ABOUT MERLOT

MERLOT (Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching) is a free online library of interactive learning materials that has over 1,300,000 members and boasts over 2,000,000 learning materials. MERLOT is a virtual community of users working together to improve teaching and learning in higher education. MERLOT is hosted by California State University and sponsored by its Board of Trustees.

MERLOT is a forum for those who create, use, and advocate online learning resources. MERLOT provides a place where faculty members can come together to share their experiences with the learning materials they have created and tested.

MERLOT is a place for educators to find materials that can be used in their classroom and to share their own materials with others. It is a place where learning materials are reviewed and rated by faculty members, and where new learning materials are continually being added.

Frequently Asked Questions

How are MERLOT's differentials different than those other systems?

MERLOT is different from other systems because it is designed to be a community-driven resource. The MERLOT community is made up of faculty members, students, and other educators who contribute to the collection by creating, sharing, and reviewing learning materials.

What are MERLOT's goals?

The mission of MERLOT is to improve the effectiveness of teaching and learning by expanding the quantity and quality of peer-reviewed online learning materials that can be easily integrated into faculty-designed courses.

MERLOT's Products and Services

1. The MERLOT Website (http://www.merlot.org) provides a portal and community for faculty who are seeking to find, organize, and share online learning materials. The website includes a search engine, a directory of materials, and a peer review process.

2. The MERLOT peer review process results in ratings that contain:
   - Learning goals: Concepts to learn, skills to acquire, attitudes to develop
   - Targeted student population(s) and teachers who would find materials most useful
   - A description of the learning material composed of the faculty reviewers’ summary of the material
   - Prerequisite knowledge/skills required to use the learning material
   - Technical requirements (HW/SW/network)
   - Descriptors, Assignments, and User Reviews

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   - A descriptors are a very important part of any learning system, but there are few others who can provide more information about the materials than the faculty reviewers.
   - Assignments provide a way for faculty members to get feedback on the effectiveness of the materials they have created.
   - User Reviews allow faculty members to see how others have used the materials and what they thought of them.

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