

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

CalSWEC Network Hub



What is the CalSWEC Network Hub?

The [CalSWEC Network Hub](#) is a central online space for users to search across multiple websites and online libraries for relevant, openly licensed learning materials. These learning materials, also known as Learning Objects or LOs, are self-contained pieces of instructional content that assist traditional and online learning, such as a course, a module, a presentation, a video, a quiz, or an image. The LOs typically remain on their respective websites; the Network Hub does not replace existing websites or libraries.

How does the CalSWEC Network Hub differ from CalSWEC's website?

The Network Hub was developed to provide users with easier and greater access to learning materials, the ability to efficiently and creatively use these in different ways, and opportunities to share with their colleagues. Consequently, the Network Hub differs from the CalSWEC website in the following ways:

1. **ACCESS TO MUCH MORE:** The website has resources that CalSWEC developed. The Network Hub also provides access to these, but additionally to (a) curricula and training tools developed by CalSWEC's statewide and national partners and (b) LOs from the CalSWEC Child Welfare Resource Library.
2. **BEYOND DOWNLOADING:** The website has posted resources and learning materials that, for the most part, are retrieved and downloaded, then used as is. Besides being retrieved and downloaded, LOs from the Network Hub typically can be shared, managed, adapted, reused, and remixed, meaning that users can combine original or revised content with other openly licensed content, which they can then post to the Hub and share.

3. **COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES:** Unlike the website, the Network Hub provides the structure for partners, stakeholders, instructors, and others throughout the state—and even the world—who are interested in the same subject areas to develop or remix learning materials.
4. **SUSTAINABILITY:** Unlike resources on the website, learning materials on the Network Hub can be easily updated, revised, and tailored for specific learners, thus also containing costs of traditional and online learning.

Where is the Network Hub located, and how can I access it?

CalSWEC's website has a link to the Network Hub from [Resources](#) on the home page. Clicking on the link to the [CalSWEC Network Hub](#) will take you there, or you can go to the Network Hub directly:

<https://www.oercommons.org/hubs/calswec>.

How do I get started using the Network Hub?

Explore the Network Hub features: Go to this page, <http://goo.gl/nCwtvp>, to explore its core features:

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| a. Find | d. Remix |
| b. Share | e. Collaborate |
| c. Reuse | |

To add a resource link to the Network Hub: Follow this [quick step-by-step tutorial](#). If you need to upload the files themselves to the Network Hub (i.e., the files will reside on the Network Hub) as opposed to simply providing a URL link, contact CalSWEC for assistance at: calswec_tech@berkeley.edu. Please note that resources are typically added as links to the Network Hub rather than as files.

Questions?

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