



# Using Search Mechanisms

<b>If you want to . . .</b>				
<b>Browse a broad topic</b>	<b>Yahoo</b> <a href="http://www.yahoo.com/">www.yahoo.com/</a>	<b>Lycos</b> <a href="http://www.lycos.com/">www.lycos.com/</a>	<b>Google</b> <a href="http://www.google.com">www.google.com</a>	
<b>Search for a narrow topic</b>	<b>AltaVista</b> <a href="http://www.altavista.com/">www.altavista.com/</a>	<b>Excite</b> <a href="http://www.excite.com/">www.excite.com/</a>	<b>Go (Infoseek)</b> <a href="http://www.go.com/">http://www.go.com/</a>	
<b>Search largest amount of Internet (meta-search engines)</b>	<b>Metacrawler</b> <a href="http://www.metacrawler.com/">http://www.metacrawler.com/</a>	<b>Ask Jeeves</b> <a href="http://www.askjeeves.com">www.askjeeves.com</a>	<b>All the Web (Fast Search)</b> <a href="http://www.alltheweb.com/">http://www.alltheweb.com/</a>	
<b>Search only reviewed sites</b>	<b>A Well-Lighted Place for Kids</b> <a href="http://www.computerlearning.org/Wellite.htm">http://www.computerlearning.org/Wellite.htm</a>	<b>Argus Clearinghouse</b> <a href="http://www.clearinghouse.net/">www.clearinghouse.net/</a>	<b>About.com/Mining Co.</b> <a href="http://www.about.com/">http://www.about.com/</a>	
<b>Browse educational topics and resources</b>	<b>Schrock's Guide</b> <a href="http://school.discovery.com/schrockguide/">http://school.discovery.com/schrockguide/</a>	<b>Blue Web'n</b> <a href="http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/bluewebn/">http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/bluewebn/</a>	<b>Connections +</b> <a href="http://www.mcrel.org/resources/links/hotlinks.asp">http://www.mcrel.org/resources/links/hotlinks.asp</a>	
<b>Search specific types of databases</b>	<b>Switchboard</b> <a href="http://www.switchboard.com/">www.switchboard.com/</a>	<b>Gov Spot</b> <a href="http://www.govspot.com/">http://www.govspot.com/</a>	<b>Research-It!</b> <a href="http://www.itools.com/research-it/">www.itools.com/research-it/</a>	
<b>Search for educational materials and reviews</b>	<b>K-12 Weblinks Database</b> <a href="http://www.itrc.ucf.edu/k12db/">www.itrc.ucf.edu/k12db/</a>	<b>EvaluTech</b> <a href="http://www.evalutech.sreb.org/">www.evalutech.sreb.org/</a>	<b>FREE</b> <a href="http://www.ed.gov/free/">www.ed.gov/free/</a>	

# Internet Search Tools Quick Reference Guide

	<b>Google</b> <a href="http://www.google.com">www.google.com</a>	<b>Alta Vista</b> (Simple Search) <a href="http://www.altavista.com">www.altavista.com</a>	<b>Excite</b> <a href="http://www.excite.com">www.excite.com</a>	<b>Infoseek</b> <a href="http://www.go.com">www.go.com</a>	<b>Lycos</b> <a href="http://www.lycos.com">www.lycos.com</a>	<b>Yahoo</b> <a href="http://www.yahoo.com">www.yahoo.com</a>
<b>And</b>	(Automatically includes "and" between terms)	+cats +pets	cats AND pets +cats +pets	+cats +pets	+cats +pets	+cats +pets
<b>Or</b>	(do a separate search)	cats kittens	cats OR kittens	cats, kittens	Use Advanced Search	Use Advanced Search
<b>Not</b>	cats -wild	+cats -wild	cats AND NOT wild +cats -wild	+cats -wild	+cats -wild	+cats -wild
<b>Exact phrase</b>	"pet care"	"pet care"	"pet care"	"pet care"	"pet care"	"pet care"
<b>Complex Searching</b>	N/A	Use Advanced Search	(cats or kittens) AND NOT wild	N/A	Use Advanced Search	N/A
<b>Truncation</b>	N/A	cat* wom*n	Automatic suffixes	N/A	N/A	cat*
<b>Wild Card</b>	N/A	mary~lamb (within 10 words)	N/A	N/A	Use Advanced Search (within 25 words)	N/A
<b>Proximity</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

# Searching the Internet

Types of Searches			
<b>Directories</b>	<p><b>Yahoo</b> <a href="http://www.yahoo.com">http://www.yahoo.com</a></p> <p><b>Look Smart</b> <a href="http://www.looksmart.com">http://www.looksmart.com</a></p>	<p><b>Yahooligans</b> <a href="http://www.yahooligans.com">http://www.yahooligans.com</a></p> <p><b>The Internet Public Library</b> <a href="http://www.ipl.org">http://www.ipl.org</a></p>	<p><b>Education Index Subject Listing</b> <a href="http://www.educationindex.com/education_resource_s.html">www.educationindex.com/education_resource_s.html</a></p> <p><b>WebBrain</b> <a href="http://www.webbrain.com/html/default_win.html">http://www.webbrain.com/html/default_win.html</a></p>
	<p><b>FindSpot</b> <a href="http://www.findspot.com">http://www.findspot.com</a></p>	<p><b>Search Engine Watch</b> <a href="http://www.searchenginewatch.com">http://www.searchenginewatch.com</a></p>	<p><b>Choose the Best Search Engine for Your Needs</b> <a href="http://www.searchenginewatch.com">http://www.searchenginewatch.com</a></p>
<b>Search Engines</b>	<p><b>Google</b> <a href="http://www.google.com">www.google.com</a></p> <p><b>WebCrawler</b> <a href="http://www.webcrawler.com">www.webcrawler.com</a></p>	<p><b>Excite</b> <a href="http://www.excite.com">www.excite.com</a></p> <p><b>HotBot</b> <a href="http://hotbot.lycos.com">http://hotbot.lycos.com</a></p>	<p><b>Go.com</b> <a href="http://infoseek.go.com">http://infoseek.go.com</a></p> <p><b>Alta Vista</b> <a href="http://www.altavista.com">http://www.altavista.com</a></p>
	<p><b>AskJeeves</b> <a href="http://askjeeves.com">http://askjeeves.com</a></p> <p><b>Search.com</b> <a href="http://www.search.com">http://www.search.com</a></p>	<p><b>Dogpile</b> <a href="http://www.dogpile.com">http://www.dogpile.com</a></p> <p><b>Mamma</b> <a href="http://www.mamma.com">http://www.mamma.com</a></p>	<p><b>MetaCrawler</b> <a href="http://www.metacrawler.com">http://www.metacrawler.com</a></p> <p><b>AllTheWeb</b> <a href="http://www.alltheweb.com">http://www.alltheweb.com</a></p>
<b>Meta Search Engines</b>	<p><b>SearchGov.com</b> <a href="http://www.searchgov.com">http://www.searchgov.com</a></p> <p><b>INFOMINE</b> <a href="http://infomine.ucr.edu/">http://infomine.ucr.edu/</a></p>	<p><b>FirstGov</b> <a href="http://www.firstgov.gov">http://www.firstgov.gov</a></p> <p><b>MedHunt</b> <a href="http://www.hon.ch/MedHunt">http://www.hon.ch/MedHunt</a></p>	<p><b>iTools</b> <a href="http://www.itools.com/">http://www.itools.com/</a></p> <p><b>FindLaw</b> <a href="http://www.findlaw.com/">http://www.findlaw.com/</a></p>
	<p><b>SearchGov.com</b> <a href="http://www.searchgov.com">http://www.searchgov.com</a></p> <p><b>INFOMINE</b> <a href="http://infomine.ucr.edu/">http://infomine.ucr.edu/</a></p>	<p><b>FirstGov</b> <a href="http://www.firstgov.gov">http://www.firstgov.gov</a></p> <p><b>MedHunt</b> <a href="http://www.hon.ch/MedHunt">http://www.hon.ch/MedHunt</a></p>	<p><b>iTools</b> <a href="http://www.itools.com/">http://www.itools.com/</a></p> <p><b>FindLaw</b> <a href="http://www.findlaw.com/">http://www.findlaw.com/</a></p>