

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 (@MERLOTo), 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 and user comments and ratings for every material in the collection
- YouTube channel featuring MERLOT videos for promotional and instructional use (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 functionality without visiting www.merlot.org.

MERLOT's Web Services include:

- Basic search for materials
- 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

MERLOT Technology site - <http://bit.ly/1MbTXDI>

About MERLOT (www.merlot.org)

MERLOT is an international community of faculty, staff, students, administrators, and librarians who wish to discover, use, and share Open Educational Resources (OER's) and other online resources 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 over 80,000 online learning materials, all of which have been peer- or crowd-source reviewed by members of the community.

MERLOT is free 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. 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 (csuAffordableLearningSolutions.org) and Cool4Ed (cool4ed.org) initiatives incorporate MERLOT as one of their cornerstones.

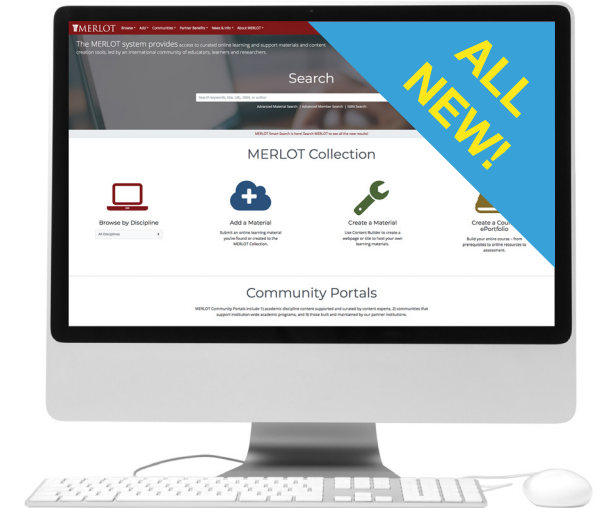


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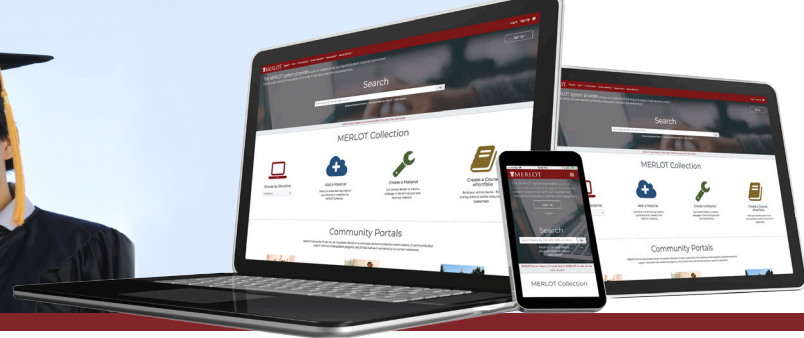
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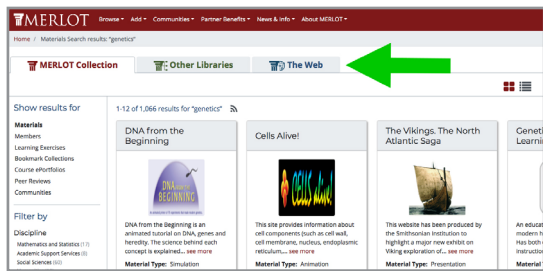
- International community of 150,000+ OER users from over 180 countries
- Our proprietary *Smart Search* provides access to 80,000+ online materials in the MERLOT repository, access to OERs in other related digital libraries and also the WWW
- Catalogued by academic discipline
- Unique peer review process ensuring quality of collection
- Supports mobile users





You Can:

- Use MERLOT as a universal gateway to find online learning materials
- Find colleagues and experts in a wide range of disciplines and affiliations located all over the world
- 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
- View and participate in our meetings, conferences, and social networking activities on Facebook, Twitter, and our blog
- Share, review, or discuss your experiences about the online learning materials you use
- Access more than 50 Partner Community websites
- Plan and develop your entire course with MERLOT Course ePortfolios
- Create a Bookmark Collection of "favorite" online resources with a unique URL



Search Smartly

MERLOT's *Smart Search* returns all results from the MERLOT repository for materials, members, learning exercises, comments, Bookmark Collections, Course ePortfolios, peer reviews, and communities.

MERLOT has catalogued over 5,000 open textbooks in the repository. You can also search by ISBN to discover supplemental materials or replacements for your textbooks.

MERLOT's *Smart Search* facilitates easy discovery of relevant online instructional materials from more than a dozen different teaching, learning, and research libraries, and also from the WWW.

Authoring

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

- ePortfolios for teaching and learning
- Lesson plans and course syllabi
- Online courses
- Online presentations and posters
- 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 and iOS (Apple) devices
- A MERLOT mobile learning community featuring mobile learning best practices, instructional support ideas, and materials about teaching with technology, including mobile devices (mobileapps.merlot.org)

Multilingual MERLOT

MERLOT's international members can use MERLOT in any language of their choice to:

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