Want Your Own Website?
Want to Create OER?
Content Builder can help!

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This **workshop** will introduce you to features of the MERLOT Content Builder and explain how to create a web site, quickly and easily.
Today’s Workshop Agenda

12:45-1:30
- What is MERLOT and the MERLOT Collection?
- Joining MERLOT
- MERLOT OER SmartSearch
- What is Content Builder?
  - What can I build with Content Builder?
  - Brief introduction of the tool
  - Features and options

1:30-1:45 – BREAK

1:45-2:30
- Hand-On Content Builder Demo
  - Build and style a multipage website from scratch
  - Publish and share my website
  - Add it to the MERLOT Collection (if time permits)
What is MERLOT?

• At its heart, it’s a library
• A Community of learners with a membership of over 170,000
• Member generated collection of close to 92,000 educational materials
  • Peer reviewed resources
  • Editorial board reviewed resources
  • Over 7,700 open textbooks
• MERLOT Smart Search tool searching MERLOT, 70+ other digital libraries and web
• Authoring Tool (Content Builder)
The MERLOT Community

• 170,000+ members around the world
• Over 25+ Editorial Boards of discipline-specific SME’s
• Academic Discipline & Support Portals
• Partner Portals
• Virtual Speakers Bureau
A Brief History of MERLOT: 20+ years

1997
First release of the MERLOT website

2001
Partnerships expanded, peer review standards developed

2007
Adoption of the Content Builder authoring tool

2014
Release of MERLOT II, members top 100,000

2020
Search gets smarter, Content Builder is reimagined
The MERLOT Homepage

www.merlot.org
The MERLOT Collection of resources is member-generated

Any learning material or educational resource found or created by a member can be added to the collection

MERLOT stores the resource's metadata – as recorded by the member – and links out to the resource itself

All resources in MERLOT have quality ratings that can include reviews Editor review, Peer review, user ratings, comments and discussions, as well as being in Bookmark Collections or ePortfolios.
Join MERLOT in 1 easy step
Member Profile

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MERLOT Editor: Spring

Primary Disciplines:
Science and Technology / Computer Science / Human-Computer Interaction

Social Media Connections:
facebook linkedin

Member Type: Staff
Last Login: April 14, 2023
Member Since: August 24, 2000

Other Disciplines:
Science and Technology / Information Technology / Application Development / Programming

Affiliations
Primary Affiliation: California State University, Chancellor's Office (Education, 4-Year Institution, Glendale, CA, United States)

Contributions
- Submitted Materials (14/95)
- Authorized Materials (21/1)
- Comments (57)
- Learning Exercises (27)
- Bookmark Collections (7)
- Course ePortfolios (2)
- Content Builder Materials (3)

Browse...
Members from Barbra Bied's Institution
California State University, Chancellor's Office

Materials from Barbra Bied's discipline
Science and Technology / Computer Science / Human-Computer Interaction

Members in Barbra Bied's discipline
Science and Technology / Computer Science / Human-Computer Interaction
Search for OERs
What is SmartSearch?

Choose your set of results

Then, you can filter those results
Tab 1: MERLOT Collection

Filter by
- Discipline
- Material Type
- Audience
- Mobile Platform
- Quality
- and more
Tab 2: Other Libraries
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Filter by 60+ other OER libraries
Tab 3: The Web
NOTE: Displayed results are based on MERLOT’s proprietary search for educational materials likely of interest to MERLOT users.

Filter results
Go to the ISBN Search page and enter your ISBN number.
ISBN Search

MERLOT Materials

Show results for
Materials
Members
Learning Exercises
Bookmark Collections
Course ePortfolios
Peer Reviews
Communities

Filter by
Discipline
Business (56)
Material Type
ePortfolio (1)
Online Course (20)
Open (Access) Textbook (29)
Presentation (2)
Reference Material (3)
Simulation (1)
Audience
High School (1)


Title & Author:
Principles of macroeconomics / senior contributing authors, Steven A. Greenlaw, University of Mary Washington, David Shapiro, Pennsylvania State University

Macroeconomics

This free and open online course in Macroeconomics was produced by the WA State Board for Community & Technical Colleges... see more

Material Type: Online Course
Author: Tom Caswell
Date Created: November 29, 2011
Date Modified: August 22, 2012

More info
Go to material

Macroeconomic Theory

The purpose of this course is to put you in a position to read and critically analyze journal articles in... see more

Material Type: Open (Access) Textbook
Author: Brian Krauth
Date Created: June 20, 2011
Date Modified: June 20, 2011

More info
Go to material

Macroeconomic Links By Topic

Links to topics covered in Introduction to Macroeconomics are provided.

Material Type: Reference Material
Author: Walter Antoniotti
Date Created: January 30, 2006
Date Modified: December 20, 2019
Editor Review: ★★★★★

More info
Go to material

Bookmark
Go to material
Introducing the MERLOT Content Builder

A web authoring tool for all MERLOT members to create websites (hosted by MERLOT)
What is Content Builder?

• Easy to use website development & authoring tool for building OER or create other websites - for MERLOT members only!

• MERLOT hosts the sites created by its members
What is Content Builder?

A tool to create your own OER/website with multiple pages and navigation bar with an easy to use interface

Integrate text, images, videos, RSS feeds, Twitter feeds and/or MERLOT materials

Collaborative

Fully accessible. Responsive design
Content Builder Overview

Main Menu: My Sites

- Make public
- Add to MERLOT
- Send a copy
- Add Analytics
Creating a Site in Content Builder
Choose a template and name for your site
The Design Center in Content Builder

- Control Panel
- Canvas

![Image of Content Builder Design Center interface]
Design Center Control Panel: Site Styles

Fonts
• Available fonts include standard PC fonts as well as popular Google fonts

Colors
• Full color picker for text, link, and background colors for each section

Style Overrides
• Ability to override global styles within a specific content box
Design Center Canvas: Direct Page Editing

• Site Title and Navigation Menu editing

• Banner Image or Abstract

• Content Boxes: text, images, docs, videos, RSS, Twitter, MERLOT materials

• Footer
Adding Content to your Site

- Section headings
- Text and media (images, documents, videos)
- MERLOT materials
- Twitter and RSS feeds
Adding Text and Media

• Each content box contains its own HTML editor
• Text, tables, images, documents, and videos can all be added with the editor’s tools
Adding a Link or Anchor
Moving and Deleting a Box

• Use arrow buttons to move boxes around the page

• Deleting a box sends it to the Recycle Bin

• Any deleted pages or boxes remain in the Recycle Bin and can be restored later unless you permanently delete them
1. Select a previously used image or upload a new one
2. Scale and crop your image
3. Choose a layout style
Adding a Footer

- The footer element consists of a text/media box that can be styled independently from the rest of the page/site.
- A site can have only one footer that will appear on all pages of the site.
Content Builder Control Panel: Page Settings

- Reorder pages
- Duplicate or copy a page to another site
- Change page name or layout
- Deleting a page sends it to the Recycle Bin (where it can be revived later unless deleted permanently)
Content Builder Control Panel: Adding a Page

Add Page

Page Name
Enter a name for your new webpage

Page Layout

One-Column
Two-Column
Three-Column
Sidebar-Left
Sidebar-Right

Add Page  Cancel
Collaboration in Content Builder

ONE owner, MULTIPLE collaborators

Collaborators have edit permission

Site-locks allow one editor at a time, preventing collisions

Allows a team to work on a project
Final reveal: Preview your site

- See how it looks before publishing
- Check responsiveness
- Check accessibility (try using the WAVE tool: wave.webaim.org)
- Ready to publish!
The Basics

How does color work?

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Creating a New Website

To create a new website, simply click the Create a Website button at the top of the main menu.

You are then asked to select a template. You can choose either a blank, layout-based template, or a purpose-based template.

Choose a Template

Blank One Column  Blank Two Column  Blank Three Column
Content Builder: Legacy Sites

Import Legacy Website

This will import your existing Legacy Content Builder website to the new MERLOT Content Builder. Importing this website may require some reformattting. Your original website will not be lost. It will remain in your Legacy Content Builder account, unchanged. A new copy will be created for you to modify.

Import, View, or Delete – nothing is ever lost
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