

SOCIAL NETWORKING

MERLOT provides social networking services to encourage collaboration and dialogue among community members. These services include:

- The MERLOT Blog, with commentaries written by MERLOT staff and invited contributors
- Facebook and Twitter, enabling the community to engage in conversations about teaching with technology
- MERLOT Voices for special interest communities that share MERLOT principles as a central theme, and that can be initiated by any MERLOT community member
- Community portals, discipline and partner community websites that use MERLOT services for teaching and learning
- Discussion forums for all material in the collection
- User comments and ratings for all materials
- A YouTube channel featuring MERLOT videos for promotional and instructional use

INTEROPERABLE WEB SERVICES

MERLOT has developed a set of Web Services (APIs) that can be incorporated into web-based applications by third party software developers to provide direct access to the MERLOT collection and system. MERLOT Web Services have been incorporated into many Learning Management Systems allowing instructors and students to directly access MERLOT materials in their online lessons. Some MERLOT partners have developed their own language-localized websites, allowing their users to access MERLOT without visiting www.merlot.org.

MERLOT's Web Services include:

- Basic search and federated search
- Advanced search for materials and members
- Contribute materials
- Add and edit personal collections
- Add comments about materials in the collection
- Utility Web services for user registration, verification, and login

ABOUT MERLOT

MERLOT is an international community of faculty, staff, students, administrators, librarians, and others in education interested in discovering, using, and sharing Open Educational Resources (OER) for the improvement of technology-enhanced teaching and learning.

The MERLOT community, which began in 1997, has developed a unique and globally-renowned collection of more than 40,000 online learning materials, all of which have been peer- or crowd-source reviewed by members of the community.

MERLOT is a free resource, and is sustained through the support of higher education institutions from around the world, led by the California State University. More than 25 editorial boards of discipline-specific subject matter experts, develop and curate MERLOT's collection with quality assurance methods. Many higher education and K-12 institutions, non-profit associations, special interest groups, and corporations have adopted and integrated MERLOT services into their online education initiatives. The California State University's Affordable Learning Solutions (AL\$) initiative incorporates MERLOT services as one of its cornerstones.

www.csuAffordableLearningSolutions.org



Multimedia Educational Resource
for Learning and Online Teaching

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 The California State University

MERLOT is a program of the California State University, in partnership with higher education institutions, professional societies, and industry.

INTRODUCING MERLOT II



www.merlot.org

- Completely redesigned
- Inviting new look
- Easier access
- Easier to use
- New and improved features
- Mobile & tablet friendly
- New context-sensitive help

 The California State University



WITH ONE CLICK YOU CAN:

- Search MERLOT's extensive repository of reviewed materials
- Search MERLOT's directory of more than 115,000 registered members to find colleagues and experts in a wide range of disciplines
- Search other digital libraries for online learning materials
- Contribute online learning materials to the MERLOT collection
- Create new MERLOT-hosted instructional websites with the Content Builder
- Join MERLOT and create, edit and share your MERLOT Member Profile in your native language
- Find and explore MERLOT's many communities to learn how others use OER
- Learn about MERLOT's conference, newsletters, and peer reviewed, open access *Journal of Online Learning and Teaching (JOLT)*
- View and participate in MERLOT's social networking activities on Facebook, Twitter, our blog, and discussion forums



SEARCHING WITH MERLOT

MERLOT II's new *unified* search returns all results from the repository for materials, members, learning exercises, comments, personal collections, and peer reviews – easily filtered by the user.

AUTHORING OER

MERLOT Content Builder is an easy-to-use, online tool for building OER (Open Educational Resources) websites that integrate text, images, video, documents, and links to other online resources. MERLOT Content Builder provides templates for creating:

- ePortfolios for teaching and learning
- Lesson plans
- Online courses
- Online presentations and posters
- Course syllabi
- Student reflection logs
- Community websites

MOBILE MERLOT

MERLOT supports mobile users with:

- Learning materials specifically catalogued as 'mobile,' and searchable in the MERLOT repository
- Any browser-supported mobile device
- Apps for Android, iOS (Apple), and Blackberry devices
- A MERLOT Mobile Learning community featuring mobile learning best practices, instructional support ideas, and materials on teaching with technology, including mobile devices

INTERNATIONAL MERLOT

MERLOT's international and multicultural members can use MERLOT in any language of their choice. You can:

- Contribute or search for materials written in any language with a non-U.S. keyboard
- Translate all MERLOT webpages into many languages
- Add information about your language skills in your MERLOT Member Profile
- Search MERLOT's directory for other members who share your language