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How can we help you?

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Guide to Basic Internet Searching



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What is a search engine?

An example of a search engine is Google.

Search engines find information on the internet and make a catalog of it, just like libraries do with books allowing you to search the Internet without having to look at all the websites just to find the one that you need.

Are all search engines the same?

Here are some things that make them different:

- Database size
- Refresh rate
- Interface
- Result Presentation



Which is the best search engine?

The one that gives you the information you need in any easy to use format and in the shortest time frame.

Specialty Search Engines

Complete Planet has many links to specialty search engines.

<http://aip.completeplanet.com>

Metasearch Engines

These ones search the databases of other search engines. Different ones have access to different databases, so the results will not always be the same. Examples include:

- Dogpile
- Clusty
- Ixquick

Portals and Directories:

These are created by people who are subject experts. They are often divided into topic areas. Examples include:

- Open Directory Project
- Yahoo Directory
- Google Directory

Searching the Invisible Web

Many results are not available in the regular search engines. To find this information you need to use a special search engine. Two examples include:

<http://www.incywincy.com>

<http://www.turbo10.com>

Databases:

There is a lot of information that cannot be accessed by search engines. It is only available as a paid subscription service to a database. Ask your friendly library staff which databases might be available for you to use.

Tips

Ask yourself:

What type of information do I need?

Who would have written it?

Where is the best place to get it?