



# Merritt

Share, manage, and preserve your content

<http://merritt.cdlib.org>

Merritt is a new cost-effective repository service from the University of California Curation Center (UC3) that lets the UC community manage, archive, and share its valuable digital content. Merritt features

- an easy-to-use interface for deposit and update
- access via persistent URLs
- tools for long-term management
- permanent storage

## Why use Merritt?

Merritt's single, shared solution for sharing, managing, preserving, and disseminating digital materials meets a range of needs. The following are a small sample of Merritt's many uses:

### **Take control of your content and provide access how and when you want**

Merritt enables campus constituencies to have direct control over the management, curation, access, and preservation of the information resources underpinning their scholarly activities.

### **Share research with others**

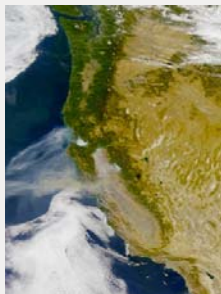
UC researchers have datasets that they would like to share within and across disciplinary communities. Merritt users can share content via persistent URLs.

### **Meet the data sharing and preservation requirements of a grant-funded project**

Increasingly researchers are required by funding agencies to preserve and share data (such as observational data, experimental results, and code books) as a condition of a grant. Merritt can be used to manage, share, and preserve the research outputs of a grant.

### **Provide long-term preservation**

The UC community holds valuable and unique collections in their libraries, museums, and archives (e.g. specimens, oral history recordings, or photographs) that they would like to make available online and preserve for future use. Merritt provides a trustworthy and dependable environment for the long-term management of these valuable materials.



California Fires  
Visible Earth, NASA



County Seats & Railroads,  
The Bancroft Library,  
UC Berkeley



2003 Special Election  
Governor Gray Davis  
Statewide Database

## Merritt: Frequently Asked Questions

<b>What kind of content can be put in Merritt?</b>	Content from all disciplines (sciences, humanities, social sciences) can be deposited in Merritt, including images, videos, datasets, texts, and more.
<b>Who can use Merritt?</b>	Merritt is available to the UC community.
<b>What are the ways to use Merritt?</b>	Merritt is available in two ways: 1) via an API (machine to machine programming interface) or 2) a user interface. Either method provides access to all of Merritt's functions.
<b>What does it cost to use Merritt?</b>	The UC Curation Center provides digital library services to the University of California. UC departments and organizations are charged only for the storage used.
<b>Who provides support for Merritt?</b>	Merritt was developed and is supported by the UC Curation Center (UC3).
<b>What is the UC Curation Center?</b>	UC3 is a creative partnership bringing together the expertise and resources of the California Digital Library (CDL), the ten UC campuses, and the broader international curation community. See <a href="http://www.cdlib.org/uc3">http://www.cdlib.org/uc3</a> .
<b>What is the technical infrastructure behind Merritt?</b>	The Merritt infrastructure, based on the micro-services concept, was developed by UC3 in consultation with the UC libraries and the international curation community. The infrastructure enables enhanced responsiveness to the ever increasing number, size, and diversity of content, partners, and stakeholder expectations, while simultaneously accommodating an ever changing technical environment. See <a href="http://www.cdlib.org/uc3/curation">http://www.cdlib.org/uc3/curation</a> for more information.
<b>Why is it called Merritt?</b>	Merritt refers to Lake Merritt, near the CDL offices in Oakland. Among other noteworthy attributes, Lake Merritt was the first official wildlife refuge in the United States, and is also a National Historic Landmark.
<b>Where can I find out more about Merritt?</b>	For more information about Merritt see <a href="http://merritt.cdlib.org">http://merritt.cdlib.org</a>

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## Who do I contact to use Merritt?

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