



Clicking on the Search Button (icon) in *Internet Explorer*  Search or in *Netscape Navigator*  Search will automatically link you to many search engines and subject directories that can help you find information on the Web. You can search by entering keywords and a list of documents will display on the screen.

A Few Search Engines and Subject Directories to Get You Started!

AllTheWeb	http://www.alltheweb.com	Lycos	http://www.lycos.com
Altavista	http://www.altavista.com	Mamma Metasearch	http://www.mamma.com
AskJeeves	http://www.askjeeves.com	MSN	http://search.msn.com
Dogpile	http://www.dogpile.com	Snap	http://www.snap.com
Excite	http://www.excite.com	Teoma	http://www.teoma.com
Gigablast	http://www.gigablast.com	Yahoo	http://www.yahoo.com
Google	http://www.google.com	Webcrawler	http://www.webcrawler.com
LookSmart	http://www.looksmart.com	Yahoo	http://www.yahoo.com

search engines

Search Engines allow the user to enter keywords that are run against a database (most often created automatically by "spiders" and "robots"). Based on a combination of criteria, the search engine retrieves documents that match the keywords entered by the searcher.

Search Engine Searching Tips

1. Use as many terms as possible to narrow down your topic.
2. Put the most specific term first.
3. Not *ONE* search engine covers the entire Web; search in several search engines.

subject directories

Subject Directories are organized indexes of subject categories that allow that searcher to browse through lists of Web sites by subject in search of relevant information. They are compiled and maintained by humans and many include a search engine for searching their own database. This type of search is best to use when searching for general subject rather than a specific piece of information.

tips for internet searching!

- ◆ Learn 1 or 2 search engines really well.
- ◆ Read and study the search engine's help screen.
- ◆ Use the *advanced* search when available.
- ◆ Use Boolean Logic (AND, OR, NOT) to broaden or narrow your search.
- ◆ Try not to go past the first two pages of results. If you "hits" don't have anything to do with your request, go back and try a new search.

REMEMBER!!

Check library resources first! Unless you know exactly where you are going, searching the Web can be VERY, VERY time consuming!