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REFERENCE

See also "Directories & Subject Indexes".

INTERNET PUBLIC LIBRARY

<http://www.ipl.org>

Organized by librarians to be the first stop for students (& people) who want to do research on the Internet.

REFDESK

<http://www.refdesk.com>

Quick access to online dictionaries, thesauri, zip code directories, quotation collections, and other reference books, plus today's news, weather, virus threats, e-mail sites, lottery results—anything you need to know right away.

FIRSTGOV

<http://firstgov.gov>

First stop for U.S. government info.

BARTLEBY.COM

<http://www.bartleby.com>

A virtual basic reference shelf, this is the place to go if you need a dictionary (American Heritage Dictionary, 4th ed.), an encyclopedia (Columbia, 6th ed.), Roget's II Thesaurus, Columbia Gazetteer, books of quotations, and much more, even Strunk's Elements of Style.

NEW YORK CITY: A COMPLETE GUIDE FOR BOTH NEW YORKERS AND TRAVELERS

<http://www.nytimes.com/top/features/travel/destinations/unitedstates/newyork/newyorkcity/index.html/>

FINDING PEOPLE

INFOSPACE

<http://www.infospace.com>

THE ULTIMATE WHITE PAGES

<http://www.theultimates.com/white/>

TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES ON THE WEB

<http://www.infobel.com/teldir/default.asp>

GOOGLE TIP: You can use Google to find a phone book listing for a person or business. Enter the name of the business or person and the city or state or zip code. Or, you can enter a telephone number. If the person or business is in a U.S. telephone book, Google will return the complete listing.



SEARCH ENGINES & DIRECTORIES

SEARCH ENGINES:

GOOGLE / GOOGLE ADVANCED SEARCH

<http://www.google.com>

http://www.google.com/advanced_search

Developed at Stanford University, Google utilizes a link-related form of searching, and has no advertising! Advanced search screen offers many additional search options, including search by file format, date, and domain.

YAHOO! SEARCH

<http://search.yahoo.com/>

Long a directory, Yahoo! recently bought up a number of search engine companies and now is doing "pure" search using the Inktomi technology. It is currently the major challenger to Google.

MSN SEARCH / MSN ADVANCED SEARCH

<http://search.msn.com/>

Microsoft's own search engine, introduced in 2005, has received good reviews and is considered one of the Big Three of search engines with Google and Yahoo. It offers news, image, local, and Encarta (encyclopedia) searches, but its advanced search features (see the Searchbuilder link) are limited.

ASK.COM

<http://ask.com>

This successor to 'Ask Jeeves' features "tools" such as image, news, shopping, map, encyclopedia, dictionary and thesaurus searching, and thumbnail previews of results. For some reason, the link to the "Advanced Search" page is not on the home page. "Sponsored results" (i.e., ads) sometimes take up half of the results page.

META-SEARCH ENGINES:

Meta-search engines search several search engines simultaneously.

METACRAWLER / METACRAWLER ADVANCED

<http://www.metacrawler.com>

<http://www.metacrawler.com/info.metac/search/advance.htm>

Includes results from Google, FAST and Ask.com; you can choose to search the web, or for Images, Audio, Multimedia, News, or Shopping. Drawback: results mix sponsored results (advertisements) with research results.

IXQUICK

<http://ixquick.com>

Rates results using stars; picture, news, & MP3 features engine.

IMAGE, VIDEO, AUDIO SEARCH ENGINES

PICSEARCH

<http://www.picsearch.com>

This Swedish search engine is totally oriented towards searching pictures and produces excellent results; advanced options include searching by image size.

GOOGLE IMAGES

<http://www.google.com/images>

Google's new search engine for locating graphics.

GOOGLE VIDEO

<http://video.google.com/>

Unlike its other search engines, this one combines search with commerce. In addition to searching for videos on the Internet, you can upload, view, and, if necessary, purchase videos at this site.

BLINKX

<http://www.blinkx.tv/>

Search technology for audio, video, and podcasts that can be downloaded or viewed on the web. States that in addition to keyword matching, it also utilizes “conceptual search”.

YAHOO! SEARCH

<http://search.yahoo.com/>

Select “Images” tab. Also searches for “Video” and “Audio” files.



SPECIALIZED SEARCH ENGINES

See “News” for News Search Engines.

GOOGLE UNCLE SAM

<http://www.google.com/unclesam>

Use to locate government information or web sites.

GOOGLE BLOG SEARCH

<http://blogsearch.google.com/>

http://blogsearch.google.com/blogsearch/advanced_blog_search

A blog is a weblog, an online journal. Google has joined the “blogging revolution” with this new search engine; the advanced interface enables you to search by author’s name, date, and words in blog title.

TECHNORATI

<http://www.technorati.com/>

Searches blogs through their RSS feeds, and increasingly tracks other forms of “citizen media”, including video blogs (vlogs), podcasts, and amateur movies and videos.

GOOGLE BOOK SEARCH

<http://books.google.com/>

Searches full text of books, results may be a Snippet View, Sample Pages View, or Full Book View, depending on whether the book is actually available online or must be purchased or borrowed from a library. Controversial product, still in the beta (experimental) stage.

GOOGLE SCHOLAR

<http://scholar.google.com/>

Locates online academic materials (i.e., research papers, scholarly articles, citations of articles, theses, books, abstracts). In beta (experimental), not comprehensive. Useful for leads to scholarly titles, but researchers should use in conjunction with academic databases.

DIRECTORIES & SUBJECT INDEXES:

YAHOO! DIRECTORY

<http://dir.yahoo.com>

“Classic” Yahoo!, this is a human-created directory of websites, organized by subject.

LIBRARIANS INDEX TO THE INTERNET

<http://lii.org>

Created & run by Bay Area librarians, LII is an excellent source for reference and guru sites.

GOOGLE DIRECTORY

<http://directory.google.com/>

Based on the Open Directory, this is a listing of websites, organized by subject (similar to Yahoo! Directory).

INFOMINE: SCHOLARLY INTERNET RESOURCE COLLECTIONS

<http://infomine.ucr.edu/>

Excellent resource for finding university-level content, including digital collections, e-journals, e-textbooks, maps, gateways, etc. Resources are selected on the first level by academic librarians.



WEB SEARCH TIP : DIRECTORIES VS. SEARCH ENGINES

DIRECTORIES are collections of web sites selected and organized by HUMAN BEINGS. SEARCH ENGINES are COMPUTER PROGRAMS that index web sites, allowing users to retrieve sites that match keywords. Use directories when you need general information about a subject or an online reference book or an "invisible web site". Use search engines for specific information or when you need to combine several topics.

EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT SEARCH ENGINES:

SEARCH ENGINE WATCH

<http://www.searchenginewatch.com>

Latest news on this always-changing technology, charts that compare how well major search engines work.

SEARCH ENGINE COLOSSUS

<http://www.searchenginecolossus.com/>

Listing of hundreds of search engines!

Hints for Using Search Engines:

- o *If possible, use unique terms.*
- o *Or, use 2 or 3 key words or phrases.*
- o *Order makes a difference, type the most important keywords first.*
- o *Identify phrases by using quotation marks*
 - *example: "chocolate turtles" instead of chocolate turtles*
- o *If you don't get any results, think of synonyms*
 - *example: "medical care" or "health care"*
- o *If you get too many results, explore the Advanced Search features of the search engine*
 - *Can you search by key word in title?*
 - *Can you limit the date?*
 - *Can you limit the domain (.edu, .org)?*
 - *Can you search by document format?*
 - *ex.: try looking for research reports by specifying a .pdf (Adobe Acrobat) format.*
- o *Try using a specialized search engine.*
- o *Use credible web sites, by recognizable authors or organizations.*

Remember that not everything is on the Internet! If you can't find anything after using the above hints, try the print resources or online periodical databases available through libraries and colleges.



INTERNET TUTORIALS & GUIDES

SEARCH TUTORIALS

FINDING INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET: A TUTORIAL

<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/FindInfo.html>

Comprehensive guide from the Teaching Library Internet Workshops, Univ. Of Calif. Berkeley.

BARE BONES 101: A BASIC TUTORIAL ON SEARCHING THE WEB

<http://www.sc.edu/beaufort/library/pages/bones/bones.shtml>

Good tutorial on using search engines, including separate sections for the major search engines.

FIVE CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING WEB SITES

<http://www.library.cornell.edu/olinuris/ref/research/webcrit.html>

How to tell if a web site is credible and suitable for research.

CITATIONS, DEFINITIONS, THE TRUTH IS OUT THERE

STYLE SHEETS FOR CITING RESOURCES (PRINT & ELECTRONIC): Examples & General Rules for MLA, APA, Chicago, & Turabian Styles

<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/Style.html>

NETLINGO

<http://www.netlingo.com>

Online dictionary of words and terms related to the Internet and computers.

HOAXBUSTERS (CIAC, U.S. Dept. of Energy)

<http://hoaxbusters.ciac.org>

URBAN LEGENDS REFERENCE PAGE

<http://www.snopes.com/>

Use either of the above two sites to find out the truth about the many pleas for money, warnings, offers, etc. that clog our e-mail systems. CIAC stands for Computer Incident Advisory Capability.

CNET.COM

<http://www.cnet.com>

A good resource for technology news and reviews, including reviews of Internet Service Providers.

THE WAYBACK MACHINE

THE INTERNET ARCHIVE

<http://www.archive.org/>

Find web sites of the past with the Wayback Machine.



STUDY SKILLS

STUDY SKILLS SELF-HELP INFORMATION (Virginia Tech)

<http://www.ucc.vt.edu/stdysk/stdyhlp.html>

Tips and online workshops.

STUDY SKILLS: STRATEGIES FOR EFFECTIVE LEARNING

<http://www.bucks.edu/~specpop/studyskills.htm>

Tips on time management, reading, note-taking, test-taking.

RESEARCH 101 (UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON LIBRARIES)

<http://www.lib.washington.edu/uwill/research101/>

An excellent tutorial for students doing a research paper for the first time (or second or third...). Outlines types of information sources, determining your research topic, Internet search queries, reading a citation, and finding sources in the library and on the Internet. Highly recommended.

ONLINE WRITING LAB (Purdue University)

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/workshops/>

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/index.html>

A collection of PowerPoint presentations, online workshops, and handouts on various writing topics, including writing the research paper, focusing your argument, using APA & MLA format, and developing a resume.

WRITERS' WORKSHOP (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

<http://www.english.uiuc.edu/cws/wworkshop/>

Although developed for students at the U of Ill., there are many resources here that would be helpful to any writer: a Grammar Handbook, a Writing Techniques Handbook that offers advice on such topics as developing a thesis, and links to additional resources for students and teachers.

THE WRITING CENTER (University of Wisconsin, Madison)

<http://www.wisc.edu/writing/Handbook/index.html>

PARADIGM ONLINE WRITING ASSISTANT

<http://www.powa.org/>

An "interactive, menu-driven, online writer's guide and handbook", developed by a college writing professor.

CITATION STYLES HANDBOOK (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

http://www.english.uiuc.edu/CWS/wWORKSHOP/writer_resources/citation_styles/citation_styles.htm

Rules for MLA and APA citation formats.

ONLINE! A REFERENCE GUIDE TO USING INTERNET SOURCES

<http://www.bedfordstmartins.com/online/citex.html>

This is an excellent guide to how to cite Internet sources using MLA, APA, and Chicago. The instructions may seem rather technical; just scroll down to the examples.



MAGAZINE & JOURNAL ARTICLES

INDEXES & E-COLLECTIONS :

INGENTA

<http://www.ingenta.com/>

Vast database of over 26,000 paper and online publications. Table of contents available free; full-text of articles is fee-based.

FINDARTICLES.COM

<http://www.findarticles.com/>

Collection of free magazine articles, going back to 1998. Mainly "newsstand" titles.

MAGPORTAL.COM

<http://www.magportal.com/>

Accesses many of the magazines available at no cost over the Internet; mostly in the areas of business, entertainment, and hobbies, no academic journals.

DIRECTORIES TO MAGAZINE & JOURNAL WEB SITES :

GOOGLE DIRECTORY: MAGAZINES AND E-ZINES

http://directory.google.com/Top/News/Magazines_and_E-zines/

YAHOO! DIRECTORY: JOURNALS

http://dir.yahoo.com/News_and_Media/Journals/

INTERNET PUBLIC LIBRARY : MAGAZINES

<http://www.ipl.org/div/serials/>

A listing of hundreds of online magazines, journals & e-zines, organized by topic.

A SAMPLE OF WHAT YOU CAN READ ONLINE:

THE NEW YORKER

<http://www.newyorker.com/>

Articles and reviews from the current issue are available online (but not the cartoons, darn). Limited archives.

THE ATLANTIC

<http://www.theatlantic.com/>

Selected current and past articles from this political and cultural magazine are available online; past articles back to 1995 available for a fee.

BUSINESSWEEK ONLINE

<http://www.businessweek.com/>

Current articles and columns available online, some limited to subscribers, but many free. Additional materials, including career articles and "daily briefings".

SMART COMPUTING

<http://www.smartcomputing.com>

Selected articles from the magazine about computers for "regular" people.

RESEARCH NOTE: Most newspaper & magazine articles on the Internet are fairly recent. For older material, you will need to research the print indexes in the library. Historical issues of The New York Times and some other newspapers are available in digital format in some libraries, but you may also need to use "old-fashioned" formats like paper and microfilm. You may even find that you enjoy touching what you read!



USING YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY TO FIND NEWSPAPER & MAGAZINE ARTICLES:

Many public libraries now provide off-site electronic resources, including databases of newspaper and magazine articles, to members of their community (people who have library cards). Here are the E-Resource web sites of the three public library systems in NYC. If you are from outside NYC, check with your local public library.

NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

<http://www.nypl.org/databases/index.cfm>

(Click in left-hand column on "databases available from home", where the little house icon is located.)

Electronic resources available off-site to holders of a NYPL card; expanded resources include EbscoHost (full-text business & general interest newspaper and magazine articles), several history databases, and the New York Times full-text for 4-years.

BROOKLYN PUBLIC LIBRARY E-RESOURCES

<http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/eresources.jsp>

Electronic resources available off-site to holders of a BPL card; over 50 databases available.

QUEENSBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY REFERENCE DATABASES

<http://www.queenslibrary.org/internet/refdb1.asp>

Or, go to <http://www.queenslibrary.org> & click on "Research & Internet--Databases"

Electronic resources available off-site to holders of a QBPL card; resources include EbscoHost databases (full text and summaries of business & general interest journals & magazines).

NEWS SITES

NEWS SEARCH ENGINES:

See also the section on Magazine & Journal Articles for how to access databases of newspaper articles through public libraries.

GOOGLE NEWS

<http://news.google.com/>

Google's newest feature, searches for news articles from over 4,000 sources, going back 30 days, and also presents current headlines (with photos).

YAHOO! NEWS

<http://news.yahoo.com>

Today's headlines and links to the full stories, from major newspapers, wire services, and NPR.

NEWS INDEX

<http://www.newsindex.com/>

Searches and indexes current news articles.



NEWS PORTALS & DIRECTORIES: LINKS TO U.S. & FOREIGN SOURCES (LARGE & SMALL):

NEWSLINK

<http://newslink.org/>

Links to newspapers, TV & radio stations, U.S. and other countries. Little advertising (so far!).

INTERNET PUBLIC LIBRARY : NEWSPAPERS

<http://www.ipl.org/div/news/>

A listing of online newspapers from around the world, organized geographically and alphabetically.

OPEN DIRECTORY: NEWS

<http://dmoz.org/News/>

Access over 47,000 news-related web sites (over 40,000 are news archives), including newspapers, radio & tv stations, Internet broadcasts, and E-zines.

OPEN DIRECTORY: NEWSPAPERS: REGIONAL: UNITED STATES

http://dmoz.org/News/Newspapers/Regional/United_States/

Index to over 1800 newspapers published in the U.S., arranged by state.

YAHOO! DIRECTORY NEWSPAPERS

http://dir.yahoo.com/News_and_Media/Newspapers/

Links to web sites for major and regional newspapers.

INTERNET PUBLIC LIBRARY : BLOGS

<http://www.ipl.org/div/blogs/>

A listing of weblogs by topic; includes blog directories & search engines, as well as blogs about politics, history, news, cooking, books, economics, health, computers, law, etc.

MAJOR NEWS SOURCES ONLINE:

NEW YORK TIMES

<http://www.nyt.com>

Coverage of current news, business, sports, and the arts; free registration required to access many sections. Full-text articles from last 7 days free, anything older requires a fee for the full-text (brief abstracts are free).

WASHINGTON POST

<http://www.washingtonpost.com>

CNN INTERACTIVE

<http://cnn.com>

NEW YORK 1 NEWS

<http://www.ny1.com/>



WEB SEARCH TIP : THINK OUT OF THE BOX (OR WEB)

Don't limit your research to the Internet, even when it seems to be overflowing with information. Check the public library, courthouses, and – yes – people when appropriate.

DIGITAL BOOKS

OAISTER (University of Michigan Digital Library)

<http://www.oaister.org/>.

A search portal for digital book collections, online journals, digital dissertation collections, and media files provided by the research library community.

The Online Books Page (University of Pennsylvania.)

<http://digital.library.upenn.edu/books>

A searchable database of over 20,000 book titles and serial titles available from other archives and web sites.

PROJECT GUTENBERG

www.promo.net/pg/

Created in 1971, PG provides access to over 6,000 digital titles, from Shakespeare to Sherlock Holmes to almanacs. (Don't look for recent bestsellers here, titles are all in the public domain.) Titles are stored in zip files.

BOOKS & VIDEOS – ONLINE STORES

Can't find the book or video you need in your local bookstore? Too busy to even stop by for a visit? Browse and purchase textbooks, academic studies, even books to relax with through one of the following Internet stores.

AMAZON

<http://www.amazon.com/books/>

Probably stocks the deepest inventory; also a good source for popular videos & DVD's.

BARNES & NOBLE

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/>

Online counterpart of the bookstore; special section for new & used textbooks.

FACETS

<http://www.facets.org/>

This is the place to go to rent or purchase videos or DVD's or independent, foreign, little-known films.

HALF.COM (E-BAY)

<http://half.ebay.com/>

Purchase new or used books and textbooks.

LABOR HERITAGE FOUNDATION

<http://laborheritage.org/>

Online catalog of books, videos, and music related to the history and culture of U.S. working people.

POWELL'S BOOKS

<http://www.powells.com/>

New, used, technical books, textbooks; recommended in labor circles because of their unionized work force.

SEMINARY CO-OP BOOKSTORE

<http://www.semcoop.com/>

An excellent source for academic and scholarly books; most current titles are in-stock and ready to be shipped out immediately. Members get a 10% discount.

LAW & LEGISLATION

LAW & LEGISLATION:

LEGAL INFORMATION INSTITUTE (Cornell University)

<http://www.law.cornell.edu>

Text of major court decisions, federal legislation, some state laws.

FINDLAW

<http://www.findlaw.com>

Index & directory to legal information, including electronic law journals.

THOMAS (LIBRARY OF CONGRESS)

<http://thomas.loc.gov>

U.S. legislative information, including Congressional Record, current bills, committee information.

MARTINDALE-HUBBELL LAWYER LOCATOR

<http://www.martindale.com/locator/home.html>

International searchable database of lawyers.

INTRODUCTION TO BASIC LEGAL CITATION / CORNELL LAW SCHOOL

<http://www.law.cornell.edu/citation/>

EMPLOYMENT & LABOR LAW:

FINDLAW / LABOR LAW

<http://www.findlaw.com/01topics/27labor/index.html>

YAHOO'S INDEX TO EMPLOYMENT LAW SITES

http://dir.yahoo.com/Government/Law/Employment_Law/

Yahoo's directory of employment law sites is a good starting point.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

<http://www.dol.gov>

ELAWS: DOL EMPLOYMENT WORKPLACE LAWS

<http://www.dol.gov/elaws>



GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

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FIRSTGOV

<http://www.firstgov.gov>

Portal (first stop) for any U.S. government Internet site, including agencies, services, & masses of information.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

<http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.html>

Links to Code of Federal Regulations, Federal Register, Public Laws, US Government Manual, and more.

PROJECT VOTESMART

<http://www.vote-smart.org>

Tracking of candidate positions and votes.

FIRSTGOV.GOV : GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

<http://firstgov.gov/Agencies.shtml>

Directory of federal, state, local government web sites.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ON THE NET

<http://www.statelocalgov.net/>

Well-organized, up-to-date guide to state & local government Internet sites.

OPEN GOVERNMENT GUIDE

<http://www.rcfp.org/ogg/index.php>

Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press guide to open records and open meetings laws.

OPEN SECRETS

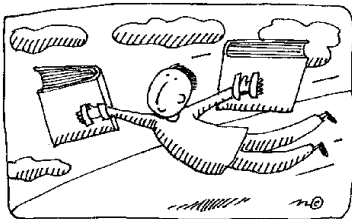
<http://www.opensecrets.org>

Campaign finance made easy; find out who contributed how much to whom; you can look up individuals or PACS.
Federal-level elections only.

POLITICAL SCIENCE RESOURCES: THINK TANKS (Univ. Michigan)

<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/psthink.html>

This helpful compilation of Think Tank web sites details each organization's political viewpoint, specialty areas, and publications that are available online.



BUSINESS & HUMAN RESOURCES

HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE INTERNET

<http://www.ilr.cornell.edu/library/research/subjectGuides/hrInternet.html>

A guide to free Internet sites from the Catherwood Library (Cornell ILR).

LII: BUSINESS, FINANCE AND JOBS

<http://search.ii.org/index.jsp?more=SubTopic1>

Hundreds of informational websites organized into 40-plus business-related topics, including Job Hunting, Resumes, Corruption & Ethics, Violence at Work, Investment, Retirement Planning.

MICHIGAN E-LIBRARY : BUSINESS, ECONOMICS & LABOR

<http://web.mel.org/viewtopic.jsp?id=713>

Subject-organized links.

STATISTICAL RESOURCES ON THE WEB: BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY (University of Michigan)

<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/stecind.html>

An easy way to connect to the masses of statistical mostly government data available on the web.

BLOOMBERG.COM

<http://www.bloomberg.com/>

Business news and commentary, stock market quotes and charts.

CEO EXPRESS

<http://www.ceoexpress.com>

Quick access to hundreds of business-related web sites, including daily news, stock market, travel, business law, corporate news, etc.

UNITED STATES SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION LIBRARY

<http://www.sba.gov/lib/library.html>

HR LINKS (SHRM)

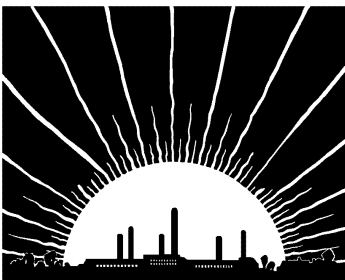
<http://www.shrm.org/hrlinks/>

From the website of the Society for Human Resource Management; links to HR-related journals, organizations, and consultants. Number and breadth of websites listed is limited, see LII: Business (above) for more interesting listings.

HR GUIDE (Links)

<http://www.hr-guide.com>

Listings of HR-related web sites organized by subject; as with HR Links, the quality and breadth of these listings varies widely.



COMPANY INFORMATION

RESEARCH GUIDES:

RESEARCHING COMPANIES ONLINE

<http://www.learnwebskills.com/company/>

A tutorial that focuses on free Internet sites that contain corporate, nonprofit, and industry information.

CORPORATE RESEARCH: AN ONLINE GUIDE (Berkeley Labor Guides)

<http://www.iir.berkeley.edu/library/blg/corprsch.html>

“Top picks” of online business research sources with knowledgeable annotations.

FACTS @ YOUR FINGERTIPS: AN INTERNET RESEARCH GUIDE FOR AFSCME ACTIVISTS – CORPORATE RESEARCH (AFSCME)

<http://www.afscme.org/publications/1670.cfm> (Table of Contents)

<http://www.afscme.org/publications/1265.cfm> (Corporate Research section)

The “Corporate Research” section of this online AFSCME publication is one of the best guides to researching companies on the Internet. Good section on nonprofits.

COMPANY & INDUSTRY DATA:

YAHOO! FINANCE: COMPANY AND FUND INDEX

<http://biz.yahoo.com/i/>

Company profiles include thumbnail description of business, basic financials, names & compensation of executives; good starting point for researching publicly traded companies.

HOOVERS ONLINE

<http://www.hoovers.com>

Profiles of major corporations; bypass the fee & request samples.

EDGAR (SEC ONLINE)

<http://www.sec.gov>

or

SECINFO

<http://www.secinfo.com>

Full text of financial documents filed by publicly owned U.S. corporations; see proxies for executive compensation disclosure. SECInfo is one of the few commercial sites that still offer this information for no fee (as of this writing).

GUIDESTAR

<http://www.guidestar.org>

GuideStar Basic (free) gives basic information about nonprofit organizations, including its mission and recent IRS 990 filings. Registration is required. Fee-based versions offer more searching and content options.

freeERISA.COM

<http://www.freeerisa.com>

Easy access to benefit and pension plan filings of U.S. employers, large and small, private and nonprofit. Registration (free) required.

INDUSTRY RESEARCH DESK: INDUSTRY PORTALS

<http://www.virtualpet.com/industry/mfg/mfg.htm>

Industry-related web site; use this site or Fuld (above) to locate industry associations online.

CORPORATE WATCH

<http://www.corpwatch.org>

Activist-oriented corporate news alerts, with focus on environmental and labor issues.



WEB SEARCH TIPS : CORPORATE RESEARCH:

Use Ticker Symbols for researching publicly traded corporations. They can be found at

Yahoo: <http://finance.yahoo.com/>

Quote.com: http://finance.lycos.com/qc/lookup/symbol_search.aspx

Check newspapers and periodicals for information on privately held companies. (These companies are not required to file reports with the Securities & Exchange Commission, so information on them from the “usual” sources is limited.)

WAGES & SALARIES

JOBSMART

<http://jobstar.org/tools/salary/>

This career-search website, created by California librarians, has the best collection of links to salary surveys on the Internet.

YAHOO DIRECTORY: LABOR STATISTICS—SALARY INFORMATION

http://dir.yahoo.com/Business_and_Economy/Business_to_Business/Labor/Statistics/Salary_Information/

A listing of various types of salary surveys available on the Internet. Warning: Some of these sites offer free salary analyses as advertisements for their fee-based reports. Be sure you know where the data comes from and how it was calculated if you intend to use this information.

OVERVIEW OF BLS STATISTICS ON WAGES, EARNINGS, AND BENEFITS

<http://www.bls.gov/bls/wages.htm>

Brief overview of the type of data available from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the main source of earnings and employment data for United States workers and employees.

NYS LABOR MARKET INFORMATION – WAGES (NYS Dept. of Labor)

<http://www.labor.state.ny.us/workforceindustrydata/index.asp>

Access a wealth of data by clicking on the “Wages” link on the left-side menu: Links to tables on wages & employment by industry; also tables on prevailing wages.

ECONOMIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE (ERI): SALARY SOURCES AND SURVEYS

<http://www.eri.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=SurveysSources.USSalary> or

<http://www.eri.com/sources>, click on map for an Extensive listing of salary surveys plus listings of surveys on employee benefits, cost-of-living, executive compensation, and HR practices. Over 1900 U.S. salary surveys are listed, mixing those for sale by consulting firms with those available free (but not always on the Internet) from states, BLS, and professional organizations. You can also look up salary sources for foreign countries (use the map). ERI is a consulting firm known for its “Assessor” wage & salary analyses.



CAREERS & JOBS

THE RILEY GUIDE: EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES & JOB RESOURCES ON THE INTERNET

<http://www.rileyguide.com/>

A refreshingly friendly guide to online career- and job-related web sites; all sites are reviewed by Margaret Dikel (nee Riley), former librarian and Internet job guru.

AMERICA'S CAREER INFONET

<http://www.acinet.org/acient/>

Another good starting point, sponsored by a federal/state partnership. See Career Resource Library section for links to assessment tools, career descriptions, and even brief videos on occupations.

JOBSTAR

<http://jobstar.org>

Created by Bay Area, Calif. librarians, this is a great source for up-to-date career reference material, including salary surveys (see below).

YAHOO – BUSINESS & ECONOMY – JOBS

http://dir.yahoo.com/Business_and_Economy/Employment_and_Work/

OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK HANDBOOK (U.S. Dept. Of Labor)

<http://www.bls.gov/oco>

The major source for information on occupations. This is the full text of the book, which comes out every two years.

MONSTER.COM

<http://www.monster.com>

The veteran of online resume posting services.

AMERICA'S JOB BANK

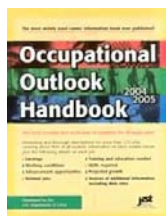
<http://www.ajb.org>

Part of the Career InfoNet partnership of federal & state governments, plus private sector organizations, this is another major resume posting site.

NEW YORK LOVES SMALL BUSINESS: STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS (NYS)

<http://www.nylovesmallbiz.com/home.asp>

A guide to what you need to do to start your own business, including writing a business plan, insurance, marketing, and financing.



STATISTICS & ECONOMICS

U.S. GOVERNMENT SITES:

U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

<http://stats.bls.gov/>

The major site for U.S. employment, cost-of-living, and other labor-related statistics.

U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

<http://www.census.gov>

The major site for locating population and housing statistics.

FEDSTATS

<http://www.fedstats.gov>

ECONOMIC STATISTICS BRIEFING ROOM

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/fsbr/esbr.html>

SOCIAL STATISTICS BRIEFING ROOM

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/fsbr/ssbr.html>

STARTING POINTS & GUIDES:

FINDING DATA ON THE INTERNET

<http://nilesonline.com/data/>

STATISTICAL RESOURCES ON THE WEB (Univ. Michigan)

<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/statsnew.html>

Great "hub site" for finding U.S. & foreign statistical online info.

JOBWATCH (Economic Policy Institute)

<http://jobwatch.org>

EPI tracks and analyzes current trends on U.S. jobs and wages.

AMERISTAT (Population Reference Bureau)

<http://www.ameristat.org>

Text, charts, and tables presenting U.S. population data, much of it derived from the U.S. Census. Good, clear explanations of data and concepts.

THE BASICS OF FUNDAMENTAL ANALYSIS

<http://www.thestreet.com/basics/fundamental/19519.html>

Online tutorial on how to read a balance sheet, from "The Street". [note: this page will not load properly in Firefox, use MS Explorer]

HEALTH & MEDICINE

HEALTH INFORMATION (NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE)

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hinfo.html>

Gateway to free medical databases; see MedlinePlus for consumer health info.

HEALTHFINDER (U.S. DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES)

<http://www.healthfinder.gov>

A "gateway to reliable consumer health and human services information" on the web. including online publications, clearinghouses, databases, web sites, and support and self-help groups.

MAYOCLINIC.COM (Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research)

<http://www.mayoclinic.com>

Consumer-oriented online health resource providing "access to the experience and knowledge of the more than 2,000 physicians and scientists of the Mayo Clinic."

THE MERCK MANUAL HOME EDITION

<http://www.merckhomeedition.com>

Full-text online version of The Merck Manual Home Edition, covering a full range of medical topics, from diseases to injuries to fundamentals. Plain text or interactive versions available.

THE ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE HOMEPAGE

<http://www.pitt.edu/~cbw/altm.html>

STRESS AT WORK (NIOSH - NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH)

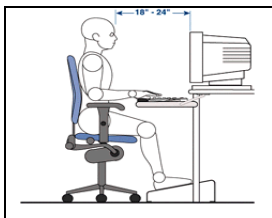
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/stress/>

COMPUTER RELATED REPETITIVE STRAIN INJURY

<http://eeshop.unl.edu//rsi.html>

Guide to dealing with RSI; equipment, ergonomics, exercises, resources. (note: author of page an interested, informed consumer.)

COMPUTER TIP:



Is your computer monitor positioned correctly? It should be directly in front of you and at a comfortable height, so your head is not angled or tilted up or down.

See CORNELL UNIVERSITY ERGONOMICS WEB for more information:

<http://ergo.human.cornell.edu/ergoguide.html>

HISTORY

THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

<http://lcweb.loc.gov>

Wonderful digital collections from the Smithsonian on U.S. history and culture.

AMERICAN MEMORY: HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS FOR THE NATIONAL DIGITAL LIBRARY

<http://rs6.loc.gov/amhome.html>

The Library of Congress has made available hundreds of photographs, texts, and audio recordings from its archival collections on this web site. Collections include "African American Odyssey", "Voices from the Dustbowl", and "Votes for Women."

WORKING WOMEN, 1870 – 1930 (Harvard University Libraries Open Collections Program)

<http://ocp.hul.harvard.edu/ww/>

Digital collection of books, pamphlets, photographs, and manuscripts from Harvard's libraries "exploring women's roles in the U.S. economy between the Civil War and the Great Depression". Still in process, and growing.

DOCUMENTING THE AMERICAN SOUTH (UNC – Chapel Hill)

<http://docsouth.unc.edu/>

Digitized primary materials on "the Southern experience in 19th century America". Includes slave narratives, southern gentry memoirs, and literature of the period.

THE MAKING OF AMERICA PROJECT (University of Michigan & Cornell University)

<http://moa.umdl.umich.edu/> and <http://moa.cit.cornell.edu/moa/index.html>.

A digital library of primary sources in American social history from the Antebellum period through Reconstruction. A joint project of the two universities; difference material at each site.

AMDOCS: DOCUMENTS FOR THE STUDY OF AMERICAN HISTORY (University of Kansas)

<http://vlib.iue.it/history/USA/>

Over 400 digitized primary source documents, from 1492 to the present; a preponderance of presidential speeches and proclamations, especially for the more recent years..

EURODOCS: PRIMARY HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS FROM WESTERN EUROPE

http://eudocs.lib.byu.edu/index.php/Main_Page

H-NET: HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES ONLINE

<http://www.h-net.org/>

Listservs (e-mail based discussion groups) on the academic study of various and specific branches of history. You can subscribe or read logs of past discussions.



HISTORY & CULTURE OF WORKERS

The number and variety of web sites devoted to the history of labor unions and working people continues to grow, and the sites listed below are just a sample. For a longer list, request the Lenz Library handout on Labor History on the Internet.

LABOUR AND BUSINESS HISTORY (WWW VIRTUAL LIBRARY)

<http://www.iisg.nl/~w3v/>

Listing of labor history web sites around the world.

YAHOO! U.S. LABOR HISTORY

http://dir.yahoo.com/Arts/Humanities/History/U_S_History/By_Subject/Labor

THE TRIANGLE FACTORY FIRE

<http://www.ilr.cornell.edu/trianglefire>

Excellent multimedia site created by the Cornell ILR Kheel Center and UNITE!; history, photographs, documents, oral histories, cartoons, research guide for high school students.

SOURCES IN WOMEN'S U.S. LABOR HISTORY

<http://www.nyu.edu/library/bobst/research/tam/women/cover.html>

Online version of a guide to scholarly resources (books, records, videos, etc.), including a section on Internet resources.

BREAD AND ROSES CULTURAL PROJECT

<http://www.bread-and-roses.com/>

The online home of the 1199 Bread and Roses Project. Features online exhibitions; also sells Bread and Roses' well-known poster series and a new Ralph Fasanella calendar.

LABORARTS

<http://www.laborarts.org>

New web site exhibiting photographs, paintings, buttons, artifacts and more related to the history and current world of workers. Co-sponsored by the Wagner Archives, Bread and Roses, and the Shelley and Donald Rubin Foundation.



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ALL ABOUT BIRDS (Cornell Univ. Laboratory of Ornithology)

<http://www.birds.cornell.edu/AllAboutBirds/>

In addition to the ILR School, Cornell is also home to the Lab of O. Find out more about the birds in your backyard or neighborhood, listen to bird calls, and find out how to identify interesting looking birds at this user-friendly site.

IMDB (INTERNATIONAL MOVIE DATABASE)

<http://www.imdb.com>

Cast & credits for films and television series. Not always accurate, but extensive and widely used.

INTERNET BROADWAY DATABASE

<http://www.ibdb.com/>

The official Broadway database, sponsored by the League of American Theatres and Producers. Look up casts, theatres, years, from 1800's to the present.

THE ONION

<http://www.theonion.com/>

A satiric take on current news and the media, the online equivalent to "The Daily Show".

PEEP RESEARCH: A STUDY OF SMALL FLUFFY CREATURES AND LIBRARY USAGE

http://www.millikin.edu/staley/fluff/peep_research.html

ELIZABETHAN CURSE GENERATOR

<http://trevorstone.org/curse/>

Just try it.

VIRTUAL BUBBLE WRAP

<http://www.virtual-bubblewrap.com/>

Yes, you can pop it online!

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