

Lecture no. 22

Department: Information and Library Science

Subject: Information Storage & Retrieval

Name of the lecture: How to use the Internet tools and services? -3

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Simple search strategy

- pick your site
- learn to use the search tools
- choose your words carefully
- vary your spelling
- know how to widen your search
- know how to use the refining tools technique to narrow your search
- use multiple search engines
- use meta-search engines
- use specialized search engines
- reuse your search

Tips in finding information on the Internet

- Learn the features and functions of your browser
- If you know the URL go directly to it
- Always check for typing errors
- Define the topic in terms of concepts
- Express each concept using keywords multiple keywords or phrases
- Search multiple terms or exact phrase and not single words

Tips in finding information on the Internet

- Read the help screens and search tips
- Utilize two or more search tools
- Use any advanced features of the search engine
- Use services; which index quality sites
- Evaluate the results
- Download the information
- Cite your source properly

Pitfalls

endless links that lead to getting lost
data traffic takes eternity to download
too many; too few; many irrelevant sites
information overload

Solutions

stop / try another search
try it another time /site; change ISP
refine or vary your search
search with a more specific question in
mind

Summary

To effectively find information we must:

- Clearly define what we are looking for
- Become familiar with the information resources and different search tools available via the Internet
- Learn how to use at least one or two of the search tools effectively
- Create and try our own search strategy
- Evaluate retrieved information and cite the source properly



Activity 2-8

1. Use the different Internet search tools to locate tutorials and other Web based training materials on how to use the Internet as an information resource.

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2. List the materials you have found and their corresponding URL's.

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