resource is more than I need. I plan to use a small section of the book. Yes, the resource is appropriate for college students who are taking Systems Analysis and Design (SAD) course.

### **Authority: The source of the information**

**Who is the creator? What are their credentials or organizational affiliations?  
Are they qualified to write on this topic?**

The book authors (Armando Fox and David Patterson) are both professors at UC Berkeley. They are definitely qualified to write on this topic.

### **Accuracy: The reliability and truthfulness of the information**

**Is the information supported by evidence? Has the resource been reviewed or refereed?  
Are there spelling, grammar, or typographical errors?**

ESaaS is now in its second edition. Many instructors have provided quotes and testimonials on the book's website. Based on my quick scan, I did not find any spelling or grammar errors.

### **Purpose: The reason the information exists**

**Why does this resource exist? (to inform, teach, sell, entertain, or persuade?)  
Is the information fact, opinion, or propaganda?**

**Are there political, ideological, cultural, religious, institutional, or personal biases?**

This book was written to help "make a Computer Science class more like the real world". The book, presentation slides, assignments, review questions and videos are all done to educate students on how to design and build SaaS applications. I don't expect any personal biases.

**Notes: Are there additional questions or observations you have about this material that affect your decision to use it? (i.e. this is an opinion piece that I will use to demonstrate one side of an argument).**

It looks like the book has evolved for the better. The first edition has been translated to Spanish and Brazilian Portuguese. I have no additional questions for the authors.

**Final Recommendation: Will you use this resource? Why or why not?**

I plan to use this resource as a reference to my SAD course. This video clip by Armando Fox will help introduce Software as a Service (SaaS) to my students:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cqBrm3AJuWc>.

## CRAAP Activity: Adding Comments to padlet

(1) I added a comment to my own OER for SaaS note on padlet.

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**Tom Honey: Audiobooks**

Anonymous 3d

#### Audiobook resources

I enjoy podcasts such as news updates, recent economic trends, unique perspectives on topics, and informational audio documentaries. When not filling my free time with these tidbits I may enjoy a good audio book when on a walk or roadtrip/vacation. The source I found is from Openculture <https://www.openculture.com/freeaudiobooks>.  
Your local library is a great resource though the apps is had available for smartphones and this adds to the resources list.

**Meyer Tanuan: OER for SaaS**

from the "Engineering Software as a Service: An Agile Approach Using Cloud Computing" book (<http://www.saasbook.info/>) that is offered free for personal use. The author have used this self-published book for teaching Computer Science students at the University of California (Berkeley).

Microsoft provides cloud-based office tools such as Microsoft Office 365, which is an example of a SaaS license model. An overview of SaaS is available from Microsoft Azure: <https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/overview/what-is-saas/>.

After assessing this resource using CRAAP I now plan to use the video clip and the ESaaS book as references for my students.

(2) I also added a comment to another note about APA tutorial.

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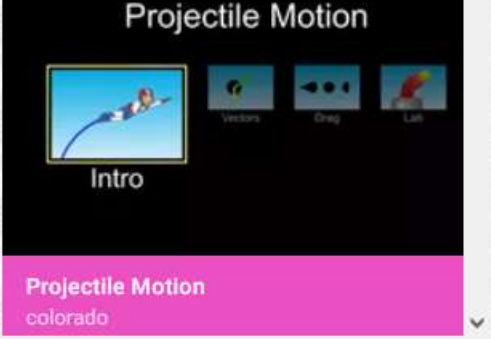
### Alex Hudyma OER: Projectile Motion

### Jennifer Shelswell: OER: APA 7th Edition.

**Anonymous** 20d

**A simulation to display the flightpath of a projectile as a parabola**

This simulation from the University of Colorado gives a beautiful interactive visualization on how the flightpath of a projectile can be modelled with a parabola, and how factors like height at launch, angle, weight, and air resistance change its shape



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2 comments

**jennifershelswell** 11d  
I could use this tutorial in my Communication Essentials course. The section on Creating Reference List Citations (p. 26), gives an excellent step by step example of how to properly set up an APA 7th edition reference list entry, along with an attached APA quick guide, and an interactive Creating References H5P. I would highly recommend this resource to any faculty or students that are interested in learning APA format in a way that is easy to understand.

**Anonymous** 2d  
Jennifer, this is a great tool for students to learn APA. I particularly like the activities to test their understanding.

**This is a good resource for APA tutorial**  
Thanks for sharing!