

Merlyn Web Search (Q+A) User Manual

This manual provides an overview of the **Merlyn Web Search** (MWS) feature and details the use of the feature.

Note: This is still a beta feature. This feature can be disabled through the Symphony Classroom settings menu, under Beta.

What is Merlyn Web Search: MWS feature will allow from the Symphony Classroom's home screen for teachers to ask Merlyn questions, search for videos, and provide spellings and definitions. These questions will then be answered by a google search, and those search results will be shown in a browser screen on the Symphony Classroom home screen. This feature will not require teachers to pair their laptop. All searches will be conducted on the home screen display.

What isn't Merlyn Web Search: MWS is **NOT** a full-blown browser on the device. Teachers should not browse the web, navigate Slides, or present lesson materials from the home screen. There are no bookmarks, tabs, or other traditional browser elements here. Users should not navigate to sites that require a login.

Why Merlyn Web Search:

This feature aims to achieve the following:


- Allow teachers to ask questions and access content quickly, without needing to pair.
- Bring more value to the standalone unit and Symphony Classroom experience.
- Empower students to interact with Merlyn and use Merlyn as an educational resource.

How to Use

1. Go to the Symphony Classroom home screen. Your laptop does not need to be paired to use this feature, but the Symphony Classroom will need to be connected to the Internet.
2. Begin using the feature! Start by asking a simple who/what/where question.
3. Navigate search results using your **air mouse only**. Voice commands and other remote buttons will not work on the web search results.
4. Ask another question, or click the Home button to return to the home screen.

Types of questions to ask:

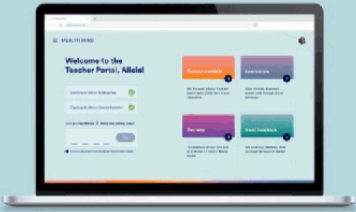
Question Type	Explanation	Sample Commands
Factual questions	General information, will conduct a search on Google	who/what/when/where/why/how/can/show/is /search X
Weather questions	Ask for the weather forecast in any location, now or in the future	"What is the weather in New York City tomorrow"
Definitions and spellings	Define, spell, rhyme, and ask for synonyms	"Spell Restaurant"
Search in websites	Search for content in the following websites: YouTube, Wikipedia, Wolfram Alpha	"Search YouTube for videos of dolphins"



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Hi, I'm Merlyn!

Let's pair your computer



On your computer's Chrome browser,
enter the code at pre.teacher.merlyn.org.

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 Refresh code

Laptop
Detected

HDMI 2
Not detected

HDMI 3
Not detected

[Skip](#)

Who is the Secretary General of the United Nations?
Refresh →
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Welcome to the United Nations
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United Nations Secretary-General, António Guterres
UN Photo/Mark Garten

Having witnessed the suffering of the most vulnerable people on earth, from refugee camps to war zones, the Secretary-General has centered his efforts on ensuring human dignity for all. In a period of unprecedented global challenges, he has drawn on his commitment to the UN Charter to mobilize people and launch action to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, address the climate emergency, advance gender equality, and achieve ambitious 21st century reforms to enhance the Organization's vital efforts to secure peace, sustainable development, human rights and humanitarian aid.

Prior to his appointment as Secretary-General, Mr. Guterres served as [United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees](#) from June 2005 to December 2015, heading one of the world's foremost humanitarian organizations during some of the most serious displacement crises in decades. The conflicts in Syria and Iraq, and the crises in South Sudan, the Central African Republic and Yemen, led to a huge rise in UNHCR's activities as the number of people displaced by conflict and persecution rose from 38 million in 2005 to over 60 million in 2015.

Before joining UNHCR, Mr. Guterres spent more than 20 years in government and public service. He served as prime minister of Portugal from 1995 to 2002, during which time he was heavily involved in the international effort to resolve the crisis in East Timor.



On 13 October 2016, the UN General Assembly adopted by acclamation a resolution to formally appoint António Guterres of Portugal as Secretary-General for a five-year term of office, starting on 1 January 2017.

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Important: This is a beta feature that is still in development. Visit 'Beta features' in settings on this device to disable this feature.

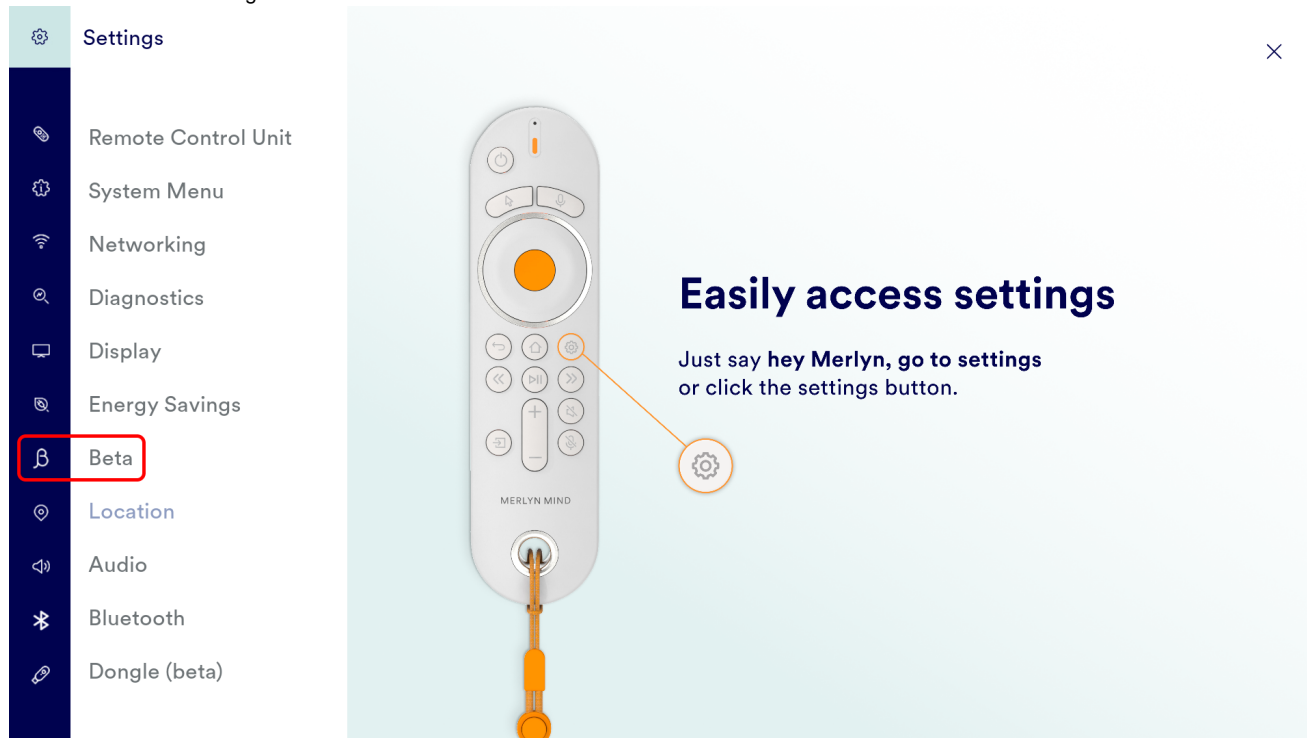
WHAT NOT TO DO:

- Don't: Use voice commands to navigate search results
 - Do: Speak your command and then use the air mouse to navigate results
- Don't: Go to Google Drive, PowerPoint, or any other presentation website
 - Do: Switch to your laptop to navigate presentations
- Don't: Play/pause videos or music using the play/pause button on the remote
 - Do: Use your air mouse
- Don't: Go to websites that require users to log in first

- Do: Search mostly in google
- Don't: Search in non-google websites (aside from the ones specified in the table)
- Do: Search in Google, YouTube, Wikipedia, and Wolfram Alpha

How to Disable

1. Go to the Symphony Classroom Settings menu.
2. Select Beta from the navigation menu on the left.



3. On the Beta screen, use the toggle to turn Merlyn Web Search Off.

