



UCSF Library Image Management Initiatives March 2005

In an effort to provide faculty with the tools and resources to manage and re-discover their digital media assets, the Library has been participating in two pilot projects. Both projects will offer faculty a set of similar tools as well as unique features. The basic tools will allow for:

- Upload, catalog and store a variety of digital media assets
- Rediscover personal assets and discover new assets
- Web interface allowing for remote access
- Ability to download to html and/or for presentation

California Digital Library Image Service Project

The California Digital Library (CDL) is launching a service to make available collections of images and multimedia using software called Luna Insight. UCSF is partnering with the CDL to create a collection of health science images used for teaching. Some of the features unique to Luna Insight include the ability to:

- Create side-by-side comparisons
- Create relationships between images
- Enlarge a specified area of an image
- Download selected images to HTML or for presentation

This project is well suited for larger collections of imagery and is expected to be available in late May. The Library is currently soliciting contributions from faculty.

HEALster

In 2003, the library at UCSF received a grant from the NLM in conjunction with UCLA to develop a campus version of Health Education Assets Library (HEAL). While similar to the user interface found at healcentral.org, the local version is designed to assist faculty in managing their images.

- Album tool helps users organize their digital media into searchable folders
- Allows users to specify viewing privileges (private or public)

The HEALster project is designed to handle all types of multimedia and all sizes of collections. The completed product is expected to be available the fall of 2005.

How to Participate

We are interested in hearing from you if you have collections of images or other multimedia that you would like to publish in one of these systems. We also need users to help test the HEALster system during development. Please let us know if you have any questions or would like to participate in these projects.