

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 (blog.merlot.org)
- 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 (voices.merlot.org)
- Community portals – academic, discipline, and Partner-supported portals and websites that use MERLOT services for teaching and learning
- Discussion forums for every material in the collection
- User comments and ratings for every material
- A YouTube channel featuring MERLOT videos for promotional and instructional use (www.youtube.com/MERLOTPlace)

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 (e.g., Blackboard, Moodle, D2L, etc.) 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 Bookmark 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 almost 50,000 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\$) and Cool4Ed initiatives incorporate MERLOT as one of their cornerstones.

www.csuAffordableLearningSolutions.org
www.coolfored.org

 **MERLOT**
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.

 **MERLOT II**



www.merlot.org

- International community of more than 125,000 OER users
- Almost 50,000 online learning materials in the MERLOT repository
- Catalogued by academic discipline
- Unique peer review process ensuring quality of collection
- Supports mobile users

 **The California State University**





YOU CAN:

- Search MERLOT's extensive repository of reviewed materials
- Search MERLOT's directory of more than 125,000 registered members to find colleagues and experts in a wide range of disciplines
- Search more than 20 digital libraries for Open Educational Resources (OER) using MERLOT Federated Search (fedsearch.merlot.org)
- Contribute online learning materials to the MERLOT collection
- Create new MERLOT-hosted instructional websites with the MERLOT Content Builder
- Join MERLOT and create, edit, and share your Member Profile in your native language
- Find and explore MERLOT's many communities to learn how others use OERs
- Learn about MERLOT's peer reviewed, Open Access *Journal of Online Learning and Teaching* (JOLT) (jolt.merlot.org)
- View and participate in MERLOT's conferences and social networking activities on Facebook, Twitter, our blog, and discussion forums
- Share, review, or discuss your experiences about using OERs



SEARCHING

MERLOT's unified repository search returns all results for materials, members, learning exercises, comments, personal Bookmark Collections, and peer reviews – easily filtered by the user.

AUTHORING

MERLOT Content Builder is an easy-to-use, online tool for building Open Educational Resource (OER) websites that integrates 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